

Justice, oppression and standing firmly for truth

Justice is not reserved for people we like. The Quran commands believers to uphold it even when truth is costly to ourselves and those closest to us.

CENTREPIECE Surah an-Nisa 4:135, Surah al-Ma'idah 5:8

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Justice begins where self-interest ends

Allah commands believers to stand firmly for justice, even against themselves, parents or close relatives (an-Nisa 4:135). Loyalty cannot turn a wrong into a right, and status cannot make evidence unnecessary.

Source: Quran 4:135

2. Dislike is also a test

Allah warns us not to let hatred of a people cause us to abandon justice (al-Ma'idah 5:8). The moral test is not how fairly we describe our friends. It is whether we remain truthful about an opponent.

Source: Quran 5:8

3. Refusing oppression takes more than a slogan

Learn the facts, protect the vulnerable, document what must be documented, give money where it can help and use lawful influence responsibly. Justice loses its meaning when it is loud in public but absent in wages, homes and community decisions.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Move from distant injustice to the rights within reach. A congregation should care about oppressed people across the world and also ask who is unheard in its own building, workplace and home.

Suggested closing: O Allah, make us people of justice even when it costs us. Protect the oppressed, restrain the oppressor and do not let anger make us unjust in return.

ONE ACTION FOR THIS WEEK

Choose one injustice within your lawful influence and take one informed step: listen, document, donate, advocate or return a right you control.

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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