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Indeed all Praises are for Allāh alone. We praise Him, seek His assistance, and seek His forgiveness. And we seek refuge in Him from the evil of our own selves and the evil consequences of our actions. Whomever Allāh guides, there is no one to lead him astray, and whomever is lead astray, there is no guide for him. I testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allāh, who is alone without any partner, and I testify that Muhammad is His slave and final messenger. To proceed:

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## Backbiting and Its Impact on Society (part 2)

A Friday sermon by,  
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I ask the one who is tested with backbiting the people, are you pleased to have others fall on your honor and backbite you? The answer will surely be 'no, I will never be pleased with that'. So it is said, if you are not pleased to have the people dishonor you then why do you do it to them, do you not fear that Allah will expose you in this life before he exposes you in the next?

O Muslims, backbiting your brothers is giving your righteous deeds to them and if they are not avenged in this life nor forgive you and release you then they will take from your good deeds on the day of resurrection and if your good deeds are exhausted their bad deeds will be thrown upon you and you will be thrown in the fire. So fear Allah O Muslims and be busy with your own faults instead of the faults of others and if you are truthful in your sincerity and advice then fix the faults of your brothers and do not spread them and make them know. If you see in your brother what is repugnant then go to him and ad-

vice him alone between you and him so you will be from the advisors and not from the exposures.

O people, verily the affair of backbiting is great and its greatness and sin are multiplied when its evil effect is multiplied. Some of the people that have been tested with being backbitten are of two types they are the leaders and rulers and from them the scholars and government officials as the tongues of the ones backbiting are unleashed in gatherings upon the scholars, callers to Islam, leaders and government officials and this backbiting is worse and more severe of a sin with a fouler punishment and contains a greater affect in splitting the Muslims. O brothers, backbiting the leaders from the government or scholars is not backbiting them as individuals but it is backbiting that destroys that which they carry of responsibility. For some people, if they backbite the scholars they lessen the standing and rank of the scholars in the peoples eyes resulting in lessening the weight of what they say from Allah's legislation which in turn reduces acting in accordance with the legislation, based on this backbiting and is a weaken-

ing of Allah's religion in the souls of the general people. And those that backbite the rulers are doing evil to the society and not just the ruler but he is doing evil to every society and causing a breach in its security, balance, and uniformity. This is because the rulers, if their honor is violated by the people their standing and rank will be lessened in the souls of the general people and they will be rebellious, not comply with their orders, and not stay away from their prohibitions, in turn chaos is released in the society and everyone becomes a leader for himself corrupting the affairs and the people become chaotic with no leaders. Backbiting is from the major sins and it's not an easy matter. Recently some publications have been spread coming from outside the country and perhaps written from within the country that which contains curses for the rulers and repugnance without any mention of one good quality which they possess and this is no doubt backbiting and if it is from backbiting then it is not permissible to read it likewise its circulation is impermissible. It is not permissible for one person to circulate or spread this between the people and it is upon those that have seen it

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to shred and burn it as this is a cause for the spread of trial and turmoil and a cause of chaos and evil. Likewise the Mufti of this Kingdom, our Shaikh Abdul-Azeez bin Baz, may Allah grant him success and mercy in this life and the next, has warned against circulating these publications and has conveyed that they are a cause for a great trial, splitting between the leaders and their followers, evil, and corruption, may Allah grant him success in that which contains good, and he has warned against spreading these papers and I too am with him in warning, likewise the rest of our brothers the advising scholars warn their nations against circulating these publications. Verily I say to you, did the prophet ﷺ not say that backbiting was "mentioning your brother with that which he dislikes". So are these publications disliked by the rulers those who have these statements spread about them? Without a doubt they dislike them thusly verifying that they are backbiting, and if they have been verified to be backbiting then backbiting is from the major sins and if it is from the major sins then neither the prayer, charity, nor fasting will expiate it as the prophet ﷺ said, "the five prayers, Friday to Friday, and Ramadan to Ramadan are an expiation for what is between them from what you refrained from of major sins" and in another wording "if you stayed away from the major sins". Based upon this the prayers that expiate sins, if they have a major sin between them they do not expiate sins so fear Allah. So I say, and repeat, it is not permissible to spread these publications and whoever circulates and spreads them is sinning and will be punished on the day of resurrection. He will be asked about spreading the creations faults and the rulers' faults as some of these publications are a combination of backbiting and slander containing that which has neither credibility nor truth to begin with. I ask Allah to protect our people and rulers from corruption and corrupting and to make the deception of these evil corruptors on their necks, to destroy what they have planned for this safe country. I ask Allah the Blessed

and High to make all of us guided righteous guiders for He is capable of all things. Servants of Allah, verily Allah orders with justice, benevolence, and joining the ties of relation and prohibits abomination, evilness and transgression. He admonished you so that you may remember,

**And fulfill the Covenant of Allah (Bai'a: pledge for Islam) when you have covenanted, and break not the oaths after you have confirmed them, and indeed you have appointed Allah your surety. Verily! Allah knows what you do. (An-Nahl 16:91)**

Remember Allah the Great and He will remember you, thank Him for His blessings and He will increase you, and take advantage of the hour with supplication and insistence upon Allah the Mighty and Sublime for it is the most hopeful hour for Allah's answer in this blessed day and Allah knows what you hide and what you make apparent.

All praise to for Allah as He has commanded, and I thank him, who has allowed more for he who thanks Him. I bear witness that there is not deity worshipped in truth except Allah who is alone and without partner in spite of whoever joins partners with Him and disbelieves. Likewise I bear witness that Muhammad is his servant and messenger the leader of mankind, the intercessor on the day of reckoning peace and blessings be upon him, his family, companions, and those that follow him in perfection.

O Muslims, come out of injustice, come out of injustice of the servants, come out of injustice to the servants regarding their wealth and honor before death reaches you and you are not able to be redeemed. Know that this injustice is a cause for the prevention of rain and goodness as Allah the Most High said,

**"And if the people of the towns had believed and had the Taqwâ (piety), certainly, We should have opened for them blessings from the heaven and the earth, but they belied (the Messengers). So We took them (with punishment) for what they used to earn (polytheism and crimes, etc.). Did the people of the towns then feel**

**secure against the coming of Our Punishment by night while they are asleep? Or, did the people of the towns then feel secure against the coming of Our Punishment in the forenoon while they play? Did they then feel secure against the Plan of Allah. None feels secure from the Plan of Allah except the people who are the losers." (Al-A'raf 7:96-99)**

So whoever has a right of his brother then he must give it to him and whoever has a right of a worker then he must give it to him and whoever has a right over him of anyone be it a worker that you buy from or deal with then he must give it to him for the prophet ﷺ said, "Procrastination (delay) in repaying debts by a wealthy person (or someone capable) is injustice." And he said that injustice is darkness on the day of resurrection. Give the people their rights, give them to them immediately without delay when it is established.

May Allah give success to all for that which contains good and reform. Know that the best speech is the book of Allah and the best guidance is that of Muhammad ﷺ, the worst affairs are those that are newly invented in the religion and every new affair in the religion is an innovation, and ever innovation is astray. Stick to the main body of Muslims for Allah's hand is over them and whoever strays then he has strayed to the fire. Increase in your prayers and supplications of peace upon your prophet especially on Friday for the prophet ﷺ has ordered to increase prayers upon him on Friday and said, "Verily your prayers are sent forth upon me". O Allah may your peace and blessings be upon your servant and messenger Muhammad. O Allah may your peace and blessings be upon your servant and messenger Muhammad. O Allah may your peace and blessings be upon your servant and messenger Muhammad....

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