

Haya, the modesty that builds a Muslim

The Prophet (peace be upon him) called haya a branch of iman. It is not shyness. It is the inner restraint that protects the heart, the tongue, and the eyes.

CENTREPIECE Sahih al-Bukhari 24, Sahih Muslim 36

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Modesty brings only good

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said that haya brings nothing but good (Bukhari 6117). Genuine modesty restrains a person from what is shameful before Allah. It should not be confused with fear that prevents someone from asking a necessary question, reporting harm, or speaking the truth.

2. Three directions of haya

Haya before Allah: not sinning in His full sight. Haya before yourself: refusing to do in private what you would not do in public. Haya before people: covering, lowering the gaze, speaking gently.

3. When haya leaves

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: if you have no haya, do as you wish (Bukhari 3483). Not a permission. A warning. Once the brake is gone, the car will not stop on its own.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Return to the centrepiece and gather the message around one honest change connected to haya, the modesty that builds a muslim.

Suggested closing: Allahumma istur awratina wa amin raw'atina, O Allah, conceal our shame and grant us security.

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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