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Subject: Fear of Allah's punishment vs. hopefulness of his mercy

The main points of the speech are:

- Balancing between Fear and Hope:
 - When we read the Holy Quran we find many examples that associate hopes and fears. Knowledgeable persons balance Hope and Fear. They never feel fully secure and protected from the tests of Allah. Allah said *[Is one who is obedient to Allah, prostrating himself or standing (in prayer) during the hours of the night, fearing the Hereafter and hoping for the Mercy of his Lord (like one who disbelieves)? Say: "Are those who know, equal to those who know not?" Only they who are endowed with insight keep this in mind!]. 039:009*
- Levels of Fear:
 - Fear death prior to repentance.
 - Fear of being lured to evil due to Allah's favors
 - Fear of deviation from the straight path
 - Fear of the ending in bad situation at the Day of Judgment
 - Fear from entering Hellfire or forbiddance from entering Paradise.
 - The highest level of fear is the fear of separation and being blocked from Allah in this world and the hereafter. Allah said *[Nay! Surely they (evil-doers) will be veiled from seeing their Lord that Day]. 083:015*
- Benefit of Fearing Allah
 - Help us control our desires, behave in our actions, and humble our hearts to Allah.
 - Help us to be humble, not arrogant. Protect us from feeling envy or jealousy.
 - Help us focus on the hereafter. Therefore, all worldly issues become insignificant. Our heart becomes free of worldly desires and frees us to worship Allah.
 - Reminds Muslims not to feel secure from the tests of Allah. Allah said *[Did they feel secure from the Plans of Allah? None feels secure from the Plans of Allah except the people who are the losers]. 007:099*
- Muslims are required to balance between fear and hope. Why Balance?
 - If we always emphasize hope and mercy only, we will become lazy in our worship; we will eventually let our guards down and will fall into the trap of irresponsibility. (Feel secure from the tests of Allah and become losers)
 - If we always emphasize fear. We will live in constant fear. Weak and depressed, unable to perform basic daily duties towards our families and our society. This will keep Muslims from advancing,

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leaving us behind in development and innovation. Allah said *[So do not become weak, nor be sad, and you will be superior if you are true believers]. 003:139*

- Benefit of Fear due to our shortcomings:
 - Muslims that are astray need to emphasize fear because they are in a great danger. Since most of us have many shortcomings it is better to be safe and stay toward the fear side without falling into depression. This is so we can remove our sins. Abu Hurairah reported that the Prophet Mohammed (p.b.u.h.) said: Allah said (By my Almightiness and Majesty, my worshippers will not experience fear twice, nor they will experience security twice. If they felt secure during their life, I will put fear in them on the Day of Judgment. And if they feared me during their life, I will give them security on the Day of Judgment) narrated by: Ibn Habban.
 - Ibn Abbass reported that the Prophet Mohammed (p.b.u.h.) said: (Two eyes will never be touched by the Hellfire. An eye cried from the fear of Allah, and an eye stayed awake guarding for the sake of Allah).