



Synopsis of Friday Sermon

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In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

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The Tide is Turning

Always think well of Allah (SWT) in both ease and hardship as our brothers and sisters in Palestine have always thought well of Allah (SWT) and He (SWT) in spite of what was going on for 15 months Allah (SWT) granted them victory. Indeed, the tide is turning. Allah (SWT) reveals, “*Say (O Prophet), truth has come and falsehood has perished for indeed falsehood is bound to perish.*” [al-Isra’, 17:81]

On behalf of all people of conscience, Muslims, Jews, Christians, and those of no faith, who stood in solidarity with the Palestinian people during the 15 months of relentless Israeli aggression, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Palestinian people on this manifest victory.

This Victory is a triumph. This victory is not just for Palestinians. It is for justice, it is for humanity. This victory is for the innocent babies who were killed in cold blood simply because they were Palestinians. It is for the women who gave their lives in the pursuit of freedom from oppression. It is for the elderly who were brutally slaughtered because of their ethnicity. It is for the journalists who sacrificed their lives to uncover and share the truth of the war with the world. This Victory is for the doctors and nurses who worked tirelessly saving lives even as bombs fell around them. And this Victory is for the students at Columbia University, NYU, Yale, George Washington University, Indiana University UCLA, and many others across the United States and the globe who stood firm in defense of justice.

This victory is also for the millions of people worldwide, in Spain, France, Italy, Germany, the United States, and far beyond who rallied, protested, and marched for the Palestinian cause. It is for everyone who raised their voice against the ethnic cleansing and genocide taking place in Gaza. But above all this victory is for the Palestinian people themselves who have endured over 70 years of oppression, Injustice, and dispossession yet have shown unimaginable resilience, steadfastness, patience, and faith.

They never gave up. They placed their trust in Allah (SWT) knowing that He never abandons the oppressed. And if there is one lesson we have learned from the Qur’an, it is this; Allah (SWT) is always on the side of the oppressed and He will never forsake them. This is the Sunnah (way) of Allah. Allah, the Exalted in Might, despite the carnage and the relentless killings and destruction the Palestinians remain steadfast. They never complained. Instead, they stood firm in gratitude saying nothing but alhamdulillah. They thought well of Allah and He (SWT) in turn took care of them.

This victory is for the Palestinians who stood tall in the face of constant bombardments, daily massacres and untold suffering. They stood for their rights, land and freedom. And like all people, they deserve to live in freedom and peace.

Indeed, ‘The Tide is Turning.’ These events will be remembered and will be recorded in the archives of history and for generations to come this war on Gaza will be studied and taught in schools, colleges, and even military academy as a testament to the courage, resilience, and steadfastness of a people who refused to be erased. For decades Palestinian have endured a painful and unjust reality, humiliation, illegal settlements, constant conflict, and violence particularly at the al-Aqsa mosque, one of the holiest sites in Islam, the annexation of their lands,

and the forced removal of families from their homes. These actions are barbaric, they defy the very principles of civilization and democracy the world claims to uphold.

Human life is sacred, human souls are precious and irreplaceable. While stones can be rebuilt a lost life can never be restored. May Allah (SWT) have mercy on those who gave their lives for this noble cause, and may He accept them as martyrs and grant them the highest place in Paradise. To our Palestinian brothers and sisters, congratulations on your steadfastness and this hard earned victory. Your patience and unwavering faith have inspired the world. This victory is a reminder to all of us, arrogance will always lead to ruin but humility, patience, and faith will always lead to Victory. And so we say, *alhamdulillah*.

May Allah (SWT) continue to protect the oppressed wherever and whomever they may be. May He (SWT) grant victory to the righteous and guide us all toward actions that promote Justice, harmony and truth, Ameen.

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