

Arrogance, humility, and the weight of the heart

Kibr is not confidence or good clothing. It is rejecting truth and looking down on people, and even a small amount is spiritually dangerous.

CENTREPIECE Sahih Muslim 91

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. The Prophet (peace be upon him) defined arrogance precisely

When a man asked about liking fine clothes and shoes, the Prophet (peace be upon him) said that Allah is beautiful and loves beauty. He then defined arrogance as rejecting the truth and looking down on people (Muslim 91). The disease is moral, not material.

2. Watch what happens when you are corrected

A person may appear humble until someone younger, poorer, or less educated points out a mistake. The heart's first response to correction reveals what ordinary manners can hide. Truth remains true regardless of who carries it.

3. Humility is disciplined honesty

Humility does not mean denying the gifts Allah gave you. It means recognising their source, using them in service, and refusing to turn them into a measure of another person's worth.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Return to the centrepiece and gather the message around one honest change connected to arrogance, humility, and the weight of the heart.

Suggested closing: O Allah, show us our faults without crushing us, and give us the humility to accept truth from anyone who brings it.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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