

# Consequence of Greed

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Thought-provoking speech of weekly  
sunnah-inspiring ijtima

(For Islamic Sisters)

## Muballighah must read the Bayan at least 3 times before delivering speech

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِكِ يَا حَيِّبَ اللَّهِ      الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ  
وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِكِ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ      الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ

*Please note that this speech was originally written for Islamic brothers, we have done necessary changes for Islamic sisters. It may be possible that some words could have been remained unchanged! If so, Muballighah should change the wordings accordingly at the time of delivering this speech. (Majlis-e-Tarajim)*

## Excellence of reciting Durood

Our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّ أَنْجَاكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مِنْ أَهْوَالِهَا وَمَوَاطِنِهَا أَكْثَرُكُمْ عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً فِي دَارِ الدُّنْيَا

I.e. O people! Undoubtedly, on the Judgement Day, the person who will attain salvation from its dangers and accountability will be the one who amongst you would have recited Durood abundantly upon me in the world.

*(Firdaus-ul-Akhbar, vol. 2, pp. 471, Hadees 8210)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَيِّبِ      صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining Divine pleasure and earning rewards. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a Muslim is better than his deed.*

*(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942)*

## Madani pearl

For righteous and permissible work the more we make good intentions, the more we attain reward.

**NOTE:** *The intentions mentioned below can be modified as per situation*

## Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in reverential posture like that in Tashahhud as long as possible with the intention of paying respect to religious discourse.
3. I will make room for other Islamic sisters by folding my hands and limbs and by moving slightly.
4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient and calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear **صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ** **أَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ،** **تُؤَبِّوْا إِلَى اللَّهِ،** etc., I will reply in low voice with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After Ijtima, I will take the lead to say Salam and shake hands and make individual effort.
7. During the speech, I will avoid the unnecessary use of mobile phone.
8. Neither will I record the speech, nor any kind of voice as it is not permitted.
9. Whatever I listen I will act upon it and later on convey it to others. In this way, I will be privileged to propagate the call towards righteousness.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ      صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Greed is one of the bad habits. A greedy person becomes the slave of Nafs and always goes astray, whereas a contented person is privileged to express thanks to Allah Almighty. If a desire of a greedy person is not fulfilled, she starts making complaints, whereas contentment becomes a sign of a person's great courage, great thought, eminence, piety and patience.

Going after desires keeps a person away from spending in the path of Allah Almighty by making her suffer the disaster of greed and stinginess. In today's speech, we are going to listen about disadvantages of greed and their bad consequences. Let's listen to a parable about it.

### Greed is curse!

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رضي الله تعالى عنه states that the Holy Rasool صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم said: There were many wonders in Bani Israel, so tell people about them as there is no harm in it. If I tell you the story of two old women, you will surely be astonished. Blessed companions رضي الله تعالى عنهم humbly asked: Ya Rasoolallah صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم! Please tell. The Beloved Rasool صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم said: A person from Bani Israel would love his wife very much. Their blind old mothers would live with them as well. The mother of the husband was a good-natured, righteous and truthful woman, whereas the character of the mother of the wife was extremely bad. She would incite her daughter against the mother of her husband. Finally, one day the wife told her husband that she would not be happy with him until he would get his mother away from her. Infatuated with his wife and following her wish he picked up his mother and left her far away in a jungle so that beasts of prey could eat her. In the evening, his mother was surrounded by beasts of prey. In the meantime, an angel came and asked a question from the old woman, 'What kinds of sounds are these which I am listening to around you?' The old woman replied, 'Very good; these are the sounds of cow, camel and goat.' The angel made Du'a for her by saying 'It should be good'. Having said this it left. In the morning, the whole valley was full of camels, cows and goats. On the other hand, his son thought to go to his mother to see what happened to her. When he reached the Jungle, he became extremely astonished to see the valley full of camels, goats and cows. He asked his mother about it. His mother replied, 'O my son!

All this is the sustenance and bestowal from Allah Almighty, whereas in my matter you pleased your wife by disobeying me.’ Having heard this, the disobedient son picked up his blind mother and drove the blessings given by Allah Almighty i.e. camels, cows and goats by shouting happily and took them home. This scene made the greedy wife’s mouth water. She said to her husband, ‘I cannot be happy with you until you leave my mother at the same place where you left your mother so that she can also get the same blessings which your mother has received.’ The husband left the old mother of his wife at the same place where he left his mother and then returned. In the evening, beasts of prey surrounded her. The angel whom Allah Almighty sent to the old mother of the husband came to her. The angel asked her, ‘O old woman! What kinds of sounds are these which I am listening to from your surroundings?’ She replied: ‘these are very bad sounds; by Allah Almighty! I am feeling absolute terror. These are the sounds of beasts of prey; they will eat me. The angel said, ‘Bad thing should happen!’ Having said this, the angel left. The beasts of prey attacked her and killed her by tearing her to pieces. In the morning, his greedy wife told him to go and see what happened to her mother. Her husband went to the jungle to know what happened to her mother. When he reached the jungle, he found the bones of his old mother-in-law. (After picking up the bones) he returned home. When he told the state of his greedy wife’s mother, she was extremely grieved. The husband picked up the bones of the old woman in a shawl and placed them in front of her daughter. The greedy woman was consumed by the grief at the death of her old mother and died. *(Al-Muntazim, vol. 2, pp. 168)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Remember! Greed is a curse; greed makes a person blind; greed hides wisdom; Divine fear gets out of the heart due to the curse of greed; due to greed a person becomes enemy of her relatives; due to greed a person forgets the favours of people; greed excites us to commit backbiting, tale-telling, hurt someone’s feelings and blame others without any reason; greed raises mischiefs; greed makes a person forget the differences between good and bad; greed excites a person to become cruel; greed gets a person deprived of respecting elders; greed eliminates the

passion for goodness and kindness; greed teaches a person to become selfish; greed removes the passion of sympathy from the heart of a person; greed brings about disgrace and humiliation in the world and the Hereafter; greed makes a person suffer from restlessness; greed makes a person lonely; greed destroys a person completely and the consequence of greed is extremely horrible. In short, the perils of greed are so many that **الْأَمَانُ وَالْحَفِيفُ**.

Therefore it is wise to adopt contentment and simplicity by abstaining from greed and keeping an eye on the wealth of others. In this way, our life will also be spent in a peaceful way and we will also receive many blessings of it. From the above-mentioned parable this Madani pearl has also been obtained that the consequence of conspiring against someone else is very bad because finally one day she who digs a pit for others, falls in it herself.

### He who digs a pit for others falls in it himself

Sayyiduna Abdullah Bin Abbas **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا** has narrated that once Sayyiduna Ka'b **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** said to him: It is stated in the blessed Torah that the person who digs a pit for his brother falls into it himself. Sayyiduna Abdullah Bin Abbas **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا** has said: The same kind of subject is also present in the Holy Quran. Sayyiduna Ka'b **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** asked: Where is it? He **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** replied: Recite this Ayah:

**وَلَا يَحِيْقُ الْمَكْرُ السَّيِّئُ إِلَّا بِأَهْلِهِ ط**

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** And the evil scheming befalls only those who scheme it. *(Part 22, Surah Al-Faatir, Ayah 43)*

### Do not conspire against anyone

Sayyiduna Imam Zuhri **رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** has narrated that the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** said: You do not conspire against anyone and nor help any conspirer because Allah Almighty has said:

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Dear Islamic sisters! Remember! Hirs and Lalach (greed) are two such words which mean the same. Lalach is an Urdu word and Hirs is an Arabic word. Hirs and Lalach [greed] is the name of desiring something more and it can be for anything.

### Definition of Hirs [greed]

Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said, 'The acts of not being satiated with anything and always desiring to have in excess [of something] are called Hirs (greed) and the one who desires to have more of something is called greedy. *(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 7, pp. 86)* So the one who desires to have more wealth is called '**greedy for wealth**', the one who desires to eat more is called, '**greedy for eating food**', the one who desires to increase his virtues is called '**greedy for virtues**', whereas the one who increases the burden of sins is called '**greedy for sins**'.

On page 111 of '*Jannati Zaywar*' published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami, it is written: The passion for greed exists for food, dresses, houses, luggage, wealth, respect, fame and, in short, for every blessing. *(Jannati Zaywar, pp. 111; summarised)*

But the greed about which we are going to listen today means bad greed. A greedy person is very pitiable because clever people befool her by tempting her in many different ways and get their work done.

Let's listen to an incident of a foolish and greedy person who was earning better, but the greed for eating lavish foods made him flatter his rich friend due to which not only did he lose his respect, but he also fell into disgrace.

## Consequence of making friendship out of greed for wealth

On page 218 of 'Hirs' a book published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami, it is mentioned: A poor man had three sons. Whatever he would earn he would spend on himself and his sons. One of his sons was not happy with the simple food and poverty of his father. That's why he made a friendship with a rich man and started visiting his home in order to eat lavish food. One day, the rich friend got displeased with him due to something. Due to the arrogance of his wealth the rich friend beat him a lot and broke his teeth. Then making repentance in his heart the poor friend started saying: The simple food which my father gives me with love is better than the morsel of this beating and disgrace. If I had not become greedy for lavish food and drink, I would not have been beaten so much and would not have lost my teeth today. (*Hirs, pp. 218*)

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Dear Islamic sisters! The above-mentioned parable contains the Madani pearls of admonition especially for Islamic sisters who risk their Hereafter, suffer great losses and then regret later on due to greed for wealth or position and rank. Remember! We will surely get the amount of sustenance Allah Almighty has written for us, therefore safety lies in it that we should learn how to be content with that much with which Allah Almighty has blessed us. Remove even the thought of the greed for more from our hearts because it is in the human nature that if he acquires enormous wealth, even then he will not abstain from being greedy and he will desire to have more wealth.

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: The heart of an old man remains young for the love of two things:

1. Love for life and
2. love for wealth. (*Sahih Muslim, pp. 403, Hadees 1046*)

At another place the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: If the son of Adam has a gold valley, so he will want to have two valleys and no other

thing except earth can fill his mouth and the one who repents in the court of Allah Almighty, Allah Almighty accepts his repentance.

*(Sahih Muslim, pp. 404, Hadees 1049)*

Dear Islamic sisters! Our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has excellently guided us on greed by saying that human's greed is never satisfied. If he is given valleys full of gold, even then he will desire to have more. He does not understand it at all that he does not need wealth any more now. Anyhow, instead of taking interest in wealth we should make it a source of our salvation by spending it in good ways. Our pious predecessors رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ تَعَالَى were fully aware of the reality of wealth, that's why they continued to mention the condemnation of wealth and its destruction. Let's listen to some sayings of pious predecessors for admonition and dispel the love of wealth from our heart and mind forever.

## Sayings of pious predecessors about condemning wealth

Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ghazali رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated that Sayyiduna Hasan Basri رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: By Allah Almighty! Allah Almighty makes the person fall into disgrace who respects dirham (i.e. wealth). It has been narrated: Dirhams and dinars were made first, so Satan picked them up and placed them on his forehead and then kissed them and said: The one who loves them is my slave. Sayyiduna Sumait Bin 'Ajlaan رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: Dirhams and dinars (i.e. wealth) are the bridles of hypocrites. They will continue to be dragged towards the Hell through them.

Sayyiduna Yahya Bin Mu'aaz رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: Dirhams are scorpions; if you do not know how to treat its poison, do not hold it because if it stings you, its poison will kill you. It was humbly asked: How can it be treated? It was replied: To get them by Halal means and to pay its Wajib rights (Zakat, etc.).

Sayyiduna 'Ala Bin Ziyad رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: After beautifying itself too much the world came to me in an ideal form. I said: I seek protection by Allah Almighty from your evil. It replied: If you want to stay safe from me, hate dirham and dinar (wealth), because dirham and dinar are the things through

which a person gets every type of the world (worldly comforts). So the one who keeps himself away from both these things will stay away from the world.

Sayyiduna Imam Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has narrated Arabic couplets the translation of which is as follows: I have found [this secret], so you do not presume any other thing either except this and do not think that this dirham [i.e. wealth] has piety. When you leave this wealth despite having it, you should know that your piety is the piety of a Muslim.

*(Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 3, pp. 288)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! The love of wealth is a very devastating disaster! But Alas! Today, our society has been terribly stuck in the love of wealth. Whoever we see we find that she is obsessed with accumulating wealth and increasing her bank balance. The bad thought that 'There should be money no matter how it is obtained' has eliminated the difference between Halal and Haraam. There are people who have saved so much that if their seven generations spend it even then they will not run out of it, but the strong desire to accumulate wealth is something that does not decrease in them. There are people who have lots of properties, have beautiful decorated houses, have cupboards full of nice clothes, but their greed instead of falling, continues to rise. Despite living an excellent life some people have such desires:

Would that I could also be a rich woman, would that I could also have a splendid bungalow like so-and-so, would that I could also visit different countries and cities like so-and-so, would that I could also live a splendid life, etc.

We should ponder! By seeing righteous Islamic sisters, have we ever been driven by the greed for acting upon Sunnahs and performing virtuous deeds?

By seeing the devotees of Rasool Islamic sisters having the fear of Allah Almighty and love of Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ have we ever wished to become like them?

By seeing those leaving for Makkah and Madinah have we ever been anxious to visit Haramayn Sharifayn?

By seeing Islamic sister offering Fard Salahs, Tahajjud, Ishraq and Chasht, Awwabeen and Salat-ul-Taubah have we ever developed the passion for offering these Salahs?

By seeing Islamic sister reciting the Holy Quran have we ever been driven by the greed for reciting the Holy Quran?

By seeing those who gain Islamic knowledge have we ever developed yearning for reciting the Holy Quran and gaining Islamic knowledge?

By seeing those Islamic sisters who act upon Madani In'amaat have we ever felt a strong desire to act upon Madani In'amaat?

By seeing Islamic sisters who perform 8 Madani activities, attend Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima'at have we ever been driven by the greed for performing these Madani activities?

Dear Islamic sisters! There will be some fortunate Islamic sisters amongst us who are having the privilege of serving religion by having different organizational responsibilities. We all should ponder whether or not we are giving time according to the responsibility we have. Am I fulfilling the requirements of my responsibility or not? Are 8 Madani activities being carried out with great enthusiasm or not in my city/area/village? Do I have the passion or not for making new Islamic sisters the ones who perform the Madani activities of Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, by associating them with the Madani environment after making efforts upon them? If the answer is in negative, we should also be driven by the greed for: 'During the time period of my responsibility, may Sunnah spread everywhere, Madani activities be performed with great zeal and enthusiasm everywhere! May I succeed in achieving the targets which I have

been given! May we be blessed with the greed for increasing 8 Madani activities more and more!

Dear Islamic sisters! Greed for virtues brings success in the world and the Hereafter both, whereas love and greed for wealth destroy the world and the Hereafter both. Now let's listen to a very admonitory parable about the consequences of love for the wealth of this world and greedy people who are driven by worldly greed and learn a lesson.

### Where is third roti?

A man once came to Sayyiduna 'Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and humbly said, 'O Ruhullah! I want to stay in your blessed company so that I can serve you and gain the knowledge of Shari'ah.' He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام permitted him. During a journey, they reached a stream bank where he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said, 'Let's have food.' He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام had three Rotis. After both of them had eaten one roti each, Sayyiduna 'Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام went to drink water from the canal. In the meantime, the man hid the third roti. Having returned after drinking water, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام noticed that the third roti was missing, so he asked, 'Where is the third roti?' The man told a lie, 'I do not know.' He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام did not say anything. After a while, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said, 'Let's go ahead.' On the way, they saw a deer with its two fawns. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام called one of the fawns that came to him. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام then slaughtered and roasted it and both of them ate it together. After they finished eating, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام collected the bones of the fawn and said, 'قُمْ يَا ذِي اللَّهِ' (Rise from the dead by the command of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ). In no time, the dead fawn stood up and returned to its mother running. Thereafter, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said to the man, 'I make you swear to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ who has empowered me to show this miracle. Tell the truth, where is the third roti?' The man again replied, 'I do not know.' He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said, 'Let's go ahead.' As they walked further, they reached a river where he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام held that man's hand and continued to walk on the river water until they crossed the river and reached the other side. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said to the man, 'I make you swear to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ who has empowered me to show this miracle. Tell the truth, where is the third roti?' The man again replied, 'I do not know.' He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said, 'Let's go ahead.'

As they walked further, they reached a desert where Sayyiduna ‘Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام piled up some sand and addressed it, ‘O pile of sand! Change into gold by the command of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.’ It immediately turned into gold which he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام divided into three parts and said, ‘One part is mine, the other is yours and the third one is for the one who has taken the third roti.’ Upon hearing this, the man immediately said, ‘O the Prophet of Allah! It was I who has taken the third roti.’ Hearing this he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said, ‘Take all this gold’, and then left the man behind.

Wrapping the gold into a shawl the man moved ahead alone. On the way, he came across two other men. As the two men noticed that the man had gold, in order to get all the gold they intended to kill him but he managed to prevent them from doing so by suggesting that the gold he had could be divided into three parts and distributed among them equally. This seemed to satisfy the other two men. He then said, ‘One of us should go to the nearby city with a little gold and buy some food so that we can eat something and then distribute the gold.’ Therefore, one of them went and bought food but, overpowered by his greed, he poisoned the food so that the other two men could die and he would take all the gold.

On the other hand, the other two men had already conspired to kill him as soon as he returned so that they could divide the gold between them equally. When he returned with food, they both murdered him brutally. After this, they happily ate the food which had already been poisoned. As a result, the two men also died writhing and the gold remained lying there.

When Sayyiduna ‘Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام returned along with his companions and came across the dead bodies, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام pointed to the gold and the dead bodies of the three men and said, ‘See, this is the reality of the world. It is compulsory for you to stay away from it.’ (*Ithaf-us-Sadat, vol. 9, pp. 835*)

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## Greed for foods and drinks

Dear Islamic sisters! Remember! The way the greed for wealth is destroying our society like a termite, similarly, the greed for foods and drinks is also found everywhere. Whether it is a child or an adult, young man or old man, man or woman, a poor man or a rich man, in short, the greed for foods and drinks has attracted everyone. People are busy buying food from the market along with different types of diseases. Everywhere foods and drinks are being bought with great excitement. This is the age of 'food culture'. There are many hotels, restaurants and fast food shops in every area. Everywhere we can see the stalls of spicy and junk food items. There are a large number of shops selling enormous types of sweet dishes. There are many consumers who buy food just to satisfy their Nafs (desire) – hoarding up and devouring everything they get. Such sights are common especially in the wedding ceremony and Valimah ceremony etc. As the feast starts, the people who are greedy for food and drink fall on the food and drink in such a way as angry beasts of prey attack their prey. Before eating, people do not recite **بِسْمِ اللَّهِ** and the Du'a of eating food let alone washing hands. By seeing such people it seems like the last meal of their life. After this they will never be able to eat such a nice and delicious meal throughout their life. Since a greedy person is overpowered by the fear that the food may finish or may be short, he fills his plate more than his need, thus wasting plenty of food. He gobbles food down without chewing properly and then later on visits doctors and Hakeems. Alas! We are so much overpowered by the greed for food that we neither worry about worldly loss, nor about offering Salah, observing fasts, nor about the mindset of spending for righteous deeds, nor for caring poor and nor for the accountability of the Hereafter. One who is greedy for food only wishes to eat, eat and only continues to eat. That's why today from everywhere we hear people saying:

## Eat, drink and be merry

Dear Islamic sisters! Remember! Whether it is an ordinary roti or delicious food but once they enter our stomach they all are mixed. As the morsel goes down our throat its taste remains no more. Eating whatever comes to our hand and eating a lot bring about countless worldly and Hereafter

disadvantages. Let's listen to the disadvantages of eating a lot in the light of the sayings of pious predecessors and try to protect ourselves from the greed for food.

## Perils of living body

Sayyiduna Yahya Mu'aaz Razi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated, 'The one who has the habit of eating his fill, flesh increases in his body; the one in whose body flesh increases follows his desires and the one who follows his desires, his sins increase and the one whose sins increase, his heart becomes hard and the one whose heart becomes hard, he falls victim to the calamities and attractions of the world.' (Al-Munabbihat, pp. 59)

## Glutton is more inclined to sins

Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated, 'Eating a lot causes Fitnah in body parts; it arouses the desire of causing disturbance in body parts and causing them to commit immodest deeds. When a person eats a lot, he becomes arrogant, his eyes desire to see immodest things, his ears desire to hear evil things, his tongue wants to speak about indecent things, his feet are keen to move towards impermissible places. On the contrary, if a person is hungry, all of his body parts remain peaceful; they will neither be driven by the greed for any evil nor will feel happy after seeing any evil.'

Sayyiduna Abu Ja'far رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated, 'When the stomach is hungry, all other body parts are at peace; they demand nothing. However, if the stomach is full, other body parts are inclined to committing different evils due to being hungry.' (Minhaj-ul-'Aabideen, pp. 82-83)

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## Madani pearls on Tawakkul [absolute trust in Allah Almighty] and contentment

Dear Islamic sisters! Let's have the privilege of listening to some Madani pearls on Tawakkul and contentment:

First of all listen to two blessed sayings of Mustafa ﷺ:

1. Contentment is the treasure that will never finish. (*Az-Zuhd-ul-Kabeer, vol. 88, Hadees 104*)
  2. Undoubtedly, the person who embraces Islam will succeed; he will be given the amount of sustenance which will fulfil his needs and whatever Allah Almighty gives him, He also bestows contentment on him. (*Sahih Muslim, pp. 406, Hadees 1054*)
- **Definition of contentment:** When a person feels satisfied with whatever he gets from Allah Almighty and lives his life without any greed, it is called contentment. (*Jannati Zaywar, pp. 136*)
  - If a person remains satisfied when he does not have the things which are needed in daily life, it is also called contentment. (*At-Ta'reefat lil-Jurjaani, pp. 126*)

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