

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَأَنْ لَيْسَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ إِلَّا مَا سَعَىٰ وَأَنَّ سَعْيَهُ سَوْفَ يُرَىٰ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

قُولُوا حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ عَلَى اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا.

TAWAKKUL

Honorable Muslims!

One of the principles that our sublime religion, Islam, commands us to reflect in every aspect of our lives is tawakkul.

Tawakkul is the Muslims' seeking refuge in the mercy and compassion of Allah after fulfilling their responsibilities properly. It is taking the necessary precautions that fall upon them and then awaiting the decree of Allah. It is holding firmly to the means in order to attain their halal desires, using their intellect and will in the right direction, and placing trust and reliance upon Allah.

Dear Believers!

Tawakkul is that a parent becomes a good example for their children by following the saying of the Prophet Muhammad (saw), **"No parent can give a child a gift more virtuous than good manners,"**¹ and then expects virtue and moral excellence from them. It is that a young person shapes their future within the framework of knowledge, art, and profession in accordance with the principle, **"...And do good, for Allah certainly loves the good-doers,"**² and then asks Allah the Almighty for success.

Esteemed Muslims!

At times, tawakkul manifests as a merchant seeking a blessed livelihood from Allah after ensuring their scales and measures are perfectly accurate. At other times, it is reflected in life as a farmer tilling the soil correctly and then—in accordance with the hadith of the Beloved Prophet Muhammad (saw): **"Say: 'Allah is sufficient for us and what a good protector He is, and upon Allah we rely,'"**³ leaving the abundance of the harvest to Allah's grace.

Honorable Believers!

Tawakkul is not a refuge for laziness nor an excuse for idleness; rather, it is a means of awakening and coming to one's senses. It is to make active supplication while hoping for the help of Allah the Almighty, and to produce knowledge and technology in accordance with the requirements of the age. It is to strive to attain the strength that will deter enemies, with the awareness that victories cannot be achieved without effort, and to seek victory and divine assistance from Allah the Almighty.

Noble Muslims!

Abandoning precaution with the belief that "Whatever Allah wills will occur," neglecting responsibilities with the understanding that "Whatever is written in destiny will inevitably happen," and giving up working with the thought that "Allah will provide my sustenance anyway" can never find a place in Islam's understanding of tawakkul. What befits a Muslim is to work tirelessly, day and night, with the awareness that "Precaution is from the servant, and the decree is from Allah the Almighty." The warning of our Exalted Lord regarding this matter is very clear: **"And that each person will only have what they endeavored towards, and that 'the outcome of' their endeavors will be seen 'in their record'..."**⁴

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

For our hearts to attain tranquility, we need tawakkul in every aspect of our lives; while studying, working, providing sustenance for our families, and struggling against difficulties. It is time to come to our senses and to reconsider our understanding of tawakkul. It is time to make striving, producing, and persevering an indispensable part of our lives.

We conclude this week's khutbah with the following words of our Poet of Independence, Mehmet Akif Ersoy:

Rely on Allah, embrace the struggle, yield to wisdom's light,

If there is a path, this is it; I see no other way in sight!

¹ Tirmidhi, Birr, 33.

² Baqarah, 2/195.

³ Tirmidhi, Sifat al-Qiyamah, 8.

⁴ Najm, 53/39, 40.

