Sayyid Al-Hakeem in a Ramadan Lecture: A Call for Heartfelt Presence in Prayer and Achieving Societal Stability



As part of his ongoing Ramadan lecture series, Sayyid Ammar Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers Alliance, continued his explanation of the "Epistle on Rights" by Imam Ali bin Hussein, Al-Sajjad (peace be upon him). In today’s lecture, His Eminence addressed the tenth right in the Epistle, which focuses on the right of prayer.

H.E. began his lecture by presenting several noble narrations that warn against heedlessness during prayer and emphasize the importance of having a focused heart in one’s conversation with Allah. H.E. described prayer as a measure of the individual’s devotion, quoting Imam Ali (peace be upon him): "Prayer is the scale; whoever is true to it, will have fulfilled it." H.E. also shared various sayings highlighting the necessity of attentiveness in prayer, such as the narration from Imam Al-Sadiq (peace be upon him) who stated: "Know that prayer is the bond of Allah on earth. If you want to know the benefit of your prayer, look at whether it prevents you from shameful deeds; the benefit of prayer is in proportion to the protection it provides."

H.E. emphasized the great significance of prayer in distancing a person from sin and immorality, guiding them toward Allah-consciousness and belief in the afterlife. H.E. explained how prayer represents a meeting with Allah and reflects the individual's commitment to the principles of the divine faith.

The lecture also touched upon the prerequisites of prayer according to the Qur'an, which include factors that encourage the Muslim to perform prayer correctly. H.E. cited verses urging prayer and heartful engagement, such as Allah's words: "Successful indeed is the one who purifies himself, and remembers the name of his Lord, and prays" (14-15:87 Holy Quran). H.E. also discussed the importance of patience and piety as key motivators for prayer, as emphasized in numerous Qur’anic verses.

H.E. clarified that prayer is not a mere formal act of worship, but a spiritual interaction with Allah. H.E. urged the audience to understand that prayer is the ideal means for achieving psychological and social stability, highlighting how prayer fosters national unity and strengthens religious awareness in both the individual and society.

In conclusion, H.E. stressed that prayer should be a comprehensive intellectual and emotional

experience that touches the heart before the body. H.E. called on everyone to achieve heartfelt presence during prayer, thereby enhancing their relationship with Allah and elevating both the soul and the community.