

In the Name of Allah the Most compassionate, the Most Merciful
Juma (Friday) Speech by Sayed Mahmood Madani
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Praises and thanks are to the God who is The Sufficient for a person who seeks His help. And, He guides the one who asks to be guided. And peace is upon Muhammad and His Ahlul-Bait and curses are upon their enemies.

Virtuous

I advice you and myself primarily to be pious. There is no savior other than piety. Prophet Muhammad said: Allah does not look at your status, lineage or physical characteristics or wealth. However, he looks at your heart and favors those amongst you who have more piety.

Ideal Fast:

We have been discussing regarding the characteristics of an ideal fast since the beginning of Ramadhan. This is the last week of Ramadhan, right now we are passing through the best times during the best days in the best month. The most important characteristic to gain the full purpose of a fast is piety. Moreover, the fast which builds piety and in which one refrains from sins is the most preferred fast. The fast which doesn't transform ones character and mentality is a temporary and weak fast which has no benefit. Allah says: We have Prescribed fasting upon you, so that you may achieve piety. Additionally we should ponder over the positive impacts of fasting on our actions, if there is a positive effect we should thank God and if the impacts are negative then we should persevere in gaining positive effects from our fasts by improving our mentality, repetition of our beliefs, seeking help from Allah and connection with our 14 infallibles.

Event:

We are in a day which Imam Khomeini named "Yawmul Quds" or the day of the mosque of 'Quds'. Imam Khomeini named the last Friday of every Ramadhan as 'Yawmul Quds' with the following purposes:

1. In order to unite the entire Muslim ummah all over the world, to unite and fight against the common enemy. Whereas the opposition have worldwide reputation, therefore the Muslims around the world must unite and put their differences aside and fight against our enemies and not between ourselves as this results in the

weakness of Muslim community on the whole, and follow the words of The Holy Qur'an, { *And obey Allah and His Messenger; and fall into no disputes, lest ye lose heart and your power depart; and be patient and persevering: For Allah is with those who patiently persevere (8:46)* }

It's must on all the groups to try to gain this status. Therefore 'Yawmul Quds' must be a day of unity, a day of kindness, a day of brotherhood between Muslim Ummah as the Holy Quran says: { *Muhammad is the Messenger of God; and those who are with him are strong against Unbelievers, (but) compassionate amongst each other. Thou wilt see them bow and prostrate themselves (in prayer), seeking Grace from God and (His) Good Pleasure (48:29)* }

2. Imam Khomeini reminds that Israel is not only against Palestine but a Fitna against the respect of Islam and people all over the world. Israel wants to occupy the area between river of Nile and river of Euphrates rather wants to occupy all the wealth of the Middle East specially petroleum, which flows in the industry like blood in the body.

3. Imam Khomeini did not name 'Yawmul Quds' according to Iranian or English calendar but set a day which is common in between Muslims which is the last Friday of Ramadhan.

Imam Khomeini set the above purposes so that the Muslims must unite and stay under an umbrella.

Helping Muslims doesn't differentiate between Arabs or non-Arabs, white or black. The way we invited you all to help for Palestinian people, same way we invite you to help the affected people in Pakistan.

May Allah help us to fulfill our brothers' need.