

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

لَا تَقُمْ فِيهِ أَبَدًا لَمَسْجِدٍ أُسِّسَ عَلَى التَّقْوَى مِنْ
أَوَّلِ يَوْمٍ أَحَقُّ أَنْ تَقُومَ فِيهِ فِيهِ رِجَالٌ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ
يَتَطَهَّرُوا وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُطَهَّرِينَ.
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
إِنَّ اللَّهَ طَيِّبٌ يُحِبُّ الطَّيِّبَ نَظِيفٌ يُحِبُّ النَّظَافَةَ
كَرِيمٌ يُحِبُّ الْكَرَمَ.

Honorable Muslims!

Cleanliness, which is one of the most fundamental qualities of Muslims, denotes having a clean body, clothes free from dirt, as well as a peaceful heart. Therefore, the Prophet Muhammad explains the relation between cleanliness on the outside and faith in heart as follows, “**Cleanliness makes up half of the faith.**”¹

People who are not clean and who wear unclean clothes, have disorderly hair and beard, and untidy homes although they have the necessary means to clean themselves are not only not welcome by other people but also by Allah (swt). This is because it is only possible through being clean to duly worship Allah and obtain His approval.

Dear Muslims!

Allah’s love encompasses clean, pure, and pious people. In this respect, it is stated in the Holy Qur’an, “**...A mosque founded on righteousness from the first day is more worthy for you to stand in. Within it are men who love to purify themselves; and Allah loves those who purify themselves.**”²

When Prophet Muhammad asked the people of Quba’, praised in the above verse, “**How do you purify yourselves that Allah praises you in the**

Qur’an?” they replied “We use water to clean ourselves off any impurity.”³

Dear Believers!

On top of every good and nicety comes being healthy, and being healthy requires being clean. Today epidemics wander the earth, just as in the past. Viruses that threaten all corners of the world cause mass casualties.

The Prophet Muhammad (saw) advises, “**Know the value of your health before an illness.**”⁴ Sometimes we fail to heed this warning of him. We happen to better understand the value of having a healthy body only after we lose our health. However, it is our duty to live cleanly and protect our health. We need to take our precaution and then rely on Allah the Almighty for the rest. Let us not forget that our Prophet (saw) says, “**Allah is good; loves what is good; He is clean, loves cleanliness; He is generous, loves generosity.**”⁵

¹ Muslim, Taharah, 1.

² Tawbah, 9/108.

³ Ibn Kathir, 4, 213-214.

⁴ Hakim, Mustadrak, IV, 341.

⁵ Muslim, Iman, 147; Tirmidhi, Adab, 41.