

A photograph of a mosque interior. In the foreground, a dark wooden minbar stands on a blue prayer rug. The rug is covered with a blue and gold patterned cloth. In the background, a large white dome is visible through an arched opening, with a golden chandelier hanging from the ceiling. The scene is lit with warm, golden light.

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Ibn 'Umar رضى الله عنهما narrated that the Messenger of Allâh ﷺ said:

“O people! Enjoin righteousness and forbid evil before a time comes when you invoke Allâh, but He will not accept your invocation, and you will seek His forgiveness, but He will not forgive you. Verily, enjoining righteousness does not shorten life. Verily, when the Jewish rabbis and Christian monks abandoned enjoining righteousness and forbidding evil, Allâh cursed them by the words of their Prophets and surrounded them with affliction.”<sup>1</sup>

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Certainly, this sermon from the Prophet ﷺ is so comprehensive, yet eloquent, that the *Khatib* could use it as the basis for an entire *Khutbah* about the necessity of enjoining righteousness and forbidding evil. If the *Khatib* does so, his speech will surely be among the most eloquent and perfect sermons. This *Hadith* was collected by At-Tabarani in *Al-Ausat*, refer to *Majma' Az-Zawaid*, vol. 7, p. 266