

1	 THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR SPEECH 10 November 2017AD / 21 Safar 1439H
2	إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، مُحَمَّدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينَهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَسَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ وَلِيًّا مُرْشِدًا.
3	أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ،
4	اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ دَعَا بِدَعْوَتِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.
5	أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَفْلِحُونَ.
6	قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ﴿٧٠﴾
7	يُصَلِّحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا
8	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,



	The pleasure of Allah SWT is what we must covet the most in our life.
9	The life of a servant on earth would be worthless without His graces. Therefore, let us strive to increase the level of our conviction in Allah SWT
10	By multiplying our acts of worship for Him, as well as endeavour to abstain from all the vices that will invite His wrath.
11	May we receive the ultimate glory in this world and eternal happiness in the Hereafter.
12	The <i>mimbar</i> on this auspicious Friday shall deliver a sermon entitled, <i>“The Consequences of Our Speech”</i> .
13	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, In our everyday life, it is impossible not to experience relationships with fellow human beings and with the community. Relationships are established through meetings,
14	Conversations, information sharing, and so on. Along with the current wave of modernisation,
15	Relationships are no longer experienced through face-to-face experiences alone, but have also been made easy through technology, either via email, <i>“facebook”</i> , <i>“whatsapp”</i> , <i>“instagram”</i> , <i>“twitter”</i> , <i>“Wechat”</i> or other modern communication applications.
16	However, in reality, today many fail to control their tongues when they speak. We are now free to say anything we want,



17	And it is made worse by the impulses of our desires and the whisperings of Satan. With the latest technologically advanced facilities,
18	Many are increasingly bold in spreading false news, defamatory stories and exposing the shortcomings of others, despite Allah SWT already giving a clear warning in respect of the matter,
19	As declared in Surah Al-Ahzab, verses 70 to 71, which was read at the beginning of this sermon, with following meaning: <i>“O, you who believe! Fear Allah, and (always) say a word directed to the Right: That He may make your conduct whole and sound and forgive you your sins: He that obeys Allah and His Messenger, has already attained the highest achievement.”</i>
20	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, We should realise that our tongue, or speech, can cause many negative consequences and harm to our lives, among them are:
21	<i>First:</i> <i>The tongue that creates slander and spreads it until it causes arguments, disunity and hostility.</i> The effects can be seen when married couples end up divorced,
22	Families bicker, neighbours hostile to each other, and ultimately, upheaval threatens the harmony of the whole community.
23	We were warned about it, in a hadith recorded by Imam al-Bukhari Rahimahullah and narrated by Huzaiyah RA, where Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said: <i>سَمِعْتُ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَتَاتٌ</i>



24	Which means: "I have heard the Prophet SAW say: Heaven is forbidden to those who slander (spreading discord or defamation)."
25	Second: The tongue that conceals the truth so that it can lie, either for its own sake or to bring down others. In today's society, manipulation of Quranic verses occur,
26	As it is interpreted based on the understanding of certain people, which ultimately creates confusion.
27	Allah SWT warned us regarding it through Surah An-Nahl, verses 116 to 117: <p style="text-align: center;">وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَا تَصِفُ أَلْسِنَتِكُمْ أَلْكَذِبَ هَذَا حَلَلٌ وَهَذَا حَرَامٌ لِنُفْتَرُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ</p>
28	إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَفْتَرُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ لَا يُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١١٦﴾ مَتَّعٌ قَلِيلٌ وَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿١١٧﴾
29	Which means: "And do not say about what your tongues assert of untruth, "This is lawful and this is unlawful," to invent falsehood about Allah. Indeed, those who invent falsehood about Allah will not succeed. [It is but] a brief enjoyment, and they will have a painful punishment."
30	Third: The tongue that utters words of humiliation that can destroy the dignity of others. The Shari'ah emphasizes the importance of maintaining the dignity of every human being.
31	Reflect on the advice of Imam Asy-Syafi'i Rahimahullah who said: "If a person wants to speak, then let him think first. If he feels that his speech does not place him at a loss, then speak out. If he feels



	<i>that the words are harmful to him or he doubts it, he should hold his tongue (and do not speak).</i>
32	Fourth: <i>The tongue that speaks the truth, but the truth is conveyed through humiliation or cynically using hurtful words. Eventually, such words become useless and do not achieve its goal</i>
33	Because it is delivered without manners according to Islam. Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said, as recorded by Imam al-Bukhari Rahimahullah and narrated by Abu Hurairah RA: <i>مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكَلِّمْ خَيْرًا أَوْ لِيَصْمُتْ</i>
34	Which means: <i>"He who believes in Allah and the Last Day must either speak good or remain silent."</i>
35	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, In our life, let us together strive to be careful with the words we use, and control our tongue through the following suggestions: First: <i>Use our tongue to always offer good advice to each other.</i>
36	Allah SWT declared in Surah Al-Zariyaat, verse 55: <i>وَذَكِّرْ فَإِنَّ الذِّكْرَ يُنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ</i> Which means: <i>"And remind, for indeed, the reminder benefits the believers."</i>
37	Second: <i>Utilize our tongue to increase the practice of dhikr, recite the Al-Quran and indulge in practices that can increase the level of our conviction in Allah SWT. Let us together reflect upon the advice given by Al-Imam Ghazali Rahimahullah</i>



38	In his book, <i>Bidayah Al-Hidayah</i> , regarding the role of the tongue and its function: "As for the tongue, it is only created so that you multiply zikrullah through it, reading His book, guiding humanity on the path of Allah SWT
39	As well as revealing what is in your heart the requirements of your religious and worldly needs. When you use it for other than its intended role, indeed, you have blasphemed God of His favours because
40	His favours are the most important to you and all beings. No man would be thrown into hell if not for the evilness of his tongue." Third: Always keeping the tongue from useless utterings by reminding ourselves that Allah SWT judges every act performed by each of His servants.
41	Allah SWT indicated in Surah Qaf, verses 17 to 18: إِذْ يَنْتَلِقَى الْمَتَلَقِيَانِ عَنِ الْيَمِينِ وَعَنِ الشِّمَالِ قَعِيدٌ ﴿١٧﴾ مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ ﴿١٨﴾
42	Which means: "Behold, two (guardian angels) appointed to learn (his doings) learn (and noted them), one sitting on the right and one on the left. Not a word does he utter but there is a sentinel by him, ready (to note it)."
43	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, The takeaways from this Friday's sermon are the following: First: The tongue that spreads slander and lies, denies the truth, speaks of contempt, can divide the family and



	<p>the society, and would eventually undermine the religion and the nation;</p> <p>Second: Allah SWT constantly observes and evaluates every act committed by His servants, whether good or bad;</p> <p>Third: Servants of Allah SWT who claim to have faith, and desires for His pleasure, are the ones who shall always keep their tongues from speaking unnecessarily.</p>
44	<p>To end the sermon today, let us reflect upon the words of Allah SWT in Surah al-Furqan, verse 63:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا ﴿٦٣﴾</p>
45	<p>Which means: “And the servants of (Allah) Most Gracious are those who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them, they say, "Peace!"</p>
46	<p>بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.</p>