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Habib 'Umar's Farewell Advice to the People of Australia – 2011

Note: this has been translated from the Arabic, so I apologize profusely for the lack of literary style which is totally my fault.

He first praised Allah for what he had seen from the manifestations of love of goodness, and congratulated those whom Allah graced them with the completion of the Qur'an (which took place at the venue), and said:

"Whenever, in the Ummah, the manifestations of falling for temptations intensify, there always remains a conscientious group, recognizing the truth and realizing that the deception of falsehood shall [ultimately] vanish."

He then said:

"We will not consider these meetings a success unless they result in a meeting under the banner of the messenger of Allah [sallaLlahu 'alayhi wa alihi wa sallam] on the Day of Rising."

Thereafter, there was a reminder and admonition as to the inheritance that he [sallaLlahu 'alayhi wa alihi wa sallam] left for the Ummah, and the need of the Ummah for it regardless of time and place; this was in addition to a clarification of the greatest trust we carry, that of calling to Allah [glorified and exalted be He!]. He [al-Habib] encouraged everyone to fulfil this duty in the best manner possible. He then discussed a number of general advices which included the following:

- 1 - The necessity of righteousness and good character with the old and young, the Muslim and non-Muslim, [while also maintaining] caution from neglecting the Sunnah, let alone the Fard [obligation(s)], for the sake of pleasing anyone besides Allah.
- 2 - So hold fast to this moderate balance, conveying the message, fulfilling trust, calling to Allah in fulfilling the rights of the neighbour, and leaving treachery, and [having] beautiful conduct and interaction in a beneficial manner.
- 3 - Do not descend into opposition [of the rules of Allah i.e. sins]; do not neglect a Fard [obligation]; do not underestimate a Sunnah.
- 4 - Do not cut yourself off from gatherings of knowledge, remembrance, and visitation of the people of light [guidance] and deep contemplation.
- 5 - Purify your house and that which takes place inside it, whether it be something gazed at or heard, which will disgrace you on the Day of Rising.
- 6 - Ponder on what the unjust one will say on the day when he will bite his hands and wishes that "had taken a path with the messenger" [i.e. followed his way], saying "Woe to me! Would that I not taken so-and-so as an intimate friend"; do not, therefore, mix with anyone from amongst these people.
- 7 - Be avid for gathering the hearts and the unification of the Ummah.
- 8 – Endure what is said insulting or cursing you from near and from afar.

9 - Do not open the door to arguing with those that follow their whims, and are stuck to their opinions; do not open the doors to confrontation which will not lead to good outcomes.

10 - I hope for good for those that have deviated from amongst your Muslim brothers: may they be guided to the truth, and that they make amends before death reaches them.

11 - Hope for guidance for non-Muslims, and by means of this you will be seeking nearness to Allah, and gain His pleasure and to worship by wishing for the guidance of the disbelievers.

Ponder how Musa and Harun worshipped Allah with "a gentle word" ('layyin al-qawl' from the Qur'an) to Pharaoh, the tyrant, hoping that he would be reminded and have fear [of Allah]. By means of this, we have been taught how our inward states should be with the people of rebelliousness on the face of this Earth.

12 – Take advantage of every moment, and that which is made easy from visiting others for the sake of al-Ghaffar [Allah, the most Forgiving], and recitation of the Qur'an and Adhkar [rememberence of Allah].

13 - It is in accordance with one's intention that one receives aid from the Lord of mankind. The righteous would say: "Whoever opens for himself a door of good intention, Allah opens for him 70 doors of divine enabling grace [tawfiq]" .

He then directed his thanks to the organizers of the trip, and from their foremost: Dar Ibn 'Abbas, Dar as-Sayyidah 'A'ishah, the mosques which he visited, the schools which he passed by, the scholars which he met and the lovers who he sat with for the sake of Allah. He closed the gathering with blessed duas, may Allah make for us a beautiful portion from them, Oh the Most Close, Oh the One who Accepts Duas!