

Khutbah Lecture Summary - Friday, December 19, 2014

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Topic: Our response to injustices in the name of Islam

- Believers should have tender hearts that are filled with mercy.
- Any suffering should concern us, especially when it is endured by our brothers and sisters in faith.
- The actions of the oppressors do not go unnoticed by Allah. (Qur'an, 14:42)
- When injustices are committed in the name of Islam, we should all be especially concerned.
- Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "**Help your brother whether he is an oppressor or is being oppressed.**" It was said, "O Messenger of Allah, we help the one being oppressed but how do we help an oppressor?" The Prophet said, "**By seizing his hand.**" (Recorded by Bukhari & Muslim)

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنْصُرْ أَخَاكَ ظَالِمًا أَوْ مَظْلُومًا قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ هَذَا نَنْصُرُهُ مَظْلُومًا، فَكَيْفَ نَنْصُرُهُ ظَالِمًا قَالَ تَأْخُذُ فَوْقَ يَدَيْهِ

- If unstopped, their oppression will not just harm their innocent victims, they will harm themselves, society and us. As a result, people generally become more distant from Islam instead of coming closer.

Take Action

- Show sympathy for those who are suffering, by offering them comfort and making du'a.
- Look out for those who may be becoming oppressors. Be a positive influence on them, try to stop them, speak to someone about them
- Join efforts to practice Islam properly in a manner that exemplifies its teachings, as well as efforts focused on countering the misunderstandings about us and our faith.