

FRIDAY SPEECH SUMMARY April 25, 2008

Speaker: Imam Mohamad Mwafak Algalaieni, PhD.

Subject: Guarding of the tongue

The main points of the speech are:

- We are responsible for our words and our actions. Our organs will bear witness against us on the Day of Judgment. Allah said *[on the day when their tongues, their hands, and their feet will bear witness against them as to what they used to do]. 024:024*
- We should guard our tongue and only use it to say good things. Abu Huraira reported that the Prophet Mohammed (p.b.u.h.) said: (Whoever believes in the Allah and the Day of Judgment should say good or should stay silent) narrated by Bukhari & Muslim.
- The best of Muslims is the one that spares others from his tongue. Abu Musa Al-Ashari reported that he asked the Prophet Mohammed (p.b.u.h.): (Who is the best of Muslims? He replied: The one who spares Muslims from his tongue and his hands) agreed on.
- The best way to save ourselves from the torment of Hellfire is to guard our tongue. Uqbah bin Aamir reported that he asked the Prophet Mohammed (p.b.u.h.): What is Protection? He replied: Hold your tongue, keep at your house, and weep for your sin.) Narrated by Al-Tirmidhi.
- We've been criticized as a community of much talk and not enough action. Uthman Bin Affan once gave Kutbah with only these words "O People! You are in more need for a leader of action than a leader of speech".
- Finally we are advised to:
 - Refrain from vain speech
 - Refrain from spreading rumors
 - Verify any news we receive from others
 - Stop all types of backbiting
 - Lower our voices and speak softly and gently especially in the Mosque
 - Not to be ashamed of saying "I don't know"
 - Take initiatives to make Da'wah and spread the truth about Islam for the sake of Allah
 - Read and learn more about Islam. Mainly the Quran, Hadith, Fiqh, and Seerah.
 - Stay busy doing something good for you and for the community
 - Stay busy correcting your mistakes and asking Allah for forgiveness from all sins

We ask Allah for his guidance, mercy and blessing. Lets us ask him for forgiveness.... Ameen