**Khutbah: Laylatul Qadr – The Night of Power and Mercy**

Dear brothers and sisters, ss we approach the final nights of Ramadan, we are reminded of the immense mercy of Allah. Among these blessed nights is a night that holds unmatched significance—**Laylatul Qadr, the Night of Power**. It is the night when the **Qur’an was revealed**, the **angels descend**, and **Allah’s decree for the year is written.**

Allah سبحانه وتعالى says: إِنَّا أَنزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ *"Indeed, We sent the Qur’an down on the Night of Decree."* (Al-Qadr: 1)

It is the night when the Qur’an was revealed, the night when angels descend by the command of Allah, filling the earth with peace until dawn. The Prophet ﷺ said: مَنْ قَامَ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ *"Whoever stands in prayer on Laylatul Qadr with faith and seeking reward, his past sins will be forgiven."* (Bukhari & Muslim)

Allah describes this night as: لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ
*"The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months."* (Al-Qadr: 3)

A thousand months! That is **more than 83 years**—a lifetime of worship in just one night. Imagine the power of our **du’a**, our **salah**, our **dhikr** on this night. Every second is an opportunity to receive mercy beyond our imagination.

The Prophet ﷺ instructed us to search for Laylatul Qadr in the last ten nights of Ramadan, especially in the odd-numbered nights: the 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, or 29th night. **However, the exact date is unknown**, so we must strive in worship throughout these nights.

**Imam Al-Ghazali** رحمه الله describes the one who truly benefits from Laylatul Qadr as:

*"A person whose soul trembles before Allah, whose eyes fill with tears, and whose heart lets go of pride, anger, and heedlessness. This is the one who will find Laylatul Qadr, even if he does not know which night it is."*

**Bediüzzaman Said Nursi** رحمه الله, reflecting on the power of this night, says:

*"If the world is like a dark ocean, then Laylatul Qadr is a shining lighthouse. It is a night that reminds us that the Quran is our guide, a light sent down for humanity, and a gift from the heavens."*

He also emphasizes that the **du’a and repentance of this night shape our destiny**:

*"Every supplication made with a sincere heart on Laylatul Qadr is an arrow that does not miss its target. It may not always hit immediately, but in Allah’s perfect timing, it will strike its mark."*

**Imam Ibn al-Qayyim** رحمه الله said:*"On this night, the doors of the heavens are open. The distance between the servant and his Lord is shortened. The angels surround those who remember Allah, and every tear shed in sincerity is more valuable than a thousand prayers said without presence of heart."*

This is why **Imam Al-Hasan Al-Basri** رحمه الله used to say: *"O people! When you find Laylatul Qadr, do not waste a single moment of it. Perhaps a single sincere tear will be the reason Allah writes your name among the dwellers of Jannah."*

On this blessed night, we should turn to Allah with full devotion, increasing our Qiyam and prolonging our sujood, pouring our hearts out in sincere worship.

As this is the night when the Qur’an was revealed, we should recite it with reflection, connecting deeply with its message and allowing it to illuminate our hearts. Our du’as should be sincere and heartfelt, just as Aisha رضي الله عنها asked the Prophet ﷺ, “O Messenger of Allah, if I find Laylatul Qadr, what should I say?” He replied: اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي – *“O Allah, You are the Most Forgiving, and You love to forgive, so forgive me.”* (Tirmidhi).

This night also offers an immense opportunity for charity, as every act of giving is multiplied beyond measure, so let us be generous in helping those in need.

Lastly, we should reflect on our lives, seek Allah’s forgiveness with sincerity, and ask for His guidance, hoping to leave this night among those whose sins have been erased and whose hearts have been renewed.

Our scholars teach us that **Laylatul Qadr is a night that determines our year ahead.** It is not only a night of forgiveness but a night where destinies are written. **Imam Al-Qurtubi** رحمه الله states:

*"On this night, every servant’s provision, health, and lifespan are written for the coming year. So seek it with sincerity, for perhaps one du’a will change your life forever."*

O Allah! This is not a night to be spent in heedlessness. It is not a night for wasting time or delaying repentance. **The gates of Jannah are open, the mercy of Allah is descending, and the angels are writing names among those who will be saved from the Fire.**

O Allah, do not let us be deprived of Your mercy! Let our hearts soften in Your remembrance, let our tongues be busy in Your praise, and let our sins be washed away in this blessed night.

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*"O Allah, make us among those whom You forgive and write among the people of Jannah!"*

O Allah! Do not let us miss Laylatul Qadr. Open our hearts to Your mercy, erase our sins, and grant us eternal success. Let us leave this Ramadan as those whom You have forgiven, accepted, and written among the people of Jannah.

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**Hutbe: Kadir Gecesi – Rahmet ve Mağfiret Kapısı**

**Aziz Müminler!** Ramazan ayının son günleri, bizlere Rabbimizin en büyük lütuflarından birini getiriyor: **Kadir Gecesi!**

Allah Teâlâ buyuruyor: لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ *"Kadir Gecesi, bin aydan daha hayırlıdır."* (Kadr: 3)

Bu gece, **bir ömürlük ibadetten daha faziletlidir.** Melekler ve Cebrail (a.s) bu gece yeryüzüne iner, ilahi emirler tecelli eder ve Allah’ın rahmeti müminleri sarar.

Efendimiz ﷺ şöyle buyurmuştur: **"Kim Kadir Gecesi’ni imanla ve sevabını Allah’tan bekleyerek ihya ederse, geçmiş günahları bağışlanır."** (Buhârî & Müslim)

Bu gece, geçmişin yüklerinden arınma ve yeni bir sayfa açma gecesidir. **Bediüzzaman Said Nursî** rahimehullah şöyle der: *"Kadir Gecesi, Kur’an’ın nüzulüyle insanlığın manevi karanlıktan kurtulduğu gecedir. Onu hakkıyla ihya eden kişi, adeta hayatını nurlandırmış olur."*

İmam Gazâlî rahimehullah ise bu gecenin derinliğini şöyle anlatır: *"Gerçek Kadir Gecesi'ni idrak eden kişi, dünya ile arasına perde çeker. O artık Rabbinin kapısında duran bir gariptir."*

**Fethullah Gülen Hocaefendi** de bu gecenin bir dönüşüm fırsatı olduğunu vurgular: *"İnsanın hayatında bazı anlar vardır ki, doğru değerlendirilirse kaderini değiştirebilir. Kadir Gecesi, geçmişi silip yeni bir başlangıç yapma gecesidir."*

Gecenin karanlığında Rabbimize gözyaşlarıyla yönelerek teheccüd namazı kılmalı, kalbimizi tövbeyle arındırmalıyız. Bu gece inen Kur’an, sadece sayfalarda değil, hayatımızda da yeniden yerini almalı, onun nuruyla yolumuzu aydınlatmalıyız.

Dualarımızı samimiyetle yaparak Rabbimize sığınmalı, zikir ile kalplerimizi diriltmeliyiz. Aişe (r.a) validemiz Rasulullah’a ﷺ, “Ey Allah’ın Resulü! Kadir Gecesi’ne ulaşırsam hangi duayı edeyim?” diye sorduğunda, Peygamberimiz ﷺ ona şu duayı öğretmişti: اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي – *“Allah’ım! Sen affedicisin, affetmeyi seversin, beni de affet!”* (Tirmizî).

Bu geceyi değerlendirmenin en güzel yollarından biri de sadaka vermektir; çünkü bugün verdiğimiz bir sadaka, 83 yıl boyunca kesintisiz hayır işlemek gibi sevap kazandırır.

**Aziz Kardeşlerim!** Bu gece, kalblerimizde Allah’a açılan bir pencere olsun! **İbn Kayyim el-Cevziyye** rahimehullah der ki: *"Allah’a açılan gözyaşlı bir kalp, Kadir Gecesi’ni idrak etmiş demektir."*

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*"Allah’ım! Bizi affedilen ve cennetle mujdelenen kulların arasinda eyle!"*

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