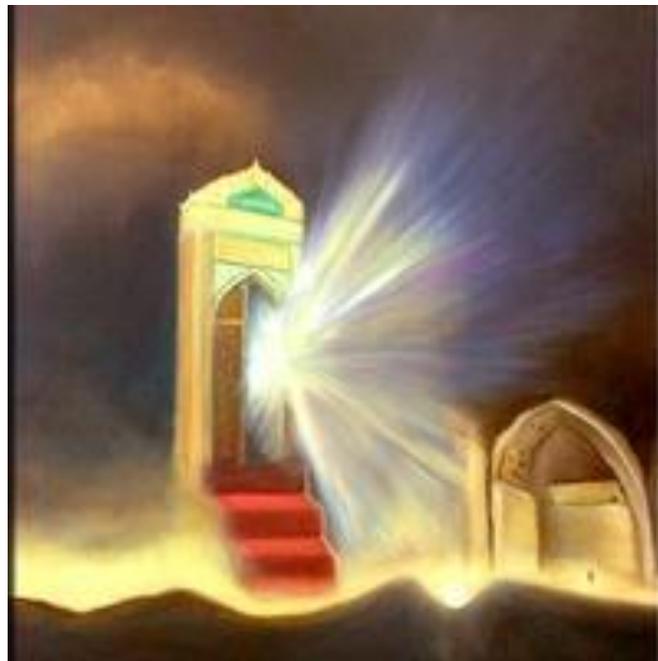


45 Short Friday Khutbah

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Introduction

All praise is due to Allah. We praise Him; seek for His assistance and forgiveness and we seek refuge with Him from evils of our souls and our misdeeds. No one can mislead whosoever Allah guides and none can guide whosoever Allah causes to go astray.

I testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah alone. He has no partner. I also testify that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.

These short Friday khutbah was taken from Islamic affairs in Dubai. The titles of kutbah coverage different subjects like (purity, Trust, Wisdom, supplication, Family, prayer...).

I hope will be good reference for khateeb and useful for him.

And I ask Allah the Almighty for forgiveness for you and me.

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1- The Purity

All praise is for Allah. We praise him, we seek his aid, and we ask for his forgiveness. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone, who has no partner, and who is the lord of the worlds. Allah loves those who turn unto him in repentance and loves those who purify themselves and blessings and peace family and Allah's righteous servants.

Oh friends I advise you to fear from Allah who said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

Oh you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear him and speak always the truth.(33:70)

Oh believers. Every Muslim keeps his purity because it's an important part of his worship, and this gives a proof for his faith existence.

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : " الطُّهُورُ شَطْرُ الْإِيمَانِ "

"Purity is half of faith"

So prayers without purification is not correct

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : " لَا تُقْبَلُ صَلَاةٌ بِغَيْرِ طُهُورٍ "

No Salat (prayer) is accepted without ablution.

Adding for that purification means cleanliness and means removing the NAJAS , for that every Muslim must clean his body and the environment near to him. Everyday Muslim must take ablution 5 times daily and must wear his best and clean clothes لقوله تعالى " يَا بَنِي آدَمَ خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ عِنْدَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ "

Oh children of Adam! Take your adornment (by wearing your clean clothes)while praying. (7:30) It means that every Muslim used to keep his mosque and his

house in cleanliness case. In addition, Islam ordered His followers to clean their hearts from bad characters like hating the others jealousy withholding.

قال رسول الله " اللَّهُمَّ نَقِّنِي مِنَ الْخَطَايَا كَمَا يُنَقَّى الثَّوْبُ الْأَبْيَضُ مِنَ الدَّنَسِ، اللَّهُمَّ اغْسِلْ خَطَايَايَ بِالْمَاءِ وَالثَّلْجِ وَالْبَرَدِ "

Our messenger used to pray Allah to clean him from the sins as in the case of washing the white cloth from dirt. And he prayed Allah to clean his sins with water and snow.

This means that please Allah clean me from the sins which blacken the heart as cleaning the white cloth from dirt.

This purity is a path to paradise. There is a story that we can summarize; one of the followers didn't offer more prayers or more fasting but in the same case he was pure from cheating or jealousy, and for these high characters our prophet promised this follower with paradise. These characters give a clear proof that Islam in his method is taking attention about purity.

قال تعالى " فِيهِ رَجَالٌ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ يَتَّهَرُّوا "

[In it are men who love to clean and purify themselves and Allah love those who make themselves clean and pure.] (9:108)

Our Lord praised Marry Allah may bless her because she kept her pureness, she avoided the bad manners and for that she deserved to be above the women of the world.

قال تعالى " وَإِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ يَا مَرْيَمُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَاكِ وَطَهَّرَكِ وَاصْطَفَاكِ عَلَى نِسَاءِ الْعَالَمِينَ "

Remember, when the angels said (Oh Marry! Verily Allah has chosen you, purified you from “polytheism and disbelief” and chose you above the women of the world). (93:42)

So every Muslim looking for Allah's love, looking for paradise, he must keep the purity of his characters.

قال تعالى " وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ سَنُدْخِلُهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا لَّهُمْ فِيهَا أَزْوَاجٌ مُطَهَّرَةٌ وَنُدْخِلُهُمْ ظِلًّا ظَلِيلًا

[But those who believe (in the oneness in Allah) and do deeds of righteousness we shall admit them to gardens under which rivers flow (paradise)](4:57)

We pray Allah to make us pure slaves and we ask him to help us to obey him and to obey whom we ordered to obey.

2-The Value of Words in Islam

All praise for Allah Who has honored man and has created him in the best of forms. Praise for Allah Who has endowed man with the ability to speak with his tongue as one of His greatest bounties. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, the only God Who has no partner. In the Divine Book, Allah says: **"See you not how Allah sets forth a parable? A goodly word like a goodly tree, whose root is firmly fixed, and its branches (reach) to the heavens (i.e. very high). It brings forth its fruits at all times, by the leave of its Lord. Allah sets forth parables for mankind in order that they may receive admonition (remember)."**(14:24-25). I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad, servant of Allah is His beloved messenger and the noblest of all mankind. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

O believers,

I remind myself first and all of you to be God-fearing and pious. I also urge all of us to obey Him, the Exalted, Who says: **"O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear Him and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger (peace be upon him) , he has indeed attained the highest achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and will be admitted to Paradise."**(33:70-71).

Allah, the Exalted, has endowed us with words we utter in order to communicate with each other, express our feelings, and reveal our intentions. The tongue is a great endowment of Allah which may be used to praise and thank Him for which one earns reward. Allah, the Exalted says: **"Have we not made for him two eyes, And a tongue and two lips?"**(90:8-9-). Nevertheless, some words may earn us the greatest reward and others may lead to the worst punishment. The tongue has either power of good or bad. Allah has ordained Muslim not to belittle the value of his words, and not to utter words of no use or have no control over his speech or his ability to foresee the repercussions of his saying. Allah, the Exalted, says: **"Not a word does he (or she) utter but there is a watcher by him ready (to record it)."**(50:18). Allah has praised the believers who refrain from vain pursuits (curiosity), gossip and backbiting. In His divine revelation, Allah says: **" and those who avoid vain talks"**(23:3).

On the other hand, utterances such as the two shahada which are the proclamation of Islam, remembering Allah, and greeting someone have their valuable impact and benefits.

O servants of Allah,

Allah has warned us of the bad effect of useless talk or that which does not concern us, because we exert both physical and mental energy to no avail and we waste our time. Indeed, scientific research has shown that talking too much and gossiping require energy that might affect both our physical and mental health. Malik bin Dinar said: " if your heart hardens, your body becomes weak, and you have little (provision), then know that you have talked about that which does not concern you."

O believers,

We are responsible for every word we say especially when it may harm others either through gossip and backbiting or telling lies. Indeed, by uttering just one word "divorce" a man can destroy a coherent family, another careless word may infringe upon relations between friends, partners or loved ones. Marriage, divorce, financial transactions and contracts all require verbal or written wordings. Each and every word we utter is recorded and one day we will stand accountable for this record. It has been

narrated that, Muaz ibn Jabbal (may Allah have mercy on him), companion of the prophet (peace be upon him) , once asked the Messenger of Allah, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, to tell him about an act that will cause him to enter Paradise and be protected from the fire. The prophet (peace be upon him) said “Guard your tongue”. Muaz ibn Jabbal asked” Shall we be questioned about our utterances?” The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:”Most people will be thrown into Hell-face down-because of the transgressions of their tongues.”Another hadith highlights the same issue:”Every morning all the limbs of a person plead with his tongue:” Fear Allah for our sake, for our fate is tied to yours. If you follow the straight path so shall we. And if you go astray so shall we.”

O servants of Allah,

Almighty Allah has created this great universe with one word. Allah says:”**Verily, when He intends a thing, His Command is, “be”, and it is!**”(36:82). It takes few words to build, love each other and strengthen unity, those are key words that may earn us the reward of Allah and the pleasure of people, and it takes few words to destroy, spread animosity, and division earning us the wrath of Allah and the disrespect of people. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) says: “A servant unthinkingly says something pleasing to Allah Most High for which Allah raise him whole degrees. And a servant unthinkingly says something detested by Allah, Most high, for which he plunges into hell.”

Communication entails a big responsibility requiring everyone of us to think and reflect on the far reaching consequences before uttering any word, especially those who are engaged in thoughts that may spread, or may impact people’s life. It has been narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) was asked:”O Messenger of Allah, which of the Muslims is best?” and he said: ”He who the Muslims are safe from his tongue and his hand.”

May Allah bestow upon us the power to obey Him, and those He has ordained us to obey...

We implore you, O Allah, to make the Glorious Qur'an the light of our heart. We beseech you to help us recite its words and apply its rulings and follow the hadith of the Prophet (peace be upon him) .

3-The Trust

All praise is for Allah who ordered us to perform the secretariat, I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah. Our lord promised honest and secretary people with paradise as a reward for them. I bear witness that prophet Mohammad is our messenger who was the most secretariat person. Allah said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ

You who believe, fear from Allah and keep duty for him, and let everyone look for what he had sent for tomorrow.(59:18)

Keeping the trust is a super character which makes good trust among people. Allah said: إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا

Allah commands you that you should return back the trust to those whom they are due. (4:58) وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَمَانَاتِهِمْ وَعَهْدِهِمْ رَاعُونَ

Those who are faithfully true to their amanat. (70:32)

Our prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) joined between the faith and trust as he said: "the believer is the one that people feel safe of their wealth and soul with"

Muslim trust is a real indicator of faith,

قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم " لا إِيمَانَ لِمَنْ لَا أَمَانَةَ لَهُ "

"No faith for dishonest" Prophet Mohammed said

قال تعالى: " إِنِّي لَكُمْ رَسُولٌ أَمِينٌ "

"I'm a trustworthy messenger to you" (44:18) . Allah said

قال تعالى : إِنَّ خَيْرَ مَنْ اسْتَأْجَرْتَ الْقَوِيُّ الْأَمِينُ

"Verily the best for you to hire, is the strong and trustworthy"(28:26)

Allah said

Before revealing our messenger, people used to call him "the trustful".

Trust had qualified the prophet Youssef to be over the storehouse of

the land. Allah said: قال تعالى: وَقَالَ الْمَلِكُ ائْتُونِي بِهِ أَسْتَخْلِصْهُ لِنَفْسِي

"And the king said: Bring him to me that I may attach him to myself" (12:54)

O faith, the characteristic of trust was common in our messenger's life and for that Khadeeja (May Allah bless her) chose him as a husband. Oh believers, trust included many things in our life:

- Worship is trust so we must offer it in the best way.
- Children are trust so the parent must take care of them and advise them.
- Students are trust do the teacher must increase their knowledge.

- Wealth is trust so we must earn halal and spend it in the right way and pay charity and zakat.
- Job is trust so the worker must be sincere.
- Neighborhood is trust so we must respect our neighbors
- Family relations are trust so we must maintain them.

We pray for Allah to grant us and to help us keeping the trust and paying it to whom they are due.

4-The sincere love of the companions for Muhammad (peace be upon him)

First sermon

All thanks is to Allah, whom we seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allah from whatever evil our hearts conceal and from the consequences of our evil deeds. Whoever Allah grants guidance will never be led astray. Whoever He leads astray will never find guidance. I attest that none is worthy of worship except Allah, who has no partners, and that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is His servant and Messenger.

Allah, the most Exalted says, the meaning of which:

“O you who have believed, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims [in submission to Him].” (Al Iman: 102).

“O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women. And

fear Allah, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs. Indeed Allah is ever, over you, an Observer.” (Annisaa: 1).

“O you who have believed, fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice. He will [then] amend for you your deeds and forgive you your sins. And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger has certainly attained a great attainment.” (Al Ahzab: 70-71).

O Believers,

Allah, the Almighty, has linked the love for Him with the love for His Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) when He, the Most Exalted, says, meaning, **“Say, [O Muhammad], ‘if you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful’.”** (Al Iman: 31). Our Master Muhammad (peace be upon him) pointed to the same by saying, “None of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father, his children and all mankind.” By saying this, he stressed that the believers’ admiration for him is in itself an evidence for their sincere faith in Allah, may Glory be to Him.

A further insight into loving Allah’s Apostle is to be found in the following Hadith: Umar Ibn Al Khattab said to Muhammad (peace be upon him) , "O Allah's Apostle, You are dearer to me than everything except my own self." The Prophet said, "no, by Him in Whose Hand my soul is, (you will not have complete faith) till I am dearer to you than your own self." Then Umar said to him, "However, now, by Allah, you are dearer to me than my own self." The Prophet said, "Now, O Umar, (now you are a believer).”

Dear Muslims,

Such a sense of love and respect for the Prophet (peace be upon him) had been deeply seated in his companions’ hearts and clearly reflected in their attitudes towards him. Thus by being honest in their feelings and always holding him in high esteem, they set the best example of how the love for the Prophet should be.

It was narrated that a man came to the Prophet and said to him, “O Messenger of Allah, you are more beloved to me than myself, my family and children. Sometimes, when I am at home, I remember you, and I cannot wait until I come and look at you. When I contemplate about my death and your death, I know that you will be with the Prophets when you enter Paradise. I fear that I might not see you when I enter Paradise.” The Prophet did not answer him until the verse, meaning, **“And whoever obeys Allah and the Messenger - those will be with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favour of the prophets, the steadfast affirmers of truth, the martyrs and the righteous. And excellent are those as companions,”** (Annisaa’69) was revealed to him.

Ali Ibn Abu Talib was asked about his love for the Prophet (peace be upon him) and he said, “by Allah he was dearest to me than my money, my children, my parents and cold water for a thirsty soul.”

Another story is that of Zaid Ibn Al Dathina, may Allah be pleased with him. It was reported that when he was detained by Quraish, Abu Sufyan said to him, “by Allah, Don’t you wish you were now with your folk so we have Muhammad here to cut off his head? He said, “No, by Allah I cannot even stand to see him be stung by a thorn while I am sitting with my family. Abu Sufyan said, “by Allah I have never seen before such a people who are most sincere in their love than the companions of Muhammad.”

O Servants of Allah,

When the time for Hijra (migration) came and Allah ordered the Prophet (peace be upon him) to set off for Medina, Muhammad (peace be upon him) informed Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with him. On this matter Sayda Aisha, may Allah be pleased with her, said, “that one day while we were sitting in our house at midday, someone said to Abu Bakr, "Here is Allah's Apostle, coming with his head and a part of his face covered with a cloth-covering at an hour he never used to come to us.

Abu Bakr said, "Let my father and mother be sacrificed for you, (O Prophet), an urgent matter must have brought you here at this hour.” The Prophet came and

asked the permission to enter, and he was allowed. The Prophet entered and said to Abu Bakr, "let those who are with you, go out." Abu Bakr replied, "(there is no stranger); they are your family. Let my father be sacrificed for you, O Allah's Apostle," The Prophet said, "I have been allowed to leave (Mecca)." Abu Bakr said, "I shall accompany you, O Allah's Apostle, let my father be sacrificed for you."

Sayda Aisha recalled that Abu Bakr was so happy, he wept of joy. She said also that she had never thought someone would cry out of happiness until she saw Abu Bakr did.

O Believers,

The love for Allah is the provision with which to attain the Paradise and win the privilege to be with the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his companions. Anas Ibn Malik reported that a person came to Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) and said, "when would be the Last Hour?" Thereupon he (the Holy Prophet) said, "what preparation have you made for the Last Hour?" He said, "the love of Allah and of His Messenger (is my only preparation)." Thereupon he (the Holy Prophet) said, "you would be along with one whom you love. Anas said, "nothing pleased us more after accepting Islam than the words of Allah's Apostle: you would be along with one whom you love. And Anas said, "I love Allah and His Messenger and Abu Bakr and Umar, and I hope that I would be along with them although I have not acted like them."

As a token of love for him, some of the Prophet's companions said: "the day the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) came to Medina, everything around it became illuminated. The day when he passed away, everything of Medina became dark. No sooner had we dusted off the dust from our hands after the burial of him, than we began to feel the change in our hearts." [Narrated by Anas Ibn Malik].

Invoking our Prophet's tributes, let us supplicate to Allah to bless us with the love for His Messenger and help us obey Him and those He has ordained upon us to obey pursuant to His injunctions: "**O ye who believe! Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger, and those charged with authority among you.**" (Annisaa:59).

May Allah bless you and me with the ability to implement the Holy Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him). I say this and pray to Allah, the Almighty, to grant us forgiveness. Pray to Allah for forgiveness for He is the Most Forgiving and the Most Merciful.

Second sermon

Praise be to Allah. I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is His servant and messenger, who was true to his promise. May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, his companions and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

As to what follows, please obey Allah and act as per the Sunna of His Messenger (peace be upon him) as well as adhere to his morals and teachings.

O Believers,

Please send blessings on the Prophet, raise your children in the love of him, praise his virtues and hold on to his traditions. This is indeed the path of success in this life and the next for Allah, may Glory be to Him, says, the meaning of which, "**So they who have believed in him, honoured him, supported him and followed the light which was sent down with him - it is those who will be the successful.**" (Al Aaraf:157).

Dear Muslims,

Allah has commanded you an order to which He and His angels are both committed, when He says, the meaning of which is, "**Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet: O ye that believe! Send ye blessings on him, and salute him with all respect.**" (Al Ahzab:56).

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "for everyone who invokes a blessing on me will receive ten blessings from Allah." May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad (peace be upon him) , his family and all his companions.

May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

O Allah, we seek Your favour to let our hearts be full of Your gratitude and keep our tongue moist with Your remembrance. May Allah bless us with good provision, accepted work, well-being in mind and body and blessed living life and progeny. O Allah guide us to know what is good, make us benefit from what we have learnt, and increase our knowledge.

O Allah, Give us piety and purify our souls. You are Master and the Lord of souls. O Sustainer, amend our intentions, grant that our spouses and our offspring be a joy to our eyes and make success be an ally to us. O Allah, give us rain and do not make us among the despondent. O Allah, relieve us, O Allah, relieve us, O Allah, relieve us.

O Allah, we implore You at this instant not to let a sin unforgiven, a distress unrelieved, an illness unhealed or a handicapped without relief, a dead without mercy or a debt unsettled. Our Lord, give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire.

5-Elders' Rights

قال تعالى (هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ عَلَقَةٍ ثُمَّ يُخْرِجُكُمْ طِفْلاً ثُمَّ لِتَبْلُغُوا أَشُدَّكُمْ ثُمَّ لِتَكُونُوا شُيُوخًا وَمِنْكُمْ مَن يُتَوَفَّى مِنْ قَبْلٍ وَلِتَبْلُغُوا أَجْلاً مُّسَمًّى وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ)

“It is he who has created you from dust, then from a sperm then from a clot then brings you forth as an infant then makes you grow to reach the age of full strength and after wards to be (old men and women) though some among you die before, and that you reach an appointed term in order that you may understand”(40:67)

Oh Muslims the long age is a field for increasing goodness every old believer earns more goodness, he used to recite tasbeeh, takbeer or tahleel.

Our great Islam taught us to be thankful for the old people who sacrificed and built the history of our country.

So those old people deserved the nice reward from the society.

Our lord ordered us to take care of our parents.

وفي الحديث الشريف " بَرُّوا آبَاءَكُمْ تَبْرِكُمْ أَبْنَاؤُكُمْ "

“If you do well to your parents your sons must do well for you in the future”

قال تعالى : (وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ إِنَّمَا يُبَلِّغُنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٍّ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا)

“And your lord has decreed that you worship non but him, and that you be dutiful to your parents. If one of them or both of them attain old age in your life say not to them a word of disrespect, not shout at them but address them in terms of honor.”(17:23)

Oh Muslims we must teach our generation how to take attention with our old people to give them the first place in our meetings to listen for there talking politely, to be patient with them, and to do the best for their happiness.

6-Al hajj

قال تعالى : (:الْحَجُّ أَشْهُرٌ مَّعْلُومَاتٌ فَمَنْ فَرَضَ فِيهِنَّ الْحَجَّ فَلَا رَفَثَ وَلَا فُسُوقَ وَلَا جِدَالَ فِي الْحَجِّ وَمَا تَفَعَّلُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ يَعْلَمُهُ اللَّهُ وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى وَاتَّقُونِ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ)

"The Hajj (pilgrimage): in is the well known (lunar year) months (i.e. the tenth month the eleventh month and the first ten days of the twelve month of the Islamic calendar. So whosoever intends in perform hajj then he shouldn't have sexual intercourse "with his wife" no commit sin, nor dispute unjustly during the hajj. And whatever good you do. (Be sure Allah knows it). And take a provision (with you) for the journey, but the best provision is *al- TAQWA* so fear me, O men of understanding . "(2:197)

Oh brothers Hajj is an old worships. All messenger and prophets offered Hajj. Abu Massu'd رضي الله عنه said our messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) said that seventy prophets passed on the rock in *AL-RAWHA*. One of these prophets is Musa. All of them were pair foot wearing *AL- 'ABAYA* (special dress) going towards *Al -Ka'ba* (the old mosque)

Oh Muslims *Al- Hajj* is the fifth pillar of Islam Muslim is ordered to offer *Hajj* after to conditions, when owns the payment for this journey and being healthy, the journey of *Hajj* is spiritual. It is full of high meanings so who offered Hajj in right way can purify himself clean his sins and adding for that Hajj is a major meeting with Muslims from everywhere they can exchange emotions, brotherhood, and tolerance while they walking around *Ka'ba* in forbidden area. Their hearts are hanging with their lord leaving there home lands to reach the old mosque (*Ka'ba*) and to respond the inviting from the prophet Ibrahim (PUH) he received:

(وَأَذِّنْ فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحَجِّ يَأْتُوكَ رِجَالًا وَعَلَىٰ كُلِّ ضَامِرٍ يَأْتِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيقٍ)

“And proclaim to mankind the *hajj* (pilgrimage) they will come to you on foot and every lean camel, they will come from every deep and distant (wide) mountains highway (to perform *hajj*). (22:27)

Oh Muslims our lord gifted us many benefits after offering Hajj one of those is omitting all the previous sins.

-The people who offering hajj in the right way will return back to their homeland without sins and become pure as the white cloth and as a new born.

Abu Hurairah said that he heard our messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) : “who visit this mosque for hajj without committing sins so he will return back as the day of his birth.”

Oh friend the hajj advantages can improve our life and it’s a wide gate to facilitate our income and can drive out the poverty

Ibn Massu’d said: that our messenger said: “follow Hajj with Omrah so it results in driving out poverty and sins as the fire in driving out the dirt of gold and silver”

The accepted Hajj must be rewarded by the paradise. The pilgrims’ are the visitors of Allah if they asked him he will respond and if they asked him for forgiveness he will forgive them.

7-Parents as Role Models

All praise is to Allah with full gratitude for His blessings and bounties. We are thankful to you, O Allah for the gift of children. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and I bear witness that our master Muhammed ,the servant and messenger of Allah, is the noblest of all mankind, the perfect role model. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who follow them till the Day of Judgment.

O believers,

I urge myself first and all of you, servants of Allah, to fear Allah, keep your duty to Him, and obey Him as the Exalted says in the Holy Quran:” **And fear Allah, and know that Allah is with the pious.**”(2:194).

O Muslims,

Allah, the Exalted, showered us with the blessing of having children, and made them our happiness in this life as Allah says:” **Wealth and children are the adornment of the life of this world.**”(15:46).

Children are the gift of Allah, the Exalted, and a trust to parents. The responsibility of educating them well and caring for them is placed upon the parents. If we instill in them good ethics and Islamic values, they will be the driving force for a purposeful life and for their contribution to the betterment of their communities and nations. Conversely, good parenting You will be rewarded for good parenting when you need your children’s good treatment and care in health or in illness, when you are young or old, and their supplication after passing away as Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:” When a man dies, his good deeds come to an end except for three: an ongoing charity, beneficial knowledge or a righteous child who will

pray for him.” Indeed, a continuous charity is an investment for afterlife, beneficial knowledge is the charity (sadaqa) of Islamic scholars only, as for a righteous child it a successful investment that all mothers and fathers can achieve. Think deeply about the importance of a righteous child which is emphasized in the previous Hadith, the best investment in this world is to have a righteous child who strengthen kinship and supplicate Allah for the sake of his parents. May Allah accept the supplications of all children.

O servants of Allah,

The most important factors that we must instill in our children is the adherence to the Divine Book, the love of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and following his righteous life and behavior, and the true and proper meanings of Islam. It is a religion which calls for moderation, abhors division and disputes, and denounces sectarianism and fanaticism. Islam spreads Good throughout the world and respects the rights of all creatures. It is important to note, dear parents, that you are role models for your children. Your behavior will influence your children’s attitudes. Let us be models for good and righteousness. The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) was very kind to children and loved them very much. It was narrated that Abd-Allah ibm Amir (may Allah be pleased with him) said:”My mother called me one day when the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was sitting in our house. She said ‘Come here, and I will give you (something).’The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said;”What do you want to give him? She said’I will give him a date.’ The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: “If you had not given him something, you would have been lying.”

Muslims understood the seriousness of the role models their children had. Amr ibm Utbah, may Allah have mercy on him, advised his son’s teacher:”

Let the first correction you do to my son be the correction of yourself. Verily, their eyes are locked into yours. Good to them is what you do, even if it is bad. And bad to them is what you do not do, even if it is good.”

Children do not learn by being told, they learn by example. Parents, who show good conduct, become role models and their children will grow up having good values. If you want your children to abide by the Divine Saying:”**And those who strictly guard their five congregational prayers (at their fixed times).**”(23:9), make it a practice to perform congregational prayers (jamaa’a) with them and to pray together in the mosque.

Raising one’s children with the ability to face life’s challenges and problems and have a positive view on life entails that we, as parents, be optimistic and have a good outlook on life issues. Teach your children to reach to Allah through supplication, and to accept His destiny (qada’ wa qadar). In this life, your children will encounter calamities and joyful times, teach them that believers must endure and be patient in times of distress and be grateful (to Allah) in joy and happiness.

In order to instill nationalism (love for one’s homeland) in your children, you have to be the correct role model who contributes in the development and building of your country, protecting its valuable achievements, encouraging education, knowledge and earning the highest grades, especially in modern science so as to enhance their capabilities and their ability to cope with modern life . Children must play efficient roles in developing and protecting their countries. All the great achievements we are enjoying nowadays are the legacy of our ancestors. We must, therefore, be eager to follow on their footsteps by enhancing this development and preserving prosperity for generations to come.

May Allah help us obey Him and those whom He has ordained us to obey.

O Allah, make us of the people of the Qur'an. O Allah make us amongst those who practice what they recite. O Allah make us of the followers of the hadith of the noble Prophet (peace be upon him) .

Second Sermon

All praise be to Allah. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and I bear witness that our master Muhammad is the servant and messenger of Allah. May peace and blessings of Allah be upon our master Muhammad, his pure and noble family, his companions, and all those who follow them till the Day of Judgment.

O believers,

Good parenting requires that you protect your children from bad influence and unethical behavior that they may learn in the streets, the markets, their schools as well as the new media outlets. Such influence may prompt them to commit wrong doings or inflict harm on people's properties, money, women or even themselves. We urge you, therefore, to establish good and kind communication with your children. Your attempt to change their behavior must be done wisely. We also recommend that you know their friends as friendship is very influential in their life. Resolve their problems with leniency and kindness, and seek the help of experts in pertinent organizations. May Allah reward those who spend their times with their children raising and guiding them to the right way.

8-Wisdom (*Al Hikma*)

All praise and thanks are to Allah, The All-Wise, Who created everything with such perfection and began creating the first human being out of nothing more than clay. We praise Allah Who fashioned all the creatures in the most perfect way. I testify that there is no god but Allah, and that none is worthy of worship except Allah, the only God to Whom belongs whatsoever is in the Heavens and in the Earth, the All-Glorious, the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing to Whom Belongs all wisdom. I also testify that our Master Muhammad is His servant and His messenger, the wisest of mankind, the greatest sage among them, and the most skilful in resolving all issues. Allah, the Exalted, praises the Prophet (peace be upon him) in the Holy Quran: **"God did confer a great favour on the believers when He sent among them a Messenger from among themselves, reciting to them His verses (The Quran), sanctifying them, and instructing them in the Book (The Quran) wisdom, before that, they had been in manifest error."**(3:164). O Allah, we implore you to sanctify, have perpetual peace, and bountiful blessings on our Master Muhammad to the extent of Your Signs and Knowledge. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon his family, his companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

O believers,

I urge myself first and all of you to be God-conscious, pious, and obedient to Him, the Exalted, Who ordains us in the Holy Quran: **"O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allah and His messenger, he has indeed attained a great**

achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and will be admitted to Paradise).(33:70-71).

O Muslims,

Wisdom (*Al-Hikma*) is one of the attributes of Exalted Allah. It is a great blessing which Allah bestows upon whoever He pleases (of His servants):” **He grants wisdom to whom he wills, and he, to whom wisdom is granted, is indeed granted abundant good.**”(2:269). Indeed, wisdom is one of the greatest gifts of Allah that man can enjoy:” **But remember Allah’s favours on you (i.e.Islam), and that which He has sent down to you of the Book and the wisdom whereby He instructs you.**”(2:231).

Wisdom has many interpretations (meanings) in the Holy Quran. In some Verses, it may denote beneficial knowledge. Allah, the Exalted says in His Holy Book:”**We bestowed wisdom on Luqman: Show (your) gratitude to Allah.**”(3:12). The same word, wisdom, is used in other Verses to mean prophethood as Allah refers to Prophet David:”**And Allah gave him power and wisdom and taught him whatever (else) He willed.**”(2:251).

A close contemplation of the honorable life of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) reveals his wisdom and competence in dealing with people and resolving their problems. He (peace be upon him) prevented, through his wisdom, an imminent war between the clans of the Quraysh during the reconstruction of the Ka’aba. Each clan claimed the honour of putting the sacred Black Stone in its place. However, the future Prophet (peace be upon him) spread his mantle on a piece of cloth on the ground and, putting the stone on it, invited the chieftains of the four major clans of the Quraysh to each take one corner of the cloth. It was an ingenious plan and provided yet another proof of his wisdom or gift for problem-solving. When He became the Prophet and Messenger of Allah, He showed his wisdom in dealing with

both Muslims and non-Muslims. Emigration to Medina, despite its great significance in the history of Islam, was not an easy thing to achieve. The Prophet took wise steps to establish brotherhood between Muslims and signed a pact with Jews. He (peace be upon him) succeeded in establishing a secure, stable and merciful society in Medina. Indeed, Prophet Muhammad was following the divine path as Allah says in the Holy Quran: **“Invite (mankind, O Muhammad) to the way of your Lord (i.e. Islam) with wisdom and fair preaching.”**(16:125).

O servants of Allah,

Wisdom prevents man from committing wrong actions, and guides him to take the right way. It gives him wide perspective on everything in life, deepens his understanding, increases his awareness of the surrounding circumstances so he may reach the right and correct deeds and words.

Please note, dear Muslims, that the root verb of *Hikma* in Arabic language is *Hakama* which literally means to pronounce or deliver a judgment against or in favor of someone. Wisdom can also mean knowledge gained over a long period of time through learning, or good sense and judgment, wisdom may also mean perfection and excellence.

Dear Muslims, it’s wise to keep to yourself some of what you know, and not to open up completely. It’s wise to learn when to speak and when to remain silent. Educated and intellectuals must be wise enough to address everyone based on his/her level of intelligence or education.

It’s also crucial to resort to wisdom in resolving marital disputes or misunderstanding so as to keep love and mercy alive among the two partners. Wisdom may be the turning point that may save families and unable them to retain their coherence and stability. Hasty and unwise

decisions, on the other hand, may destroy families by separation or divorce. After seeking refuge and help from Allah, we must resort to sage and wise people who can guide us to peace, resolve conflicts, and spread goodness. They will earn the respect and appreciation in this world and abundant blessings and reward in the Afterlife. It is indeed such a difficult life without wise people. Families, societies and even nations may crumble and fall without sagacity. Prudent and wise leadership and people are the guaranteed path toward development and prosperity.

O servants of Allah,

We are all eager to build coherent societies and highly developed nations. We implore Allah, the Exalted, to bestow upon us wisdom in deeds and words, and we beseech Him to help us obey Him and those He has ordained us to obey.

May Allah make the Quran the light of our heart. May Allah make us among those who recite the Quran and apply its rulings. O Allah make us of the followers of the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace be upon him) .

9-Remembrance of Allah.

All praise is for Allah. We praise him, we seek his aid, and we ask for his forgiveness. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone, who has no partner, and who

said: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ

O you who believe! Fear Allah and keep your duty to him.(59:18)

Oh faithful, zikr (remembrance of Allah) is as important as the food. It is the medicine for an illness; and it is the best duty for Al-Mutakeen (pious). Zikr is a great opened gate between the slave and his Lord. Allah said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا كَثِيرًا* وَسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا

O you who believe, Remember Allah with much remembrance and glorify His praises morning and afternoon. (33:42)

Ibn Abbas may Allah bless him explained this verse as it means that one have to remember Allah in every time whither it is at day time or at night, and whither on the sea or on land, regardless of being alone or in public.

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: « إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَلَائِكَةً يَطُوفُونَ فِي الطُّرُقِ، يَلْتَمِسُونَ أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ، فَإِذَا وَجَدُوا قَوْمًا يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ تَنَادَوْا: هَلُمُّوا إِلَيَّ حَاجَتِكُمْ. فَيَحْفُوهُمْ بِأَجْنِحَتِهِمْ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا. فَيَسْأَلُهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ مِنْهُمْ: مَا يَقُولُ عِبَادِي؟ قَالُوا: يَقُولُونَ يُسَبِّحُونَكَ وَيُكَبِّرُونَكَ، وَيُحَمِّدُونَكَ وَيُجَدِّدُونَكَ.

Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said: Allah has some angles who room about the streets in search for people mentioning Allah's Names. When they find such a gathering, they call one another saying: Come to the object of your pursuit. The prophet (peace be upon him) added: The angles surround them with their wings up to the lowest heaven (sky of the world). He further added: (when the people in the gathering disperse, the angles ascend to the heaven). Their Lord, Who knows best about the people, asks them: what do my slaves say? The angles reply: they were glorifying you, exalting you, praising you and dignifying you.

And in this Hadeeth it's mentioned that: so their companion will not be reduced to misery.

Allah said: إِنَّ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا إِذَا مَسَّهُمْ طَائِفٌ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ تَذَكَّرُوا فَإِذَا هُمْ مُبْصِرُونَ

Verily, those who are Al-Muttaqen when an evil thought comes to them from shaitan they remember Allah and then they see a right. (7:201)

Zikr has many benefits and the good Muslim is the one who keeps zikr.

We pray for Allah to help us in our zikr and in our worship. We have to do our best to obey Allah and those whom we have to obey.

10-Supplication.

All praise is for Allah who blessed us with Dua'a – supplication – and promised to accept it. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah and I bear witness that Muhammad is our messenger. Allah said: **قَالَ تَعَالَى : يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ**

O you who believe! Fear Allah and keep your duty to Him . And let every person look to what he has sent for the tomorrow, and fear Allah .(59:18)

O believers, Allah ordered his slaves to offer Duaa and he promised to accept Duaa . as He said: **فَقَالَ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى : وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ**

And your lord said invoke Me, believe in my oneness, I will respond to your invocation.(2:186)

Dua'a, supplication is a special worship; the slaves feel the poverty and the need for God. Our messenger (peace be upon him) said:

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : " الدُّعَاءُ هُوَ الْعِبَادَةُ "

Supplication (Duaa) is worship.

One of the ways to have accepted (Duaa) is to remember and invoke Allah at the good times.

قال رسول الله ﷺ: " مَنْ سَرَّهُ أَنْ يَسْتَجِيبَ اللَّهُ لَهُ عِنْدَ الشَّدَائِدِ وَالْكَرْبِ فَلْيُكْثِرِ الدُّعَاءَ فِي الرَّخَاءِ "

Anybody hopes that Allah accepts his Duaa in difficulties; he must call for a lot in good times.

Also our messenger (peace be upon him) said: **قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ : ادْعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَنْتُمْ مُوقِفُونَ بِالْإِجَابَةِ**

Call Allah while you realize and believe that he will answer.

And one of the ways to seek accepted Duaa is to start it with thanking Allah and praising him. This is besides giving blessing for our messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) . Omar Ibn Alkatab said that Duaa is still standing between earth and heaven without rising up until giving blessings for our messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) . Our messenger said: قال رسول الله

صلى الله عليه وسلم : إِنَّ اللَّهَ طَيِّبٌ لَا يَقْبَلُ إِلَّا طَيِّبًا

That God is good and accepts only a good.

Then he (peace be upon him) told us about a man that may travel long travel, but his food, drink, and his clothes, were earned illegally - from haram, so God will not respond to his prayer.

Another way of gaining accepted Duaa is to call Allah for one's brother in his absence. قال رسول

الله : دَعْوَةُ الْمَرْءِ الْمُسْلِمِ لِأَخِيهِ بِظَهْرِ الْغَيْبِ مُسْتَجَابَةٌ

Muslim's One call to his Muslim brother is answered and accepted.

11-Piety.

All praise is for Allah who guided us to do good and showed us the piety path. I bear witness that there is no God but Allah, alone with no partner, the one and the only. And I bear witness that Muhammad is his slave and messenger. Allah ordered us to do good thing as He said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

O you who believe ! Fear Allah as he should be feared, and die not except in a state of Islam. (3:102) Allah said:

وَلَقَدْ وَصَّيْنَا الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ أَنْ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ

We have recommended the people of the scripture before you and to you (O Muslims) That you (all) fear Allah, and keep your duty to him.(4:131)

Piety is a high degree of faith. It's feeling in the heart that avoids the evils. Ibn Masoud said that fear means : " obey him , always remember him and never forgot him and be thankful to him"

Omer Ibn Abdelaziz said fear from Allah means: leave what Allah has forbidden to do the commands of Allah.

Some scholars said one of the forms of piety: when Allah find you in the recommended places and see you away from the forbidden places. Piety used to avoid the worshiper from disobeying Allah. There are some reasons that can be connected to piety: sincerity of intention means waiting the reward from God alone and to worship in the best performance.

Allah told us one of the fruits of piety, as He said:

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِ يُسْرًا

Allah will simplify every difficult for the fearfully.(65:4) Also Allah said:

قال تعالى " وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ "

And who ever fears Allah and keeps his duty to him, he will make his matter easy for him. (65:3)

Surly Allah loves Al-Muttaqeen, so we pray for Allah and ask to provide us with piety.

12-The Good End (of one's life and deeds).

All praise is for Allah who guided us to do good deeds. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone with no partner, the one and the only. And I bear witness that Muhammad is his slave and messenger. Allah said:

قال تعالى : يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ وَاخْشَوْا يَوْمًا لَّا يَجْزِي وَالِدٌ عَن وَلَدِهِ وَلَا مَوْلُودٌ هُوَ جَارٌ عَن وَالِدِهِ شَيْئًا

"O mankind! Be afraid of your lord and fear a day when no father can avail aught for his son nor a son avail aught for his father" (31:33)

O believers the value of the work is related to the good conclusion. As Allah said:

قال تعالى : فَمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا

"So whoever hopes for the meeting with his lord, let him work righteousness and associate none a partner in the worship of his lord" (18:110)

O Muslims death is a defining moment in human life, so prophets used to recommend their followers to be careful and to win the good conclusion. Allah said (telling what prophet Youssef said)

قال سبحانه و تعالى حكاية عن سيدنا يوسف: تَوَفَّنِي مُسْلِمًا وَأَلْحِقْنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ

"Cause me to die as a Muslim and join me with righteous" (12:101)

Our Messenger (peace be upon him) said:

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : مَنْ كَانَ آخِرُ كَلَامِهِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ

Any one spoke the word of Tawheed in the last moment of his life will inter the paradise

O Believers, Muslims must do many things in order to win the good conclusion, some these things are:

1- He must fear from Allah

2- He must be faithful

3- The visible and invisible work must be equal.

Anyone used to show the work but in the shadows work the evil. In this situation, he will face the bad end.

4- Everybody must commit the obedience to God for all conditions

Allah said:

قال تعالى يُثَبِّتُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِالْقَوْلِ الثَّابِتِ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ

"Allah will keep firm those who believe with the word that stands firm in the world and in the hereafter"(14:27)

Once a day: Our messenger interred to a youth Muslim while he was dying, and asked him about his situation, the youth replied I hope Allah's forgiveness but I fear from my sin.

5- Muslim must do repentance without any delay.

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ تَوْبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ فَإِنِّي أَتُوبُ فِي الْيَوْمِ إِلَيْهِ مِائَةً

مَرَّةً

Our Messenger (peace be upon him) said: "O Mankind, repent to Allah. I repent one hundred times daily"

We ask Allah to guide us to the right end of our life and our deeds.

13-Benefitting from the virtues of the last ten days of Ramadan.

First sermon

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, and peace and blessings be upon the Trustworthy Prophet Muhammad and upon all his family and companions. I bear witness that there is no deity except Allah, having no associates, and that our Master Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Guide Muhammad, his family, his companions, and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

As to what follows, I call upon myself first and all of you to be ever conscious and do construct our lives in accordance to what He has ordered us as He says, " **O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are true.**" (Attawba:119).

O Believers,

Allah, may He be Glorified, has conferred upon us the holy month of Ramadan, blessed us with its days and nights and overwhelmed us with the flow of its blessings whether during the first or the middle ten days.

As we enter the last ten days, the gem of Ramadan, we should always remember that this month is the best time of the year for doing good and engaging in worship. Indeed, these days and nights are the sap of this month and its fruit.

For this reason, the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) used to strive hard at this time of the year, more than usual. Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) would exert himself in worship during the last ten nights more than at any other time.

He (peace be upon him) would stay up at night, spending the time in prayer. It was reported that Aisha said, "when the last ten days of Ramadan came, the

Prophet (peace be upon him) would stay up at night, wake his family and gird his loins.”

The phrase “girded his loins” is a metaphor describing his preparedness to do his utmost in worship, and was also a metaphor for keeping away from worldly affairs and focusing more on worship.

Our Master Muhammad (peace be upon him) was more persistent in waking his family to stand up for prayer on the last ten nights of Ramadan than at other times of the year. It was reported that Ali Ibn Abu Talib (may Allah be pleased with him) said, “the Prophet (peace be upon him) used to wake up his family during the last ten days of Ramadan. So everyone, younger or older, would bear standing up for prayer.”

O Servants of Allah,

Among the unique merits of these great nights is Laylat Al Qadr (Decree). A blessed night as it is, Laylat Al Qadr was the time Allah, The Exalted He be, chose to send the holy Quran. About which, He, The Almighty, says, **“Indeed, We sent it down during a blessed night. Indeed, We were to warn [mankind].”** (Addukhan:3).

This sacred night is a flow of blessings and veneration from Allah, The Most Provident, with which to honour his servants. Allah, The Ever Exalted, says, **“Indeed, We sent the Qur'an down during the Night of Decree. And what can make you know what is the Night of Decree? The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months. The angels and the Spirit descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter. Peace it is until the emergence of dawn.”** (Al Qadr).

The Surat Al Qadr described this night as being better than a thousand months. It was narrated that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was made known to him the lifespan of people before him and noticed that that of his Umma had comparatively become shorter. He therefore feared they would not be able to achieve as much good work as their predecessors did. So Allah has granted him and his Umma a night that is better than a thousand months. This Sura also shows that among the special characteristics of this night is that on this night the angels along with Gabriel (Jibreel) descend.

So for its immense virtues, our Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) used to strive formidably hard in worship on this night as it is a cause for winning

Allah's forgiveness. In a Hadith agreed upon, he (peace be upon him) said, "whoever stays up during Laylat Al Qadr out of faith and in the hope of earning reward, all his previous sins will be forgiven."

Truly those who are honoured to engage in extensive worship on this blessed night will get full blessings. And whoever is denied its reward has been deprived all good. On the narration of Anas Ibn Malik that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, "O verily this month has come upon you and it has a night better than a thousand months. Whoever is deprived of its virtue, then he has been deprived of all good. Verily he who is deprived of its virtue is deprived."

Laylat Al Qadr falls in the last ten days of Ramadan. And it is therefore recommended to strive in acts of worship during this time. It was reported from Abdullah Ibn Abbas that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, "Seek the Night of Al Qadr during the last ten (nights) of Ramadan."

May Allah let us be amongst the people of acceptance and help us to obey Him and those He has ordained upon us to obey, in compliance with His injunctions: "**O ye who believe! Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger, and those charged with authority among you.**" (Annisaa:59).

May Allah bless you and me with the ability to implement the Holy Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) . I say this and pray to Allah, the Almighty, to grant us forgiveness. Supplicate to Allah for forgiveness for He is the Most Forgiving and the Most Merciful.

Second sermon

Praise be to Allah. I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is His servant and messenger, who was true to his promise. May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, his companions and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

Dear Believers,

As to what follows, please fear Allah and be aware that the best of supplications with which to beseech Allah, may Glory to be Him, on Laylat Al Qadr, is what our Master Muhammad (peace be upon him) used to say. It was reported that Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) asked the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) "O Messenger of Allah, if I knew which night is

Laylat Al Qadr, what should I say during it? And he instructed her to say: ‘Allahumma innaka afuwwun tuhibbu al afwa fa afu anna (O Allah, you are forgiving, and you love forgiveness. So forgive us)’.”

So the best recompense one can gain on these days and nights is his Creator’s forgiveness. This is mentioned by one of the righteous people when he said, “No man is wise unless seeking forgiveness is his ultimate hope from Allah.” Allah has commanded you an order to which He and His angels are both committed, when He says, **"Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet: O ye that believe! Send ye blessings on him, and salute him with all respect."** (Al Ahzab:56).

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "for everyone who invokes a blessing on me will receive ten blessings from Allah." May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad (peace be upon him) , his family and all his companions. May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

O Allah, we seek Your favour to let our hearts be full of Your gratitude and keep our tongue moist with Your remembrance. May Allah bless us with good provision, accepted work, beneficial knowledge, well-being in mind and body and blessed living life and progeny.

O Allah, increase Your blessings upon us and do not withhold Your provision from us, honour us and do not disgrace us, give us and do not deprive us, advocate us and do not disfavour us. O Allah, bestow upon us Your satisfaction and grant us self-content. O Allah, make piety our pursuit, solidify our faith and increase our wisdom.

O Allah, we seek Your mercy and forgiveness. We turn to You in repentance, put our hope and trust in You to guide us to do the righteous actions and accept our supplications to You. We also beseech You to confer on us safety from every sin, and booty of all righteousness, and to win Paradise and deliverance from the Hellfire.

O Allah, we implore You at this instant not to let a sin unforgiven, a distress unrelieved, an illness unhealed or a handicapped without relief, a dead without mercy or a debt unsettled. Our Lord! Grant us good in this world and good in the life to come and keep us safe from the torment of the Fire.

14-Prayer.

All praise to Allah who made the confession of monotheism a protection and fortification for His servants. His is praise, blessing and dominion.

Allah praise and give peace to our Master Mohammed, his family and pure, righteous companions.

Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa (wariness) of Allah and obedience to Him. And I warn you and myself of rebellion against Him and disobeying His order. There are many significant features for this day.

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Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa (wariness) of Allah and obedience to Him. And I warn you and myself of rebellion against Him and disobeying His order. There are many significant features for this day. And Allah grants respite to none when his appointed time (death) comes. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do."

Muslims, The five prayers are among the best acts of worship that the Muslim performs. Performing them is the best deed after having the correct belief in God and His Messenger. Prayer in Islam, is worship of Allah the Almighty, Praising and Thanking Him, acknowledging His Sovereignty and committing oneself to obey and remember Him at all times. It is the central part of a way of life, which is based on submission to the Owner of all. The Muslim must seek to remember Allah at all times. Allah says "Guard strictly (five

obligatory) As-Salawat (the prayers) especially the middle Salat (i.e. the best prayer - 'Asr). And stand before Allah with obedience [and do not speak to others during the Salat (prayers)]."

He must be mindful that everything he is, everything he does, everything he knows and understands, is due to the Mercy of Allah. In acknowledging this, he remembers the fact that death lies in wait and he does not know when he will depart from this worldly life. Five times a day, he stands in prayer. Focusing all his thoughts on the Creator. He praises, thanks and acknowledges the Greatness of Allah and seeks His forgiveness. His sins pass before his consciousness and render him humble before the Majesty of the One who owns all things, including the Day of Judgment. He stands, conscious that Allah Sees Him at all times and that in prostration he is the closest to His Maker. The Muslim realizes that the Angel of death could be behind him at any time, that Jannah (Paradise) lies on his right and the fire of hell is on his left. Allah says "And perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat), and give Zakat and bow down (or submit yourselves with obedience to Allah) along with Ar-Raki'un" He also says "And enjoin As-Salat (the prayer) on your family, and be patient in offering them [i.e. the Salat (prayers)]. We ask not of you a provision (i.e. to give Us something: money): We provide for you. And the good end (i.e. Paradise) is for the Muttaqun (the pious)". The truth of his actions and their consequences are unknown to him and as he prays, his heart is moved by sincere intent to strive harder, work more, study more, forgive more and share more.

He comes out of the state of prayer, feeling renewed; more determined to use what remains of his time in the most beneficial way. An angry shout or unkind word, stops on the same lips that recite the Quran and remembers Allah. Hands reaching forth in greed and hate, retreat to find better solutions. Hasty careless words, dismal thoughts and attitudes disappear beneath the light that shrouds the mind of the one who prays because of their love and fear of Allah.

Allah has warned Muslims of skipping prayers "So woe unto those

performers of Salat (prayers) (hypocrites), Those who delay their Salat (prayer from their stated fixed times)." He Also says "Then, there has succeeded them a posterity who have given up As-Salat (the prayers) [i.e. made their Salat (prayers) to be lost, either by not offering them or by not offering them perfectly or by not offering them in their proper fixed times] and have followed lusts. So they will be thrown in Hell."

Brother Believers, Praying Five times a day allows a Muslim to remember Allah often, as we are created to remember him. Praying enables us to remember him and it is also a form of thankfulness for all he has given us. A Muslim who observes the daily prayers becomes somebody who is more conscious of what he/she does or says, remembering that in a few hours time or minutes time he will have to perform the prayer before the Allah, hence abstaining from inappropriate behavior. Allah says "Verily, man (disbeliever) was created very impatient; Irritable (discontented) when evil touches him; And niggardly when good touches him. Except those who are devoted to Salat (prayers). Those who remain constant in their Salât (prayers);"

Muslims, Praying help us avoid committing sins, Allah says "Recite (O Mohammad) what has been revealed to you of the Book (the Quran), and perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat). Verily, As-Salat (the prayer) prevents from Al-Fahsha' (i.e. great sins of every kind, unlawful sexual intercourse) and Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism, and every kind of evil wicked deed) and the remembering (praising) of (you by) Allah (in front of the angels) is greater indeed [than your remembering (praising) of Allah in prayers. And Allah knows what you do. I say this and Ask Allah to forgive you and I.

15-Good Morals.

Praise be to God who made good manners part of the faith, and by it raised the affairs of the faithful, I bear witness that there is no divinity other than God, the True Manifest King, I bear witness that our master Mohammad is the servant of God and His Messenger, the one who is true to his covenant and trustworthy, O God bless, give peace, and grace upon our master Mohammad, his pure kinfolk, and his companions, and those who follow them in excellence until the day of judgment.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

Good manners are considered the heaviest items in the scale of the believers in the Day of Judgment and make them the closest people in proximity to the messenger of Allah on the Day of Judgment.

"Truly the most beloved of you to me and the closest of you in proximity to me on the day of judgment are the best manners." Profit said

قال تعالى: " وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ "

"And verily you (the messenger) are on exalted "standard of" character" (68:4) Allah said

قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم " إِنَّمَا بُعِثْتُ لِأَتَمِّمَ مَكَارِمَ الْأَخْلَاقِ "

The messenger said in the Hadith that he was sent to the humanity to complete the good morals.

And we need to know that Allah al mighty had distributed the morals in people as he had gifted them the livelihood. " قَالَ تَعَالَىٰ " إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ "

"The praying terminated the immorality" Allah said

A Salah "praying" prevent from the "Al Fahsha"sins and "Al Monkar" the disbelief

So Muslim must avoid arrogance and leave harming people

قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم: " أَتَدْرُونَ مَا الْمُفْلِسُ؟ "

Besides that, profit had explained to his followers the meaning of " Al Mufles" the bankrupt of the good deeds. The person who come with good deeds in the resurrection day but he had hit somebody and stolen someone else, so his good deeds will be given in turn to them until he has nothing, then their bad sins will be placed upon him and finally he will be threw into the hell.

قال تعالى " يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ "

"Muslims, be afraid of Allah and be always with those who are true" (9:119) Allah said Some scholars advice us to join the person who can guide us to the god by his words, and to read about the life of righteous people

16-Family.

All praise is for Allah, who commended us to care about families. We praise Him and we seek His forgiveness. I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah. And I bear witness that prophet Mohammad is His slave and messenger.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

O you who believe! Fear Allah and keep your duty to him and let every person look to what he has sent forth the morrow. Islam gave the family much attention while Qur'an explained these meanings and considered it a gift from Allah.

قال الله تعالى وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ بَيْنَ وَحَفْدَةً "

And Allah has made for you *Azواج* "mates or wives "of your own kind. (16:72), The community is needed to build good families that keep values, customs and traditions. Parents must guide their children to the right. This good method was the prophet's way.

قال الله تعالى " وَوَصَّىٰ بِهَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ بَنِيهِ وَيَعْقُوبُ يَا بَنِيَّ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَىٰ لَكُمُ الدِّينَ فَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ "

And this was enjoined by Ibrahim upon his sons and by YAQUB "Jacob" saying O my sons: Allah has chosen for you true religion then die not except in the faith of Islam. (2:132)

Adding for that, parents must participate in choosing good companions for their sons, moreover giving enough time to sit with the family can increase their communication skills, so we must give them time and care whatever businesses one has. O Slaves of Allah, there are essential basis that can develop happiness in the family, such as respecting and giving gifts for the wife. Allah said about wives: " قال الله تعالى "وَعَاشِرُوهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ "

(And live with them honorably) (4:19)

On the other hand, the wife must respect and guard her husband and give him his rights. As Allah said:

قال الله تعالى " وَهُنَّ مِثْلُ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَلِلرِّجَالِ عَلَيْهِنَّ دَرَجَةٌ "

And they (women) have rights living expenses similar "to those of their husbands "over them as regards obedience respect, to what is reasonable. (2:228) Our messenger (peace be upon him) said:

" لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَمْ يَرْحَمْ صَغِيرَنَا وَيُقْرِ كَبِيرَنَا " قال رسول الله

Not one of us who didn't have mercy on our young ones and respects the elderly and one of this spaces using good speech in the dialogue, so the successful family used to solve personal problems inside its home.

فَعَنْ عَمْرٍو بْنِ عَبْسَةَ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ : أَتَيْتُ رَسُولَ اللهِ ﷺ فَقُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ مَا الْإِسْلَامُ؟ قَالَ: « طَيْبُ الْكَلَامِ...».

Amr bin Absa said that he came to the prophet (peace be upon him) and asked what is Islam? He responded "good speech".

Oh Allah, help us to do good for our families and show them all care and respect.

17-Grace of Health.

All praise is for Allah who guided us to do good deeds and gave us the health bounty. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone with no partner, the one and the only. And I bear witness that Muhammad is his slave and messenger.

Our prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) recommended us to ask Allah for forgiveness and health. Allah said:

قال عز و جل : يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear Him and speak always the truth.(33:70) Allah Also said: **وَأِنْ تَعَدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصُوهَا** قال عز و جل : **وَأِنْ تَعَدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصُوهَا** And if you would count the favors of Allah, never could you count them.(16:18)

O Muslims, God bestowed many graces for us, and health is the biggest blessing. Health is an act when disease gets away from the mind, body, family and children. In addition, there is no doubt that health is one of the major causes of happiness. Our Messenger (peace be upon him) said:

قال النبي : **مَنْ أَصْبَحَ مِنْكُمْ آمِنًا فِي سِرْبِهِ، مُعَافًى فِي جَسَدِهِ، عِنْدَهُ قُوتٌ يَوْمِهِ، فَكَأَنَّمَا حِيزَتْ لَهُ الدُّنْيَا**

The one among you who wakes up secure in his property, healthy in his body and has his food for the day, it is as if the whole world were brought to him.

Our prophet (peace be upon him) used to ask Allah to gift him health by saying: (O my Lord give me health in the world and the hereafter)

Islam provides some rules that preserves our health. Examples of these rules are purity, cleanness, washing, ablution, teeth brushing, and mouth rinse.

O believers! Good health is a crown over our heads. Our messenger (PBUH) called us to invest five before five and one of them is to invest your health before your illness.

Oh Allah we ask you to perpetuate the blessing of health and security for us and all Muslims.

18-Blessings.

All praise is for Allah who guided us to do good deeds. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone with no partner, the one and the only. And I bear witness that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is his slave and messenger. Allah said:

قال تعالى: " يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ

O man kin! Be dutiful to your lord who created you from a single person.(4:1)

O believers every Muslim used to ask Allah to give him the blessing in his life and in his family. Allah said: قال تعالى " رَبِّ أَنْزِلْنِي مُنْزَلًا مُبَارَكًا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْمُنْزِلِينَ

"And say : My lord cause me to land at a blessed landing place for you are the best of those who bring to land ". (23:29) Also, Allah said:

قال تعالى " وَجَعَلَ فِيهَا رِوَاسِيَ مِنْ فَوْقِهَا وَبَارَكَ فِيهَا "

"He placed there in firm mountains from above it and he blessed it" (41:10)

So there are many good results coming from blessing; the body becomes healthy, the age becomes fruitful, spouse becomes happy, the life becomes luxurious.

Our Messenger (peace be upon him) used to make Du'aa for his followers. As he (peace be upon him) used to say: دعا صلى الله عليه و سلم لأنس فقال : " اللَّهُمَّ ارزُقْهُ مَالًا وَوَلَدًا وَبَارِكْ لَهُ "

"O Allah, place best on him wealth and children". Allah also said:

وقال تعالى " وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَى آمَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم بَرَكَاتٍ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ "

"And if the people of the town had believed and had the *Taqwa* certainly, we should have opened them blessing from the heaven and the earth". (7:96), Our messenger (peace be upon him) said:

و قال صلى الله عليه وسلم " اجْتَمِعُوا عَلَى طَعَامِكُمْ وَاذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ يُبَارِكْ لَكُمْ فِيهِ "

"Gather on your food and remember the name of Allah, God will bless you"

And he (peace be upon him) said: " اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لِأُمَّتِي فِي بُكُورِهَا "

"O God, please bless my nation in the early action"

Our messenger mentioned that if the seller and the buyer said the truth and had *taqwa*, God will bless them. But if they lie so, they lose the blessings of the trade

Oh Allah, we pray for you to bless our country, its leaders and the whole Islamic nation.



19-The Love of Allah and His Messenger.

Indeed, praise is to Allah, the All-Merciful, the All-Gracious Who is kind to His servants, and endows upon them His countless bounties and endless love. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah, Who is the only God without any associates. Verily, Allah, the Exalted, has praised His loving believers in the Holy Quran:” **But those of faith are overflowing in their love for God.**”(2:165). I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant and the messenger of Allah, the most noble of mankind who is favored by Almighty Allah over other prophets. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad, his family, his companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

O Muslims,

I urge myself first and all of you to be God-fearing and pious for Almighty Allah says in the Holy Quran:”**O you who believe! Fear God and be with those who are true (in word and deed).**”(9:119). I also remind you of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) saying about the Hereafter (Day of Judgment): “A man is with whom he loves.”

Dear brothers and sisters,

Contrary to Western belief, Love in all its forms is one of the most important concepts in Islam. Indeed, the word “love” and its derivations appear in more than one hundred *ayat* (verses) in the Holy Quran. Love has different levels and degrees in Islam. The ultimate and the most noble is the profound love of the believers for Allah. For those people of faith, Allah, the Exalted, facilitates performance of acts of worship and obedience to His commands. The love for Allah is the core of Islam on which Muslims base their deeds, speech, and human relations. Our love and longing for Allah is the ultimate evidence of our faith for which we are greatly rewarded by the Almighty. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:”Whoever loves for Allah’s sake, hates for Allah’s sake, gives for Allah’s sake and withholds for Allah’s sake has a perfect faith.”

Dear brothers and sisters,

Having the proper love for our Prophet (peace be upon him) is a must for any Muslim who is striving to please Allah, the Exalted, Who says: **“Say (to them O Muhammad): If you love Allah, follow me, and Allah will love you, and forgive you your sins; Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful.”**(3:31-32). Prophet Muhammad also said “None of you believes until I am dearer to him than his father, his child and all of mankind.”

The manifestation of our love for Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is by following in his footsteps and striving to emulate him in our deeds, conduct and speech. Another manifestation of this love is to increase our *dua'* (supplication), and prayer to Allah for our noble Prophet (peace be upon him) and his family, especially on Friday.

Dear believers,

Our love for Allah grows and develops and transforms us into loving, noble human beings. It must be manifested in the relations between parents, between husband and wife and between children. Husband and wife must cherish and extend extra care for their children. Please note, dear brothers and sisters that out of love for your children and for their own good, you must forbid things and deeds that are detrimental to them, and recommend good deeds even if they dislike them.

When Muslims nourish their hearts with love, it will reflect itself in the relation between husband and wife. Reciprocal affection, sincerity and loyalty are essential in an Islamic family, as Allah, Exalted be He, says: **“And among His signs is that He created for you mates from among yourselves, that you may dwell in peace and tranquility with them, and He has put love and mercy between your (hearts); Verily in that are signs for those who reflect.”**(30:21).

Dear Muslims,

Affection and love shall be rewarded in both this world and the Hereafter. On the day of judgment, the believer will be with whom he loves. “A man came to Prophet Muhammad and said: When is the day of judgment? The Prophet said: What have you prepared for it? The man said: I did not prepare a lot of prayers and fasting, but I love Allah and his messenger. So he (peace be upon him) answered:” You will be with whom you love”.

Dear servants of Allah,

Just as it is important to love Allah and His Messenger (peace be upon him), it is also necessary to base human relations on forgiveness. We cannot expect Allah's love and forgiveness unless we also forgive those who do wrong to us. Love opens the gates of Paradise. Let's be loving towards our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors...Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:"You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love each other. Shall I tell you something which if you did would love each other? Spread peace amongst yourselves."

One of the aspects of love is dedication to one's work. Liking one's job leads us to excel, be creative and enhance our performance beyond the call for duty.

O Allah, we ask You to help us increase our love to You and Your messenger, and the love for any deed that makes us closer to You. O Allah, we beseech You to help us obey You and those You have ordained us to obey.

O Allah, make us of the people of the Glorious Quran, those who practice what they recite. O Allah, we beseech Your help to follow in the footsteps of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his noble character.

Second Sermon

O believers,

Love of one's homeland is part of faith. It's an innate longing for the place of birth and upbringing. It has been narrated that Sayed Walad Adnan was forced to leave Mecca after spending a long time there. He bid farewell to Mecca like a lover saying:" Were it not that my people drove me out from you, I would have never lived anywhere else."

Love of one's homeland must be reflected in our eagerness to serve it, to exert the utmost efforts to protect it and to participate actively in its development and prosperity.

20-The Family values.

All praise is for Allah. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone, who has no partner,

[And among His signs is this, that He created for you wives from among yourselves that you may find repose in them, and He has put between you affection and mercy. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who reflect]

And I testify that Muhammad is Allah's slave and messenger, peace and blessing upon our Prophet Muhammad and Upon his family and companions,

Oh Muslims: family is a very important part of a human life. Family members are not only parents and brothers but also grandfathers, uncles, aunts and whoever relates to them. Muslims should contact with their relatives and please them. Indeed, the more the family adheres to the approach of Allah, The happier the family will be.

Our messenger ordered his people to choose the wife who is religious who used to keep her worship in general the good wife can change into the best situation.

There is a big reward for the wife who used to keep herself, her husband, offering her worship. This reward is the paradise.

If anybody asks what the services are that wife can offer? The answers are:

- To obey her husband
- To take care of her children
- Planting good manners in her children
- To grow up the love of our homeland

“And live with them honorably; if you dislike them it may be that you dislike a thing through which Allah brings great deal of good”

Every family must be strong and must keep the manners inside this family

Our messenger used to help his family even he was very busy with his people, Aisha the mother of believers said: that our messenger used to help his family and used to serve them.

And one of the good manners that we must deal in the family is discussing fruitful opinions.

In our Islam husbands are ordered to be thankful for their wives and to deal honorably especially when the wife becomes very old and becomes in need.

Finally, we praise Allah, we seek his aid and we ask for his forgiveness.

21-Eid Fitr.

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar.

(Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great.)

Allah is Most Great as long as the dawn of Islam breaks and shines forth. Allah is Most Great as long as the month of fasting comes and goes. Allah is Most Great as long as the faster celebrates the completion of his fast and draws hope. Allah is Most Great, and all praise is much due to Allah, and Allah is Exalted eternally. Exalted is He Possessor of Glory and Limitless Oneness. Exalted is He Possessor of Dominion and Kingdom. Exalted is Allah the Eternal the Ever-Lasting, who does not alter nor change. Exalted is He whose signs are a testament to His existence, and whose evidences of His power and might speak of His sublime-ness. He is the One in His being, attributes and actions, nothing is of His like and He is the All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

And I bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone with no associate. By His praise righteous deeds are completed and through His remembrance blessings continue. And I bear witness that our Master Mohammed is the best who fasted for his Lord and stood in prayer. O Allah, praise, give peace to and bless our Master Mohammed for whom Allah chose the most noble of forefathers and the most chaste of mothers.

O Servants of Allah: This day of yours is a great day. Its bounty is plentiful. In it Allah overwhelms the fasters with their reward and magnifies the reward for them. In it the signs of mercy upon the servants of Allah unfold. In it the beggar is not turned away. Yet mercy on this day envelopes only those who have completed their fast, and giving the zakat cleanses the fast of sin. Congratulations to he who fasted Ramadan and stood in prayer, and breaks his fast on this great day with the halal.

O Muslims: This day of yours is a day of celebration and happiness, so spread the joy among your brothers and neighbors and be dutiful to your fathers and mothers that your children be dutiful to you. Be affectionate to your wives and children. Be the best of parents and the best of spouses, be the best of children and the best of siblings.

The Prophet may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him has said, The best of you is the best of you to his family and I am the best of you to his family. Be good on this day of yours to the poor and needy and stroke the heads of orphans who have lost their fathers and mothers.

Remember the saying of the Prophet may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him to the hard-hearted, Stroke the head of an orphan and your heart will become soft. This day of yours is a day of visiting and having mercy upon each other, so visit each other in it and have mercy upon one another, and be affectionate in it and shake hands, forget differences, forsake racism and set aside tribalism for it is rotten. Know that embracing and shaking hands remove rancor from the heart and revive in it the spirit of affection and love. Know that if two Muslims meet and shake hands they shall not part company until each washes clean the other of his sins. How in need we are brothers in Islam of the implementation of the divine legislation, and how in need we all are of bringing down the reward of Allah upon ourselves through our behavior. How happy is he who is light upon his brothers and soft.

O Muslims: The day of Eid Al-Fitr is the first day of celebration for the fasters, for you know that the faster has two celebrations that he celebrates, If he breaks his fast he celebrates the breaking of his fast and if he meets his Lord he celebrates his fast. For the like of this day let the workers work, and in that let the competitors compete. Do not forget the blessing of Allah upon you on this day in which you glorify your Allah for having guided you and thank him for having chosen you, for as of yesterday you have completed the worship of your fast. You thank your Lord on this day, yet know brothers in Islam that the Eid is not for he that wears something new; rather it is for he whose acts of obedience to his Lord are on the increase. The Eid is not for he that wears new clothes and his heart is hardened to his brother Muslim; the Eid is for whoever fears the Day of Judgment, the Eid is for whoever fears the grievances of the servants, the Eid is for whoever pardons mistakes and does good to he who treats him badly and makes amends among people.

Yes, you can wear new clothes but how good it would be if you adorned them with taqwa (fearful consciousness of Allah) for taqwa is the best provision and taqwa is the best clothing. The Most High said, And the clothing of taqwa, that is best. Yesterday you were among the fasters and today you are among the thankful. How good it is for the thankful to stock up with taqwa. The Most High said, And take your provisions for

the best provision is taqwa. Brothers in Islam: Spread the greeting of peace on this day, feed food and remind your children of the blessings of Allah. Raise them according to the teachings of Islam. Raise them with taqwa of Allah that they be the apple of your eye in this life and a source of security and happiness in the Afterlife. Know that your children copy you, so be the best example to them and the finest model. Omer Ibn AbdulAzeez the ascetic Khalifa saw one of his sons on the day of Eid wearing a tattered shirt. Omer cried. His son said to him, What makes you cry, my father? He said, I fear that your heart will break on the day of Eid if the children see you in your tattered clothes. He said, O Leader of the Believers, the heart breaks of one whom Allah denies His acceptance or casts aside his father or mother, and I hope that Allah accepts me through your acceptance of me. Omer may Allah be well pleased with him cried, embraced him and kissed him on his forehead and prayed for him, and he became the most ascetic person after him.

O Muslims: The predecessors used to consider every day that passes in obedience to Allah an Eid, and the best Eid for them is the moment of closeness to the Lord of the Worlds. One of them said:

Time is a funeral wake if you are absent, my hope And Eid is when you are visible and audible to me So fear Allah o Muslims and take glad tidings of the plentiful gifts of the Lord of the Earth and the Heavens. The Messenger of Allah may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him said, On the day of Eid Al-Fitr the Angels stand in the entryways of the streets and call out: Go hence O Muslims to a generous Lord who provides blessings then rewards them with plenty. You were ordered to stand in prayer during the night and you stood. You were ordered to fast during the day and you fasted. You obeyed your Lord so take your prizes. When they finish praying someone cries out: Your Lord has forgiven you. Return to your residences rightly-guided.

The Second Sermon Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar. (Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great.)

Allah is Most Great, and all praise is much due to Allah, and Allah is Exalted in the morning and the evening. And I bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone with no associate. He made the Eids days of love and kindness and being merciful and affectionate to each other. And I bear witness that our Master Mohammed is the servant of Allah and His Messenger, the best who greeted on the Eid and was greeted, and was happy with it and made others happy. O Allah, praise, give peace to and bless him and his family and companions.

O Servants of Allah: Glad tidings for you with the completion of the fast; with that

celebrate. Glad tidings to you of the intercession of the Koran; for that be thankful. Say with the bounty of Allah and His mercy, with that let them celebrate, it is better than what they gather.

Servants of Allah: Make much remembrance of Allah, thank Him and exalt Him in the morning and the evening, for He is the Lord of generosity and beneficence. Visit each other in this day of yours, have mercy upon each other and shake each others hands, for it has been narrated from the Messenger of Allah may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him that he said, There are no two Muslims that meet and shake hands but that they are forgiven before they part. And he said may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him, If two Muslims meet and one of them greets the other the most beloved of them to Allah is the one who is most welcoming of his companion. If they shake hands Allah sends down upon them a hundred mercies, to the one who held out his hand ninety and to the one who shook it ten. Be among those who travel on his example may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him. If one of you attends from one path let him return by another that the two paths might bear witness for him.

Servants of Allah: Honor is in obedience to your Lord, so be obedient and on this blessed day do many good deeds, for good deeds protect one from an evil end. Join with you in your celebration the poor and needy. And that which you put forth for yourselves you will find it with Allah better and greater in reward, and ask Allah for forgiveness. Allah is forgiving, merciful.

Say with me: Our Lord forgive us and our brothers who have preceded us in belief, and do not make in our hearts rancor for those who believe. Our Lord, you are gentle, merciful. Ask Allah with me to bring together the hearts of the believers and gather the Muslims and accept the repentant.

He is the best protector and the best supporter. Servants of Allah, Allah orders justice and doing good and giving to relatives and forbids indecency and the reprehensible and tyranny. He warns you that you might pay heed. May every year find you well. Peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings.

22-Self-examination.

All praise to Allah who made the confession of monotheism a protection and fortification for His servants. His is praise, blessing and dominion. And I bear witness that our Master and Prophet Mohammed is His servant and Messenger, who said, "The Hujjaj and "Ummar are the delegation of Allah. If they supplicate to Him He responds and if they ask Him for forgiveness He forgives them.

O Allah praise and give peace to our Master Mohammed, his family and pure, wise companions.

Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa (wariness) of Allah and obedience to Him. And I warn you and myself of rebellion against Him and disobeying His order

Muslims, Allah says " O you who believe! Remember Allah with much remembrance. And glorify His Praises morning and afternoon [the early morning (Fajr) and 'Asr prayers]" (33:41,41)

Allah says 'Those who follow the Messenger, the Prophet who can neither read nor write whom they find written with them in the Taurat (Torah) (and the Injeel), - he commands them for Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam has ordained); and forbids them from Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism of all kinds, and all that Islam has forbidden); he allows them as lawful At-Tayyibat (i.e. all good and lawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods), and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khaba'ith (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons and foods), he releases them from their heavy burdens (of Allah's Covenant with the children of Israel), and from the fetters (bindings) that were upon them. So those who believe in him, honor him, help him, and follow the light (the Quran) which has been sent down with him, it is they who will be successful.

Muslims, Allah has urged us to examine our selves. Allah says "you who believe! Fear Allah and keep your duty to Him. And let every person look to what he has sent forth for the morrow, and fear Allah. Verily, Allah is All-Aware of what you do." This verse is a proof that we should examine our selves. Therefore, Muslims, examine yourselves before you are being examined. In other verses Allah has sworn by selves as a proof of their importance. He mentioned them right with the day of resurrection. Allah says "I swear by the Day of Resurrection. And I swear by the self-reproaching person (a believer)."

Brother believers, faithful Muslims must always examine themselves in order to reach steadiness and rightfulness in obeying Allah in order to gain his satisfaction. With self examination, Muslims become aware of Allah's supervision and closeness. Allah says

" And indeed We have created man, and We know what his ownself whispers to him. And We are nearer to him than his jugular vein (by Our Knowledge)." Feeling Allah's supervision and closeness surely awakes the Muslim's consciousness.

Servants of Allah, remembering the day of resurrection help us to examine ourselves constantly. So Many Quranic verses have described the day of resurrection and its terrors. Allah says " And We shall set up balances of justice on the Day of Resurrection, then none will be dealt with unjustly in anything. And if there be the weight of a mustard seed, We will bring it. And Sufficient are We to take account." Therefore, those of us who neglect their prayers must pray and those who do not pay their alms should start doing so too. Allah says " And perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat), and give Zakat and whatever of good (deeds that Allah loves) you send forth for yourselves before you, you shall find it with Allah."

Brother believers, those who examine themselves are indeed the winners. Allah says " By Nafs (Adam or a person or a soul), and Him Who perfected him in proportion; Then He showed him what is wrong for him and what is right for him. Indeed he succeeds who purifies his ownself (i.e. obeys and performs all that Allah ordered, by following the true Faith of Islamic Monotheism and by doing righteous good deeds). And indeed he fails who corrupts his ownself (i.e. disobeys what Allah has ordered by rejecting the true Faith of Islamic Monotheism or by following polytheism or by doing every kind of evil wicked deeds)." Allah also says " But as for him who feared standing before his Lord, and restrained himself from impure evil desires and lusts. Verily, Paradise will be his abode."

I thank Allah for blessing us with Islam and his prophet. We ask Allah that we would all die as Muslims. We ask Allah to bestow on us the bounty of entering Paradise without torture.

I say this and ask Allah to forgive you and I.

23-The Sermon of Blessed Eid Al Adha.

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar
(Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest)

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar
(Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest)

Allah is Greatest as long as people are humbled before His Majesty. Allah is Greatest as long as people yield to His Glory. Allah is Greatest as long as hearts fear His sublimity. Allah is Greatest as long as a Muhrim makes the talbiya from Arafat and his sins and mistakes are forgiven. Allah is Greatest as long as Muslims draw closer to Allah through their sacrifices. Allah is Greatest as long as the pilgrims gather on the plain of Arafat and raise the slogan of unity and harmony.

Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is truly Greatest, and Allah is exalted in the morning and the afternoon. There is no god but Allah alone. He fulfilled His promise, supported His servant, strengthened His army, and defeated the Parties by Himself. There is no god but Allah and we worship none but He, sincerely devoted to Him even if the polytheists loathe it.

All praise is to Allah who alone coerces and compels, and who alone possesses life and perpetuity, who made joy the slogan of the merciful, and threatened to take revenge from the enemies. All praise to Allah who has perfected His religion, completed His blessing and accepted Islam for us as our religion. We praise Him Most High as befits His majesty and perfection.

We bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone without associate and we bear witness that our Prophet Mohammed is His servant and His Messenger. Allah revealed to him a clear book and guided him to a straight path, and removed with the light of the Book the confusion of the confused and guided them to the path of salvation from clear torment.

Allah bless, praise, and give peace to our Master Mohammed, his family and companions in the morning and the evening.

Muslims: We live now in the first hours of the blessed day of sacrifice, the day of the Greater Eid in which Muslims meet on the plains of love and brotherhood, exchanging words of affection and purity. Their ties strengthen and their brotherhood is reconfirmed. They praise Allah Almighty for the blessing of Islamic Law whose bond has joined them, mended between their hearts, and drawn them each to the other in belief and faith. Their analogy in their affection and mercy to each other is one of a single body or building.

Noble brothers, during the Eid the connection between a Muslim and his brother Muslim deepens. Eid is an opportunity to strengthen this bond with the parents, relatives, neighbors, friends, and even enemies to make amends and shake hands. In the hadith narrated by Al-Tabarani with a sound chain from the Prophet may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him he said, "If a Muslim meets his brother and takes him by the hand, their sins fall off of them, like leaves fall from a desiccated tree on a windy day." The sins they have committed go away.

This day is a memorable day, and this Eid a blessed Eid, the day of pilgrimage and sacrifice. It came to you in the wake of the pilgrims' performance of the rites of Hajj and Umra. Allah Most High ordained the day of the Greater Eid for sublime wisdoms. Allah perfected the religion of Islam on the day of Arafat and cut off the hopes of the polytheists. Allah Most High says, "Today the polytheists have despaired of your religion so don't fear them and fear me. Today I have perfected my religion for you and completed my blessing upon you and accepted Islam as a religion for you."

This Eid comes as thanks to Allah for this blessing. It is the greatest and most venerated Eid among the Muslims. In it, Allah has ordained takbeer (Allahu Akbar) from the dawn of the day of Eid to the last day of the days of tashreeq. For four days in succession, the pilgrims make takbeer in those lands, the echo rings in the horizon, and the Islamic world responds to that takbeer. For this reason, it is Sunnah to make takbeer during the Eid as they do and to sacrifice as they do.

So adorn your Eid with takbeer my beloved brothers and respond to your brothers the pilgrims of the Sacrosanct House of Allah whose emotions have met at the place of Revelation and the house of Prophecy. They recall the memory of the day of the Farewell Pilgrimage upon the ground of Arafat, when the Prophet left his commandments of equality and respect for human rights fourteen hundred years before modern international treaties confirmed them. All of you are from Adam and Adam is from dust. An Arab has no virtue over a non-Arab and a non-Arab has no virtue over an Arab except through piety. The Most High says, "The most honored among you with Allah is the most pious among you." Allah is All-knowing, Well-acquainted." Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar (Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest).

Beloved Brothers: We should know that slaughtering the sacrifices for Allah is among the greatest acts of worship and the biggest rites that the Wise Legislator has asked us to perform on this great day. It renews the Sunnah of the best of creation and reminds us of the sacrifice with which Allah favored the Intimate of the Rahman our Master Ibrahim and his son our Master Ismail may peace and blessings be upon them and upon our Prophet. The sacrifices have been a rite of Islamic worship and a slogan for the pristine nation since the mercy of Allah saved Ismail and ransomed him for a tremendous sacrifice. The sacrifice was an eloquent, practical lesson, a test of faith and an examination of willpower. Our Master Ibrahim the Intimate and his son our Master Ismail peace be upon them left this exam victorious. Ibrahim was sincere in faith and loyal to the Rahman. He was going to sacrifice his son in the cause of his Lord, his religion and his Creator. We ask Allah to grant him the greatest reward. Ismail followed the order of his Lord, submitted to the will of Allah Most High, and obeyed his father. What a great lesson it is, bearing profound meanings and tremendous secrets. It teaches us complete submission to the order of Allah Most High without hesitation or delay, and that contentment, tranquility and serenity accompany this submission. Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar (Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest).

Beloved brothers: The sacrifices are a sunnah muakkada (confirmed sunnah) in the opinion of the majority of scholars in accordance with the many hadiths. Imam Tirmidhi has narrated with a sound chain from Aisha may Allah be well pleased with her that the Prophet may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him said, "No person does anything on the day of sacrifice more beloved to Allah than the spilling of blood. It will come on the Day of Resurrection with its horns, hair and cloven feet, and the blood lands from Allah in a place of high standing before it falls on the ground, so be pleased with it." Al Bazzar narrated in his Musnad from Abu Saeed Al-Khudri may Allah be well pleased with him that he said, "The Messenger of Allah may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him said, "Fatima go to your sacrifice and witness it for with the first drop of blood that falls all your previous sins will be forgiven." Imam Al-Tabarani narrated from Al-Hasan Ibn Ali may Allah be well pleased with him that he said, "The Messenger of Allah may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him said, "Whoever sacrifices willfully desiring the reward for his sacrifice, it will be a veil for him from the Fire." A Muslim should choose the best sacrifice and it should be free of faults and damage. For this reason, a one eyed sacrifice that is clearly one-eyed, a sick animal that is clearly sick, a limping animal with a clear limp and a skinny animal that is emaciated with no meat on it are not acceptable. Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar (Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest).

Servants of Allah; We should take advantage of the days of Eid to do good works, acts of worship, visit relatives, honor our neighbors and lend a helping hand to our brothers in need. We should pay attention to our children to shelter them from faltering and bad company. I ask Allah to accept from you and me our good works and make us firm in

complete faith.

I say this word and ask Allah the Almighty for forgiveness for you and me.

24-Tolerance in Islam.

Praises be to Allah, Creator of the Universe, many, pure and blessed praises. I bear witness that there is god but Allah, the One God Who Has no partner. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant and messenger of Allah. May Allah have His peace and blessings upon our Master Muhammad, His family (His Ahl Al-Bayt), His chosen Companions and all those who will follow their righteous path till the Day of Judgment.

Dear Muslims:

I call on myself first and all of you to be God-fearing and pious. I also urge you to obey Him, the Almighty, Who says: **"O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger (peace be upon him), has indeed attained a great achievement." (33:70-71).**

O servants of Allah:

Allah has chosen man, has favored him and has fully endowed him. He has sent down to him Messengers and Holy Books. He also set rules and commands. Allah, the Almighty, says: **"And indeed We have honored the Children of Adam. And we Have carried them on land and sea, and have given them for sustenance good and pure things, and conferred on them special favors, above a great part of those We have created."(17:70).**

Islam was sent down as mercy and guidance to mankind. In a world that has become smaller and interdependent, in a world seeking peace and stability, mankind are in crucial need, now more than ever, to learn the true principles and

essence of Islam and the life of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). His Noble Sirah represents the best practical model of coexistence in society and amongst different communities on the basis of fraternity and righteous cooperation. Islam asserts and recognizes diversity and multiplicity as part of the Divine intention and purpose in creation. Allah says in the Holy Quran: **“And if Allah had so willed. He could surely have made mankind one nation, but they will not cease to disagree. Except him on whom Allah has bestowed His mercy and for that did He create them.”(11:118-119).**

Islam has laid the foundations of peaceful coexistence in society and even in the world at large. Islam calls for peaceful cooperation which leads to a better life for everyone. When Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was exhorting Muslims to support the newly established Muslim community in Medina, He signed the Constitution that embodied the Islamic principle of reaching contractual peaceful coexistence with adherents of other religions. Based on the Islamic principles, Muslims all over the world live in peace in diverse societies irrespective of differences in religion, race or culture.

Dear servants of Allah:

Islam prohibits any form of coerced (forced) conversion to Islam. Indeed, Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Quran: “There is no compulsion in religion” Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) called for Islam with gentle approach and wisdom. “It is reported from Abu Huraira that the Prophet, may Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, sent riders towards Najd. They brought a man of the bani Hanifa, whose name was Thumama ibn Uthal, and tied him to one of the pillars of the mosque. Then the Holy Prophet came out to him and asked him three times to cover. When the man refused, the Prophet asked them to let him go. The man went to a date tree close to the mosque, had a bath and came back and said: “I testify that there is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is His Messenger.”

Islamic teachings call for Muslims to respect and cooperate with people from all walks of life regardless of difference in religion. Islam stands firm for the principle of non-coercion. It even emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents irrespective of their faith. Asma' bint (daughter) of Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with them, said:"My mother came to visit me at the time of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and she was a nonbeliever. I inquired from the Prophet (peace be upon him) who said:"Continue to do good to your non-believing mother."

Islam stands firm for justice in society. The reluctance of some people to convert to Islam should not be by any means a pretext to assault or hurt them or forgo their rights. Allah, the Almighty, says in the Holy Quran:"**Let not the hatred of others to you make you swerve to wrong and depart from justice. Be just: that is next to piety: and fear God.**"(5:8).

Muslims must keep and honor their treaties, covenants or agreements...because disloyalty and betrayal are two abhorred attributes in Islam.

We ask Allah, the Almighty, to help us obey Him and obey those He has ordained us to obey. Allah says in the Holy Quran:"O you who believe! Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger and those charged with authority among you."(4:59).

Second Sermon

Praises to Allah, Creator of the Heavens and the Earth. I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah, the One God who Has no partner. I also bear witness that our master Muhammad, may Allah have His peace and blessings upon Him. His family, His companions and all those who will follow their righteous path till the Day of Judgment.

Dear Muslims:

The Ministry of Environment and Water in collaboration with the Environment Agency in Abu Dhabi has launched a campaign to save the desert. "The Desert Thrives with Life" is the slogan of this campaign. Indeed, the UAE desert teems

with various species of animals and birds and growing flora , oasis and natural resources. The UAE government has been keen to preserve this desert. To this end, it has designed 19 nature reserves to protect the species on the brink of extinction or are in serious danger. The Ministry of Environment and Water calls on all of you to share the responsibility of protecting our natural resources and our environment in the present time and for future generations. Cooperation in righteousness and goodness is commanded by Allah, the Almighty, who says:” Help you one another in righteousness and piety.”(5:2).

25-Repentance.

All glory for Allah who bestows the gifts and who loves everybody returns to him. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone, who has no partner

قال تعالى: وَتُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ جَمِيعاً أَيُّهَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

And all of you beg Allah to forgive you all, o believers that you may be successful. (24:31) And I bear witness that Mohammed is his slave and his messenger who said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ تُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ فَإِنِّي أَتُوبُ فِي الْيَوْمِ إِلَيْهِ مِائَةَ مَرَّةٍ

O, humans beg Allah to forgive you sure I beg Allah to forgive me one hundred times.

O, slaves of Allah I advise you to be fear from Allah.

قال تعالى : وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجاً* وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ

And who ever fears Allah and keeps his duty to him, He will make him get out from every difficulty and he will provide him from "sources" he never could imagine. (65:2,3) O, faith Allah ordered us to make remorse and repentances after any sin if it is big or small, because our messenger informed that the best sinner is who beg Allah for repentance all the time.

قال ﷺ كُلُّ ابْنِ آدَمَ خَطَّاءٌ، وَخَيْرُ الْخَطَّائِينَ التَّوَّابُونَ

All the humans are able to commit the sin but the best of them who always make repentance. And because now a day we are about to reach month of Ramadan the month of forgiveness and because it is a time for every Muslim to begin new competition for the goodness and every one must return back to the lord and repeat what he missed last time and to be sincerely in the future. So we must prepare ourselves accept the good reward and gifts from Allah in this month.

قال تعالى : وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا فَعَلُوا فَاحِشَةً أَوْ ظَلَمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ ذَكَرُوا اللَّهَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا لِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَمَنْ يَغْفِرُ اللَّهُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

And those who when they have committed "Fahishah" or wronged themselves with evil, remember Allah and ask forgiveness for their sin and none can forgive sins but Allah. (3:135) Our messenger mentioned that Allah accept his slave when he returns to hem and makes repentance Allah will be happy from him. O slaves there are many conditions for the accepted repentance.

1st. To be sorrow about the last sin.

2nd. Must use the health and the wealth for thanking Allah, adding for that he must deal in goodness with the old and the young people and repeat what he had missed, as player fasting or paying Zakat.

O, Muslims we must know that the gates of the heavens are opened ,and the hand of our lord is spread to accept the slaves.

قال ﷺ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يَبْسُطُ يَدَهُ بِاللَّيْلِ لِيَتُوبَ مُسِيءُ النَّهَارِ، وَيَبْسُطُ يَدَهُ بِالنَّهَارِ لِيَتُوبَ مُسِيءُ اللَّيْلِ

Our messenger said: Allah with his glory spread his hand at night for the sinner at the day time in order to repent.

O slaves of Allah we must renew our repentance even when we repeat the sin, and leave the bad because it is very near to us the mercy of Allah, and we must thank Allah who hidden the sin, so for that we mustn't talk about the sin among the public.

O Allah help us for sincerely repentance and accept us to do the goodness for ever and to obey our lord and to obey whom we order to obey.

26-The Importance of Dialogue.

All Praise be to Allah, Creator of the Heavens and the Earth. I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant and messenger of Allah. May Allah have peace and blessings upon Him, His family (or Ahl Al-Bayt), His chosen Companions and those who will follow their way until the Last Day.

O Servants of Allah,

I call upon myself first and all of you to fear Allah, The Almighty, I also urge you to obey Him as Allah says in the Holy Quran **“O you who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feared, and die not except in a state of Islam.” (Al-Imran:102).**

O Muslims,

The Holy Quran and the Hadith of the prophet abounds with examples and parables emphasizing the importance of dialogue in human's life. They also teach us to be good and attentive listeners. Indeed, engaging in dialogue was embodied in the Holy Quran's

story of creation when the angels asked Allah": **Behold, Allah said to angels:" I will place generations after generations on earth. "They said: "Will You place therein one who will make mischief therein and shed blood? –whilst we glorify You with praises and thanks and sanctify You? He (Allah) said:" I know what you know not."**(Al-Baqarah:30). The angels consented to the Divine command: **"So the angels prostrated, all of them together. Except Satan – he refused to be among the prostrators."**(Al-Hijr:31-32). Allah, the Almighty, inquired from Satan about the reason for his disobedience. Allah says:"**Allah said: O Satan! What is your reason for not being among the prostrators. Satan said:"I am not the one to prostrate to a human being, whom You created from dried clay, from mud molded into shape."**(Al-Hijr:32-33).

It is such a great lesson epitomizing (emphasizing) the importance of dialogue in our life. We also learn how to be good listeners, even to those we believe to be wrong.

O Believers,

Prophets Noah, Hud, Abraham, Shu'aib and Moses, may Allah have peace upon them, did engage in dialogue with their peoples and the Holy Quran recounts their dialogues.

O Muslims,

One of the parables in the Holy Quran addresses the life of two different men. Allah bestowed his blessings upon one of them with two marvelous gardens abounding with all kinds of fruits. He became so arrogant and forgot that what he had was from Allah and denied the Day of Judgment. Despite that, his believing companion was following the ethics of disagreement in Islam and was advising him kindly. Allah, The Exalted, says:"**His companion said to him, in the course of argument with him:"Do you deny Him Who created you out of dust, then out of a sperm-drop."**(Al-Kahf:37).The parable ends with the man's repentance, as Allah, Almighty recounts what he said:" **Woe is me! Would I had never ascribed partners to Allah."**(Al-Kahf:42).

This successful dialogue stresses the importance of the ethics of dialogue and kind persuasion in Islam.

O Believers,

The vital role of dialogue in our life must be taught (conveyed) to our children. It is essential in all frameworks of interpersonal communications between husband and wife, between fathers and children, and between teachers and students. In the life of the Prophet (pbuh), there is a viable example of dialogue with children. Ibn Abbas, may Allah be pleased with them, said: "Milk was brought to the Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him). On his right was Ibn Abbas who was a little boy and on his left Khalid bin Al-Waleed. He said to the boy: If you permit, I shall give Khaled first." The boy said: "I do not want to let anyone have my share of what is left from your lips." Ibn Abbas had milk first then Khalid." This dialogue addresses the need to respect our kids' feelings and to listen to their opinions.

O Muslims,

For a dialogue to succeed, we must not indulge in argumentation about matters of which we have no knowledge, no evidence and no proof as Allah, the Almighty, says: **"Yet of mankind is he who disputes about Allah without knowledge or guidance or a book to enlighten them." (Luqman:20).**

If one is clear about the purpose of the dialogue, then it is necessary to resort to wisdom and the best persuasion methods and techniques.

Dialogue requires respecting the other part, exerting patience with him and avoiding interruption when he/she is defending a vision, opinion or idea. We must have good faith in the other party, and avoid useless argumentation leading to hostility. The Prophet of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "The most detestable man to Allah is the hostile one."

I urge you all to resort to purposeful dialogue in resolving all your problems and issues.

We ask Allah, the Almighty, to help us obey Him and those He has commanded us to obey in the Holy Quran: "O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger (peace be upon him) and those of you (Muslims) who are in authority." (An-Nisa:59).

May Allah help us be of the people of the Holy Quran and of the followers of the path of the Noble Prophet (peace be upon him) .

Second Sermon

Praises be to Allah, Creator of the Heavens and the Earth. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, the only true God, The Exalted and the Glorious. I also bear witness that our master Mohammad, Allah's servant and messenger, is the master of mankind, may Allah have blessings and peace upon Him, His family (or Ahl Al-Bayt), His companions and those who will follow their blessed path until the Day of Judgment

Dear servants of Allah,

I urge you first to fear and obey Allah. The Holy Quran approach to dialogue stresses that one of its goals is to instill positive changes or to correct misconceptions. Further, dialogue could lead to effective solutions to human issues hence creating a more coherent society. Through deep listening with compassion and positive dialogue, a stronger family unit may be built, friends may be united. Through acceptance and respect of differences, coexistence and tolerance may keep society in peace. Therefore, dialogue leads to achieving high human and ethical values.

27-Mohammed the Greatest of All.

All praise to Allah who made the confession of monotheism a protection and fortification for His servants. His is praise, blessing and dominion.

O Allah praise and give peace to our Master Mohammed, his family and pure, righteous companions.

Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa (wariness) of Allah and obedience to Him. And I warn you and myself of rebellion against Him and disobeying His order. There are many significant features for this day.

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Muslims, Allah has grant us with the greatest blessing, which is our Master Mohammed may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him. Allah says "Indeed Allah conferred a great favor on the believers when He sent among them a Messenger from among themselves, reciting unto them His Verses (the Quran), and purifying them (from sins by their following him), and instructing them (in) the Book (the Quran) and Al-Hikmah [the wisdom and the Sunnah of the Prophet (i.e. his legal ways, statements, acts of worship)], while before that they had been in manifest error."

prophet Mohammed wasn't only merciful with his companions but also with Jewish and Christians. For example : he has a Jewish neighbor who used to harm him daily by putting the dirt he sweeps in front of prophet Mohammed's house . Prophet Mohammed used to take the dirt and throw it away . until one day the prophet Mohammed didn't find the trash so he asked about his Jewish neighbor who was sick . He went to pay him a visit. The Jewish was surprised from this visit. He realized then that prophet Mohammed is right and he showed witness for Islam.

prophet Mohammed is kind towards all people. He was merciful with his enemies and friends. His heart was filled with mercy and kindness. Nonbelievers harmed him by all means but he faced all of this by mercy and kindness . he made his efforts to guide them toward the right path.

The Messenger was a bless and his message to humanity was mercy. Allah Almighty

says "And We have sent you (O Mohammad): not but as a mercy for the 'Alamin (mankind, jinn and all that exists)."

His mercy over believers is shown through the love Muslims have for each other. They lived as brothers and helped each other. Allah says "severe against disbelievers, and merciful among themselves."

His mercy over nonbelievers lived in peace among believers.

It is not a wonder that animals were also blessed with the kindness of prophet Mohammed. He used to prevent any harm done to animals or humans. He used to warn owners against extra loading for animals or poor feeding them and killing without kindness.

Plants were blessed to. Our master Mohammed said "He who cuts a tree, Allah puts his head in fire." Which means that who cuts a tree and people can't hide in its shadow is punished in hell.

This shows us that our Master Mohammed was sent to us as a blessing and a mercy and that is why we should follow his path and behave like him. We must also do everything he had asked us to do.

I say this and Ask Allah to forgive you and I.

28-Interest in Science and Education.

All praise is for Allah who created the people and taught them how to talk. I bear witness that Mohammed is his slave and messenger.

Our Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "Allah, His angels, the people of the heavens and the earth, even the ant in its hole and the whale in the sea invoke Allah's blessings upon those who teaches people what is good. "

May Allah bless our messenger and his follower until the Hereafter. O Muslims I advise you to fear from Allah as He said:

" وَأَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ "

[Fear from Allah and Allah teaches you. And Allah is the all knower of everything.]
(2:282)

O slaves of Allah, our Lord created the human and preferred them, He gave them the effort to learn and ordered them to read and learn. Allah said:

" اِقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ * الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ * عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ "

[Read! and your Lord is the most generous, Who has taught the (the writing) by the pen, He has taught man that which he know not] (96:5)

Allah provides His messengers with the knowledge they need to teach their people. Prophet Ibrahim (peace been upon him) said to his father that he has received more knowledge than him and because of that he had to follow him.

O Muslims, our messenger (peace be upon him) was the best teacher and he used to pay attention for the kids' learning. Moreover, He (peace be upon him) used to hold special meetings for the women to teach them, these meetings had special days and special places.

In the shadow of these high manners, Muslims reached high positions in the scientific civilization. For instance, the scientist Ibn Sina innovated in surgery, Bayroni in math, Jaber Ben Hayan in chemistry, Ibn Khaldon in history, and Abas Ibn Fernas in flying trials.

Furthermore, Muslim scholars excelled in Islamic sharia. Many of them studied and shined in the Hadeeth and Fiqh science. Some of these scholars are Abu Haneefa, Malik Bin Anas, Al Shafee, Ahmad Bin Hambal, Bukhari, Muslim, Qurtubi, and Ibn Katheer.

O Muslims, our wise government made a considerable effort for this field of education. They established schools and universities that provide the generations with the latest knowledge and experience.

In these days, as we are stepping on the threshold of a new academic year, we pray Allah to help and open the doors of success for all of the student and the teachers as well. We exploit this event to remind the parents of the importance of their support to their children and the effectiveness of their communication with the schools and teachers.

It's important to teach our children the Islamic Etiquette in the schools. They need to behave politely, work hard in seeking knowledge and please their parents with their success. These manners are part of our history since Ibn Abbas (may Allah bless him) said to Zayd while walking beside him: " we are ordered to behave in honor with our scholars".

29-Virtues of the Holy Quran.

Praise be to Allah Who has created Time and has made some times better than others, some months and days and nights better than others, when rewards are multiplied many times, as a mercy towards His slaves.

This encourages them to do more righteous deeds and makes them more eager to worship Him, so that the Muslim renews his efforts to gain a greater share of reward, prepare himself for death and supply himself in readiness for the Day of Judgment.

Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa (wariness) of Allah and obedience to Him. And I warn you and myself of rebellion against Him and disobeying His order. There are many significant features for this day.

Allah says "All praise to Allah who made the confession of monotheism a protection and fortification for His servants.

His is praise, blessing and dominion. Allah has promised those who obey him to be rewarded by going to heaven. Allah almighty says "And thus We have sent to you (O Mohammad) Ruh (a Revelation, and a Mercy) of Our Command.

You knew not what is the Book, nor what is Faith? But We have made it (this Quran) a light wherewith We guide whosoever of Our slaves We will. And verily, you (O Mohammad) are indeed guiding (mankind) to the Straight Path (i.e. Allah's Religion of Islamic Monotheism)." Those who want to be true believers and obey

Allah must learn the Holy Quran and follow the instructions of our Master Mohammed may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him "The best of you are those who learn and teach the Holy Quran." Muslims, reciting the Holy Quran is a one of the greatest ways the brings a person closer to his creator (Allah Almighty) it strengthens faith in the hearts of believers.

Allah says " Verily, those who recite the Book of Allah (this Quran), and perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat), and spend (in charity) out of what We have provided for them, secretly and openly, they hope for a (sure) trade-gain that will never perish.

That He may pay them their wages in full, and give them (even) more, out of His Grace. Verily He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Ready to appreciate (good deeds and to recompense)." The Messenger of Allah may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him said "No people gather in one of the houses of Allah,

reciting the Book of Allah and studying it together, but tranquility descends upon them and mercy encompasses them, and the angels surround them, and Allah mentions them to those who are with Him." Muslims, Quran recitation is a good-deed.

It brings a feeling of purity to the Muslim heart. It lightens the hearts of genuine believers, because Quran recitation is mercy and the right path to faith. Reciting the Holy Quran is a way to help Muslims rise in heaven.

The more they recite in heaven, the higher their rank becomes. Quran also protects Muslims from Satan and paranoia. Reciting the Holy Quran protects Muslims from evil.

Angels descend from the heavens to listen to those who recite the Holy Quran. That is why Muslims must always fear Allah and recite the Holy Quran to be closer to their creator. It is a way to live in peace and avoid sadness.

I say this and ask Allah to forgive you and I.

30-Muslim Women.

All praise to Allah who made the confession of monotheism a protection and fortification for His servants. His is praise, blessing and dominion. And I bear witness that our Master and Prophet Mohammed is His servant and Messenger, who said, "The Hujjaj and "Ummar are the delegation of Allah. If they supplicate to Him He responds and if they ask Him for forgiveness He forgives them."

O Allah praise and give peace to our Master Mohammed, his family and pure, wise companions.

Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa (wariness) of Allah and obedience to Him. And I warn you and myself of rebellion against Him and disobeying His order

Muslims, Allah says " O you who believe! Remember Allah with much remembrance. And glorify His Praises morning and afternoon [the early morning (Fajr) and 'Asr prayers]" (33:41,42)

Allah says 'Those who follow the Messenger, the Prophet who can neither read nor write whom they find written with them in the Taurat (Torah) (and the Injeel), - he commands them for Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam has ordained); and forbids them from Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism of all kinds, and all that Islam has forbidden); he allows them as lawful At-Tayyibat (i.e. all good and lawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods), and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khaba'ith (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons and foods), he releases them from their heavy burdens (of Allah's Covenant with the children of Israel), and from the fetters (bindings) that were upon them. So those who believe in him, honor him, help him, and follow the light (the Quran) which has been sent down with him, it is they who will be successful.

Allah says "Verily, the Muslims (those who submit to Allah in Islam) men and women, the believers men and women (who believe in Islamic Monotheism), the men and the women who are obedient (to Allah), the men and women who are truthful (in their speech and deeds), the men and the women who are patient (in performing all the

duties which Allah has ordered and in abstaining from all that Allah has forbidden), the men and the women who are humble (before their Lord - Allah), the men and the women who give Sadaqat (i.e. Zakat, and alms), the men and the women who observe Saum (fast) (the obligatory fasting during the month of Ramadan, and the optional Nawafil fasting), the men and the women who guard their chastity (from illegal sexual acts) and the men and the women who remember Allah much with their hearts and tongues Allah has prepared for them forgiveness and a great reward (i.e. Paradise)." In this verse, Allah tells us that women have all the good qualities Allah has praised in a servant.

Brother Muslims, There are many evidence in the Holy Book that proves that Islam cares for women and considers them an important part of the Muslim society. Allah has given women substantial, moral, literal and intellectual rights. He banned taking any of her rights and banned hurting her in any way. Allah says "these are the limits (set by Allah (or ordainments as regards laws of inheritance), and whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger will be admitted to Gardens under which rivers flow (in Paradise), to abide therein, and that will be the great success. And whosoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger, and transgresses His limits, He will cast him into the Fire, to abide therein; and he shall have a disgraceful torment."

Muslims, those who read the Holy book realize that no legislation has given women such freedom and care. It has given her a status that is fit for her femininity and skills. Islam has brought justice to all Muslims and everyone in the Muslim society.

You must all know that the responsibility given to men was given to them because there are certain responsibilities are hard for women to endure.

Allah has explained this in the Holy Book by saying "Men are the protectors and maintainers of women, because Allah has made one of them to excel the other, and because they spend (to support them) from their means. Therefore the righteous women are devoutly obedient (to Allah and to their husbands)."

Servants of Allah, our Master Mohammed had given women a great status. Those who see the difference between the time of the messenger and the ages before that could notices the dramatic changes that occur. Through the legislations of Islam, The rights of

women were preserved and they have gained dignity and freedom they did not possess before.

Brother believers, in the farewell pilgrim the messenger of Allah may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him had advised us to take care of our women and never hurt them. That is what we all should do.

I say this and ask Allah to forgive you and I.

31-Glorified be you, o Allah.

The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, the Lord of all the Worlds: Whatever is in the heavens and earth is exalting Him. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise. And I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, who has no partners. And I testify that our Sayyid and Prophet Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger. The leader of those who remember Allah, the exemplar of those who praise Allah. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon our Sayyid, our Messenger, Muhammad and upon his family and companions, all of them. And upon whomever follows their way of guidance till the Last Day.

To continue:

of Taqwa. I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the enjoining

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَفُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

O you who have believed, fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice.

O Muslims:

The Lord, Most High, mentioning His esteemed essence says: تُسَبِّحُ لَهُ السَّمَوَاتُ السَّبْعُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ

The seven heavens and the earth and whatever is in them exalt Him.

In other words: The heavens and earth, and everything in them of creation, glorifies Allah. We esteem His transcendence, glorify Him, honor Him and praise Him. So there is in saying 'Subhan Allah', praising Allah as the possessor of perfection, and esteeming His magnificence, glorifying and venerating Him. And praising him, with what He is deserving of from the greatest of attributes. Indeed glorifying Allah by saying 'Subhan Allah' is from the easiest forms of worship and the most honorable of worship, being the greatest of devotion. The Messenger of Allah said: كَلِمَتَانِ خَفِيفَتَانِ عَلَى اللِّسَانِ، ثَقِيلَتَانِ فِي الْمِيزَانِ، حَبِيبَتَانِ إِلَى الرَّحْمَنِ: سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ، سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ

There are two expressions which are very easy for the tongue to say, but they are very heavy on the scale and very dear to The Beneficent (Al Rahman): ‘Subhan Allah wa bi Hamdihi’ and ‘Subhan Allah Al-Azim’

So ‘Subhan Allah’ is a word that is beloved to Allah which He has made pleasing to Himself, and most beloved of things to say. The Messenger of Allah said:

إِنَّ أَحَبَّ الْكَلَامِ إِلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ يَقُولَ الْعَبْدُ: سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ، وَتَبَارَكَ اسْمُكَ، وَتَعَالَى جَدُّكَ، وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ

Indeed the words most beloved to Allah are : ‘Subhanaka Allahumma wa bi hamdika’ (Glorified be Allah and to Him be praise), ‘Tabaraka ismaka’ (Blessed be your name), Exalted is Your Majesty and there is nothing of worship besides You.

The meaning of ‘Subhanaka Allahumma’ is: I call upon you in intimate communion O Allah with a communion that is full of love and praise, and glorifying Him as well as esteeming His transcendence. This is the affair of the entire universe and all of creation. For indeed all of it glorifies Allah with praise and honor him. As Allah says:

وَأِنْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا يُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِهِ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَفْقَهُونَ تَسْبِيحَهُمْ

And there is not a thing except that it exalts [Allah] by His praise, but you do not understand their [way of] exalting.

So from them are the honorable angels; having been made to realize the great rank of their Creator. And the greatness of their sustainer, so they glorify Him with His praise, acknowledging His knowledge. Accepting of His wisdom in His creation, saying:

سُبْحَانَكَ لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا إِلَّا مَا عَلَّمْتَنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ.

Exalted are You; we have no knowledge except what You have taught us. Indeed, it is You who is the Knowing, the Wise.

Second Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. We praise Him, with the praise of those who make much remembrance of Him. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing partner in that One-ness. I bear witness that our Sayyid, Muhammad, is the perfect embodiment of servanthood towards Allah and is His Messenger. O Allah: We ask you to bestow Your peace and blessings upon our Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad and upon his family and all of his companions. And whomsoever follows them and seeks to emulate them in the best of ways till the Last Day.

I counsel you, O servants of Allah, and myself, to adhere to the taqwa of Allah (glorified be He).

O Worshippers: Indeed the believer ends his gatherings with the words: سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ، سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

Glorified be Allah and to Him be praise, Glorified be You, O Allah, and to You be praise. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except You, I seek Your forgiveness and turn to You in repentance.

The Messenger of Allah said:

مَنْ قَالَهَا فِي مَجْلِسٍ ذَكَرٍ؛ كَانَتْ كَالطَّابَعِ يُطْبَعُ عَلَيْهِ، وَمَنْ قَالَهَا فِي مَجْلِسٍ لَعْوٍ؛ كَانَتْ كَقَارَةٍ لَهُ

Someone who says this in an assembly held for the remembrance of Allah will find the saying seals [the gathering] just as a document is stamped with a seal. And whoever says them in a frivolous and empty gathering shall find the saying becomes an expiation for them [for the empty talk]

In another narration it is stated:

غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا كَانَ فِي ذَلِكَ الْمَجْلِسِ

He will be forgiven for whatever was in that gathering.

So what is greater than these words, by which Allah raises people unto elevated stations and ranks. And which in turn are an expiation for shortcomings and sins. So let us in turn be avid in doing tasbih of Allah in all of our times, and let us teach our children in turn.

32-Teaching our children.

The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, Lord of all existence. Who has blessed us with the blessing of children, both boys and girls. I bear witness there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no partner in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. I advise you and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, for Allah has said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ

[Quran: Indeed, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who are doers of good.

16:128]

O Believers: Allah says:

وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ بَنِينَ وَحَفَدَةً

And Allah has made for you from yourselves mates and has made for you from your mates children and grandchildren [Quran: 16:72]

So children and grandchildren are blessings that require gratitude towards Allah. They are a gift that requires that they be raised in the best way. They are a trust that are to be

protected and preserved, as the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَأَلُ كُلَّ رَاعٍ عَمَّا اسْتَرْعَاهُ؛ حَتَّى يَسْأَلَ الرَّجُلَ عَنْ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ

Indeed, Allah will question every shepherd concerning their flock, He will even ask a man about the people of his house. [Ibn Hibban]

Sayyidina Umar bin Khattab once said to a man: "You are accountable concerning your son, so what did you teach him?" So from the responsibilities of parents is that they take time out to teach their children, to sit with them, to listen to what they have to say and to support them with wisdom, being kind and caring in providing them guidance. For the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) used to invest his time and sit with children in educating them, strengthening their resolve and hearts, as he is reported to have said to Ibn Abbas: يَا غُلَامُ إِنِّي أَعَلِّمُكَ كَلِمَاتٍ، أَحْفَظِ اللَّهَ يَحْفَظْكَ، أَحْفَظِ اللَّهَ تَجِدْهُ تُجَاهَكَ

O boy! I will instruct you in some matters. Be watchful of Allah (Commandments of Allah), He will preserve you. Safeguard His Rights, He will be ever with you.

[Tirmidhi]

So there is a great need for us to instill these great meanings of Prophetic advice into the hearts of our children. This is so that they can act thereby in all affairs of their lives. Nowadays this advice is particularly needed because of the nature of modern technology, so when our children are with their devices, they should be conscious of Allah's watching over them, and use these instruments in a manner that their Lord is pleased. We and they should be conscious of the saying of their Lord:

إِنَّ السَّمْعَ وَالْبَصَرَ وَالْفُؤَادَ كُلُّ أُولَئِكَ كَانَ عَنْهُ مَسْئُولًا

Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart - about all those [one] will be questioned.

[Quran: 17:36]

So from the most important principles of education is to instill into our children positive characteristics with regards to the use of the internet. This is so that they can get positive benefits and be protected from the dangers. So O Allah bless our children, and protect them from harms.

I say this, and seek your forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness, indeed He is the most forgiving, most merciful.

The Second Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, the uniquely One, and peace and blessings upon the Prophet after whom there is no other, and upon his companions and those that follow him.

O Believers: From the responsibilities of parents is that they teach their children to hold onto their religious education, and exalted human morals, and good habits and societal manners. They should have a love of their homeland, and should guard and not waste their time through improper and excessive use of the internet and devices. This includes not wasting time on social media, but to instead use the internet for beneficial research

and studies, and to strive to use their time for achieving positive goals. They should aim high and have great goals, and work diligently to bring these goals to fruition, for there is no limit to their potential. And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon the best of those who had a good opinion of Allah, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. May Allah send His peace and blessings upon him, upon his family, his companions, all of them.

O Allah make us from those who raise and educate their children well, for they have been placed as a trust in our care. O Allah we ask You to raise from and remove from the entire world this plague, You are the one who answers the supplications of the distressed.

33-Communicating with our relatives.

The First Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, the possessor of honour and majesty. Who has encouraged us to communicate with our relatives. I bear witness there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no partner in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. Who has made communication with relatives a sign of our faith itself, as the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) is reported to have said:

مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ؛ فَلْيَصِلْ رَحِمَهُ

Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, then let him connect with his relatives. [Bukhari]

O Allah send your peace, blessings and grace upon our Sayyid, our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) and upon all his family, companions and those who follow them. I advise myself and advise you with the Taqwa of Allah, as Allah says:

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ

And fear Allah, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs (you are connected to). [Qur'ān:3:1]

O You who believe: A man asked the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): “Which of the deeds are most beloved to Allah? The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: Faith in Allah. So the man said: O Messenger of Allah, then what? The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: “Then, connecting yourself to your relatives”.

This connection entails communicating with them, asking about them. For the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) used the word *Silah* which includes all the means of

communication and connection with relatives. Using whatever the means are at our disposal, including modern means of technology. We should communicate for the purposes of bringing peace and contentment to their hearts, in expressing sympathy and giving them comfort, providing relief for their pain. This includes supplicating for a cure for their sicknesses, and at the very least to extend salaams to them, which in itself is a supplication for their peace. For the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) is reported to have said: **بَلُّوا أَرْحَامَكُمْ وَلَوْ بِالسَّلَامِ**

Connect with your relatives even if it with Salaams

In other words connect with them, even if it is with simply conveying salaams. For all of this enables the family bond to grow stronger, and solidifies community cohesion. So there is responsibility on fathers and mothers to make their daughters and sons know about the rights and responsibilities of kinship, and to urge them to pray; for that is their responsibility. The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

«تَعَلَّمُوا مِنْ أُنْسَابِكُمْ مَا تَصِلُونَ بِهِ أَرْحَامَكُمْ»

Learn enough about your lineage to facilitate keeping your ties of kinship. [Tirmidhī]

So O Allah, make us of those who connect our relatives together, and who are able to persist in joining hearts, through Your grace, O most noble of the noble.

I say this, and seek your forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness, indeed He is the most forgiving, most merciful.

Second Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, the One. And may peace and blessings be upon our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, and upon all those who follow his guidance afterwards.

O Believers: The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) gave good tidings to those who connect with their relatives, he mentioned that they would have grace (barakah) in their lives through an increase in life expectancy, and have proficiency in their sustenance. So he said: **مَنْ سَرَّهُ أَنْ يُبْسَطَ لَهُ فِي رِزْقِهِ، أَوْ يُنْسَأَ لَهُ فِي أَثَرِهِ؛ فَلْيَصِلْ رَجْمَهُ**

He who is desirous that his means of sustenance should be expanded for him or his age may be lengthened, should join the ties of relationship. [Bukhari and Muslim]

The above is only the benefits they would attain unto in this world, as for in the next life, they would attain therein Paradise itself. So it is narrated on the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) who says that he said: “O Messenger of Allah, inform me of a matter that if I do, I can enter Paradise thereby, so he gave some immense advice saying: **وَصِلِ الْأَرْحَامَ**

Join the ties of kinship [Ahmad]

So let us be avid in joining the ties with our relatives and relations. Whether this is through the means of technology or otherwise, but let us be careful and minimize physical interactions except when there is necessity. We should all be conscious of the precautionary guidelines concerning social visitation that have been issued by the

relevant authorities, as these guidelines have been issued for the purposes of our welfare and to protect our health, as well as the health and wellbeing of our relatives.

With this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon the best of those who had a good opinion of Allah, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. May Allah send His peace and blessings upon him, upon his family, his companions, all of them. O Allah we ask you that You always make us of those who join between hearts and ties of kinship, that You increase us in love. Make us of those who connect and not those who separate.

O Allah we ask You to raise from and remove from the entire world this plague, You are the one who answers the supplications of the distressed.

34-The Ending of surah Al-Baqarah.

The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah who has made the Prophets brothers and sent them to humanity as an example. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the uniquely one who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger, may the peace and blessings upon him and upon whomsoever follows them in guidance. I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, as Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَآمِنُوا بِرَسُولِهِ

O ye who believe! Be mindful of your duty to Allah and believe in His messenger.

[Qur'an: 57:28]

O You Who Believe: It is narrated on the authority of Ibn ‘Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) who said that while the Angel Gabriel was sitting with the Prophet he heard a creaking sound above him, and after raising his head he said, “This is a gate opened in heaven to-day which has never been opened before.” Then when an angel descended through it he said, “This is an angel come down to earth who has never come down before.” He gave a salutation and said, “Rejoice in two lights brought to you which have not been brought to any Prophet before you: The Fatihah of the Book (Surah al-Fatihah) and the concluding verses of Surah al-Baqarah. You will never recite a letter from them for which you will not be given (a reward). [Sahih Muslim: 806]

Slaves of Allah: The revealing of these two sets of verses represents good news for us, a generous gift, a clear light, and a precious treasure that Allah gave to our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). With regards to these concluding verses of Surah al-Baqarah, Allah Himself has testified about His Prophet

and the believers, testifying that they followed the Lord of all the Worlds and believed in all of the believers, for He said:

آمَنَ الرَّسُولُ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَبِّهِ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ كُلٌّ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْ رُسُلِهِ

The Messenger has believed in what was revealed to him from his Lord, and [so have] the believers. All of them have believed in Allah and His angels and His books and His messengers, [saying], "We make no distinction between any of His messengers." [Qur'an: 2:285]

There is no distinction in them concerning what is in them of the meanings of mercy and goodness and seeking to alleviate difficulties and suffering from creation. These are aims that are consistent with pure religion and to call unto this is a tremendous call, wherein Allah has promised to answer unto the true believers. As the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

الْأَيَّتَانِ مِنْ آخِرِ سُورَةِ الْبَقَرَةِ؛ مَنْ قَرَأَهُمَا فِي لَيْلَةٍ كَفَّتَاهُ

Anyone who recites the two verses at the end of Surah al-Baqarah at night, they would suffice for him. [Sahih Muslim]

So let us be avid in reciting these verses, and making supplication through the meaning embodied in these verses. Let us teach these verses to our sons and daughters, for these verses are a means of protection to whoever recites them, and a means of sufficiency from tribulation. O Allah make us from those who recite your verses, those who contemplate and understand its meanings, and those who believe in all of your messengers. I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most-forgiving.

The Second Khutbah

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Heavens and the Earth. He has commanded us to believe in all of the Messengers. May peace and blessings be upon the Prophet after whom there is no other, and upon his companions and those that follow him. I advise you O slaves of Allah and myself to embody Taqwa of Allah.

O Believers: From the good of what these concluding verses of Surah Al-Baqarah establishes and inculcates in us is that Allah has sent prophets and messengers, to calls mankind unto worshipping the Lord of all the worlds. As He says: وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ

And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, [saying], "Worship Allah"

[Qur'an: 16:36]

So Allah sent the Prophet Nuh and Prophet Ibrahim, and Prophet Musa and Easa and all of the Prophets (peace and blessings of Allah be upon them all), after which He sealed His message with the sending of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). So all of the Prophets essentially embodied one message, calling all of mankind unto that in which lay their salvation and true contentment, in both this worldly

life and the hereafter. In this manner we are tasked with believing in the truthfulness of each of the Prophets and Messengers, as this is a pillar from the pillars of faith. This also strengthens the value of tolerance between us and also builds bridges of cooperation with others, as that is the path that is consistent with the message of the Prophets and the way of wisdom.

And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon all of the Prophets and Messengers, and especially on the seal of them, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon him, and upon his family, his companions, all of them. O Allah make us of those who worship you, those who believe in all of your Prophets, and forgive us, and have mercy upon us, O Lord of all the worlds. Our Lord, do not impose blame upon us if we have forgotten or erred. Our Lord, and lay not upon us a burden like that which You laid upon those before us. Our Lord, and burden us not with that which we have no ability to bear. And pardon us; and forgive us; and have mercy upon us. You are our protector, so give us victory over the disbelieving people.

35-Honoring the prophet.

The First Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, who sent for us His trustworthy Messenger Muhammad. He sent him with guidance, and a clear manifest Truth. So He was a mercy unto the world, and a glad tiding to all the believers. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, who has no partners. And I testify that our Sayyid and Prophet Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger. The best of people in character, and the greatest of creation. So O Allah: Increase Muhammad in honor, may peace and blessings be upon him. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon our Sayyid, our Messenger, Muhammad. And upon his family and companions, all of them. And upon whomever follows their way of guidance till the Last Day.

To continue: I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the enjoining of Taqwa.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَآمِنُوا بِرَسُولِهِ يُؤْتِكُمْ كِفْلَيْنِ مِنْ رَحْمَتِهِ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ نُورًا تَمْشُونَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ.

O you who have believed, fear Allah and believe in His Messenger; He will [then] give you a double portion of His mercy and make for you a light by which you will walk and forgive you; and Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.

O Muslims: Quraish sent its negotiator, 'Urwah bin Mas'ud, in the treaty of Hudaibiyah. He was sent to the Prophet and then he remained observing the companions of the Messenger of Allah. So when he returned back to his people, he was from those who said: "By Allah, I have visited kings. I have visited the Caesar (King of Rome), Chosroes (King of Persia) and Negus (King of Abyssinia) I swear by Allah I have never ever seen a King more honored by his people, to the degree the companions of Muhammad honour him. If he commands them to something, they hasten to fulfil his command. And when he did ablution, it was almost as if they would fight each other to get his water. And when he speaks they all lower their voice to hear him. They occupy themselves with looking at him out of their awe of him."

O Slaves of Allah: This was the manner in which the companions of the Prophet used to esteem him. They revered him, exalted him and loved him. This because they knew that love of him and putting him before the entirety of mankind is from the perfection of faith. The Prophet is reported to have said: لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّىٰ أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ وَالِدِهِ وَوَلَدِهِ، وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ

"None of you will truly have faith till he loves me more than his father, his children and all of mankind."

Allah also praised him, concerning the nobility of his attributes and traits. He honored his character with the highest honor, when He said: وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

It is not but a revelation revealed.

For the Prophet was indeed the greatest example to be emulated in his character. And the greatest of exemplars in his spiritual wayfaring and deeds. He represents the foundational source of all goodness and virtues, and a model in all his movements and stillness. He was the most noble in his giving, of great generosity, being merciful to the weak. He honored his relatives, showed piety towards his people. So what is it today that prevents us from emulating his noble character, and his honorable guidance?

Second Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. Who has sent to us the Seal of the Prophets. And made him honored in both the first and the last. As well as honored in the

greatest of assemblies, until the Last Day. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing partner in that One-ness. I bear witness that our Sayyid, Muhammad, is the perfect embodiment of servanthood towards Allah and is His Messenger. O Allah: We ask you to bestow Your peace and blessings upon our Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad and upon his family and all of his companions. And whomsoever follows them and seeks to emulate them in the best of ways till the Last Day. I counsel you, O servants of Allah, and myself, to adhere to the taqwa of Allah (glorified be He).

O you who believe: Allah Most High says:

لَا تَجْعَلُوا دُعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدُعَاءِ بَعْضِكُمْ بَعْضًا

Do not, among yourselves, consider the calling of the Messenger to be like your calling of one another.

In this noble verse, our Lord explains to us that the station of Prophethood is an exalted station and prohibits people from calling and addressing our Beloved Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) in the same way we call and address one another out of veneration for his station and out of reverence for his status. This the Companions (may Allah be pleased with him) realized and likewise the learned scholars after them, and thus acted and behaved accordingly.

And with this, let us send our peace and blessings upon the seal of the Prophets and Messengers as we have been commanded to by the Lord of all the Worlds for He states in His manifest Book: إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.

36-Reverence when reciting Quran.

The First Khutbah

All praise is due to Allah, who has made us from His believing slaves. I bear witness there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no partner in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. O Allah send your peace and blessings upon him and upon his family and companions all of them, and upon whoever follows them in the best of ways until the Last Day .

To continue: I advise you, o slaves of Allah and myself to embody the Taqwa of Allah, for Allah says:

وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَيَخْشِ اللَّهَ وَيَتَّقْهُ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ

And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger and fears Allah and is conscious of Him - it is those who are the attainers (Qur'an: 24:52)

O Believers: Allah says:

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ وَجِلَّتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ

The believers are only those who, when Allah is mentioned, their hearts become fearful. (Qur'an: 8:2)

So the believers are those who when Allah is remembered, their hearts find reverence, as they honour His command, and humble themselves for His greatness. Allah says:

اللَّهُ نَزَّلَ أَحْسَنَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابًا مُتَشَابِهًا مَثَابًا تَفْشَعُ مِنْهُ جُلُودُ الَّذِينَ يَخْشَوْنَ رَبَّهُمْ ثُمَّ تَلِينُ جُلُودُهُمْ وَقُلُوبُهُمْ إِلَى ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ

Allah has sent down the best statement: a consistent Book wherein is reiteration. The skins shiver therefrom of those who reverentially fear their Lord; then their skins and their hearts relax at the remembrance of Allah. (Qur'an: 8:2)

So they are affected by the words of their Lord, such that their reverence of Allah will become manifest in their recitation. The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) is reported to have said : **إِنَّ مِنْ أَحْسَنِ النَّاسِ صَوْتًا بِالْقُرْآنِ: الَّذِي إِذَا سَمِعْتُمُوهُ يَقْرَأُ حَسِبْتُمُوهُ** يَخْشَى اللَّهَ

Among the people who recite the Qur'an with the most beautiful voices is the man who, when you hear him, you feel that he reverentially fears Allah. [Ibn Majah]

How can a believer not have reverence of his Lord, how can he not have reverence when hearing the verses of his Lord, when the mountains have humbled themselves ? As Allah says: **لَوْ أَنزَلْنَا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ عَلَى جَبَلٍ لَرَأَيْتَهُ خَاشِعًا مُتَصَدِّعًا مِنْ خَشْيَةِ اللَّهِ**

If We had sent down this Qur'an upon a mountain, you would have seen it humbled and coming apart from fear of Allah. (Qur'an: 59:21)

Our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) whenever he would hear the words of his Lord, his heart would become reverential and tears would flow from his eyes. So one day he (peace and blessings be upon him) said to Abdullah bin Masud

(may Allah be pleased with him) : "Recite [the Qur'an] to me", so Ibn Masud narrates: "I began reciting Surah al-Nisa until I reached the saying of Allah: So how [will it be] when We bring from every nation a witness and we bring you, [O Muhammad] against these [people] as a witness ? (Qur'an: 4:41). After that I raised my head and saw the tears of the Prophet flowing [Bukhari and Muslim]".

This is the affair of the believer with the speech of his Lord and the remembrance of his Creator, he becomes humble and reverential, shedding tears out of hope and fear in Allah. The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Seven people will be shaded by Allah under His shade on the day when there will be no shade except Him" from amongst them he mentioned: " a man who remembers Allah when he is alone and his eyes overflow with tears [Bukhari and Muslim]".

So O Allah make us of those who recite Your Book, those who ponder upon Your verses, honouring Your command, being of those who are reverential when hearing the verses.

I say this, and seek your forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness, indeed He is the most forgiving, most merciful.

The Second Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, the One, and peace and blessings upon the Prophet after whom there is no other, and upon his companions and those that follow him.

O Slaves of Allah:

Allah says about the attributes of the believers:

وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُهُ زَادَتْهُمْ إِيمَانًا

The believers are only those who, when Allah is mentioned, their hearts become fearful, and when His verses are recited to them, it increases them in faith. Qur'an: (8:2)

So the believers if he reflects upon the verses of the Qur'an, he becomes reverential in his heart and is fearful of the station of his Lord. So he increases in his faith and beautifies his actions out of devotion for Allah. He rectifies his character, so you find him showing spiritual excellence and good behaviour to his family and his neighbors, embodying the best of character in his dealings. So let us be avid in our reciting the Qur'an and reflecting on it, taking on the best of character as outlined therein, for in this is the happiness for people in this life and the hereafter .

37–The Religion of prophets is one.

The First Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, Who ennobled our master Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) by the ascension unto the highest heavens. He revealed unto him from His words whatever He revealed. I bear witness there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no partner in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. O Allah send your peace and blessings upon him and upon his family and companions all of them, and upon whoever follows them in the best of ways until the Last Day.

To Continue: I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, as He says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَآمِنُوا بِرَسُولِهِ

O you who have believed, fear Allah and believe in His Messenger [Qur'an:57:28]

O Believers: Indeed Allah has blessed our master Muḥammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) with his journeying in the Isra and Mi'raj: **سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَىٰ بِعَبْدِهِ**

لَيْلًا مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى

Exalted is He who took His Servant by night from al-Masjid al-Haram to al-Masjid al-Aqsa [Qur'an:17:1]

There he met many of the Prophets, underneath the roof of the mosque, in a place that represents the brotherhood between them. This manifested the one-ness of their message, and ascertains the completeness and perfection of their way. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

الْأَنْبِيَاءُ إِخْوَةٌ لِعَلَّاتٍ، أُمَّهَاتُهُمْ شَتَّى، وَدِينُهُمْ وَاحِدٌ

The Prophets are paternal brothers; their mothers are different, but their religion is one. [Bukhari]

This indicates that the Prophets, their faith is one, about this Allah says: **مِلَّةَ أَبِيكُمْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ**

[It is] the religion of your father, Abraham. [Qur'an:22:78] This one-ness exists despite their revealed laws (Shariah) being different.

O Slaves of Allah: About the Prophet's ascension unto the highest heavens, He says:

رَأَى مِنْ آيَاتِ رَبِّهِ الْكُبْرَى

He certainly saw of the greatest signs of his Lord.

[Qur'an:53:18]

Amongst these signs were his seeing the father of humanity, Sayyidina Adam (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), and seeing the father of the Prophets, Sayyidina Ibrahim (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). He also met his brothers amongst the Prophets, having met Idris, Yusuf, Musa, Harun, Yahya, and Isa (peace and blessings be upon them all). They in turn were delighted with meeting him, giving him glad tidings and saying: **مَرْحَبًا وَأَهْلًا، وَلِنِعْمِ الْمَجِيءُ**

He is welcomed. What a wonderful visit his is!

[Bukhari and Muslim]

So this what the manner he was welcomed, and this indicates the degree of love they had between them, as well as the perfection of their message. It also indicated their joint values share amongst them, as Allah says:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِي إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ

And We sent not before you any messenger except that We revealed to him that, "There is no deity except Me, so worship Me".[Qur'an:21:25]

From the perfection of such worship is the preservation of religion, life, wealth, intellect, and lineage. So O Allah make us of those who worship you, and follow your Prophets. I say this, and seek your forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness, indeed He is the most forgiving, most merciful.

The Second Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, the One, and peace and blessings upon the Prophet after whom there is no other, and upon his companions and those that follow him.

O Believers: When the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) came upon the father of the Prophets, Sayyidina Ibrahim (peace and blessings be upon him), saying to him: **يَا مُحَمَّدُ، أَقْرَى أُمَّتِكَ مِنِّي السَّلَامَ**

O Muhammad, convey my greetings to your Ummah

[Tirmidhi]

So the message between them was one of love and peace. The last Prophet received it and spread it on to all of creation, affirming it between all people. This is what cements love between the Prophet, and goodness, and the desire to spread peace between creation. So let us follow them in this and act in accordance with their guidance, concerning what came to them from their Lord:

فَلَنْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِثْلُكُمْ يُوحَى إِلَيَّ أَنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا

[Mention] when the youths retreated to the cave and said, "Our Lord, grant us from Yourself mercy and prepare for us from our affair right guidance."

[Qur'an:18:10]

And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon the best of those who had a good opinion of Allah, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. May Allah send His peace and blessings upon him, upon his family, his companions, all of them. O Allah protect our mothers, and give them good health and wellbeing. Bless them in their time and fulfill their reward and fruits therein. Bless every woman who has sacrificed for the sake of Allah that which is precious to her. O Allah You are the One who gives and bless with favours.

38–The best of people are those who are the most beneficial to people.

The First Khutbah

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، أَمَرَ بِبَدْلِ الْخَيْرِ لِلنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ
أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ. أَوْصِيكُمْ
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، قَالَ سُبْحَانَهُ: (وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَى)

All Praise be to Allah, the Lord and Cherisher of the Worlds, Who ordered us to grant what is good and wholesome to all people. I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah Alone, Who has no partner, and I bear witness that our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, is the Servant and Messenger of Allah. O Allah, send blessings, salutations and benedictions on our Master and Prophet, his family, all of his Companions, as well as those who followed thereafter.

As to what follows: I counsel you, O Servants of Allah, and myself to have Taqwā of Allah (i.e. reverential consciousness and self-restraining fear of Allah). Allah Almighty says: (وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَى)

[Q5:2] (... Help one another in righteousness and piety ...)

O Servants of Allah: Allah Most High has related to us in His Book that makes manifest (the truth) some of the stories of the Messengers (may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon them), in order that we may extrapolate from them values which we establish in our midst and lessons from which we benefit in our lives. Allah Almighty says:

(لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي قَصَصِهِمْ عِبْرَةٌ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ)

[Q12:111] (There was certainly in their stories a lesson for those of understanding)

One such story is the story of Allah's Prophet, Musa (may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him) in which Allah Most High says:

(وَلَمَّا وَرَدَ مَاءَ مَدْيَنَ وَجَدَ عَلَيْهِ أُمَّةٌ مِنَ النَّاسِ يَسْقُونَ وَوَجَدَ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ امْرَأَتَيْنِ تَذُودَانِ قَالَ مَا خَطْبُكُمَا قَالَتَا لَا نَسْقِي حَتَّى يُصْدِرَ الرِّعَاءُ وَأَبُونَا شَيْخٌ كَبِيرٌ * فَسَقَى لَهُمَا)

[Q28:23-24] (And when he came to the well of Madyan, he found there a crowd of people watering [their flocks], and he found aside from them two women driving back [their flocks]. He said, "What is your circumstance?" They said, "We do not water until the shepherds dispatch [their flocks]; and our father is an old man." So he watered [their flocks] for them; ...)

In this story, the value of hastening to do good is manifested and extending a helping hand towards others, for Musa (may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him) hastened to expend his energy and effort and help others. This teaches us that we should hasten towards benefitting others and assisting the poor and needy. The Prophet (may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him) says: «خَيْرُ النَّاسِ أَنْفَعُهُمُ لِلنَّاسِ»

(The best of people is he who is the most beneficial to people)

[Narrated by al-Tabarani in the al-Mu'jam al-Awsat]

That is to say, the best of Allah's servants is he who is enabled and guided towards benefitting His creation, through a blessing that he renders to them or through a harm that he repels from them. Today we appreciate the huge efforts and great assistance that the various government bodies and authorities provide in this country, and they serve as our role model. We inquire into the wellbeing of others, and offer help and assistance to them. We hasten to get involved in community participation and volunteer work and provide whatever we can in terms of various forms of cooperation and collaboration for the sake of our country, desiring thereby Allah's Good Pleasure and seeking His Aid. We ask Allah Most High to make us of those who are beneficial to His creation, hasten to perform good and who will triumph with His Approval and Good Pleasure.

I say these words of mine while I seek Allah's Forgiveness for me and for you, so seek His Forgiveness, for He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Second Khutbah

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ حَقَّ حَمْدِهِ، وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَ هَدْيِهِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ.

All Praise be to Allah, as He should be praised. Peace and Blessings be upon our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, and upon those who come after him and follow his guidance.

O Worshippers: Indeed, benefitting others and striving to satisfy their needs and see to their overall wellbeing is greatly valued and highly rewarded act, which our Prophet (may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him) has called us towards and urged us to perform, for he said:

«أَحَبُّ النَّاسِ إِلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى أَنْفَعُهُمْ لِلنَّاسِ، وَأَحَبُّ الْأَعْمَالِ إِلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى سُرُورٌ تُدْخِلُهُ عَلَى مُسْلِمٍ، أَوْ تَكْشِفُ عَنْهُ كُرْبَةً، أَوْ تَقْضِي عَنْهُ دَيْنًا، أَوْ تَطْرُدُ عَنْهُ جُوعًا، وَلَآنَ أُمِّئِي مَعَ أَخِي فِي حَاجَةٍ؛ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ أَنْ أَعْتَكِفَ فِي هَذَا الْمَسْجِدِ -يَعْنِي مَسْجِدَ الْمَدِينَةِ- شَهْرًا»

(The most beloved of people to Allah are those who are most beneficial to people. The most beloved of deeds to Allah are to make a Muslim happy, or to remove one of his hardships, or to settle his debt, or to satisfy his hunger. That I walk with a brother in seeing to a need is more beloved to me than that I seclude myself in this mosque (i.e. the Mosque of Madinah) for a month. ...)

[Narrated by al-Tabarani in the al-Mu'jam al-Kabir)

And with this, let us send our peace and blessings upon our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, his family and all of his companions. O Allah we ask You Forgiveness and the Causes of Your Forgiveness and we ask You for Health and Continued Wellbeing. We seek refuge and protection in You from all illnesses, pains and bad diseases. O Allah remove from us this pandemic, and cure us from every disease, and bestow the blessing of healing and good health upon the sick, O You Whom nothing on earth and in heaven can render powerless.

39-Deeds that are heavy on the scale.

The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, Lord of the worlds. Who has decreed deeds that are heavy on the Divine scales. I bear witness there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no partner in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe.

To continue: I advise you and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, for Allah has said: **وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا تُرْجَعُونَ فِيهِ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ تُوَفَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ**

And fear a Day when you will be returned to Allah. Then every soul will be compensated for what it earned, and they will not be treated unjustly. [Quran: 2:281]

O Believers: Allah (Glorified be He) says:

فَأَمَّا مَنْ ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ* فَهُوَ فِي عِيشَةٍ رَاضِيَةٍ

Then as for one whose scales are heavy [with good deeds], He will be in a pleasant life.

[Quran: 101:6-7]

What is meant by heavy here is that the good deeds one does in one's life are more than those which are not good, so they outweigh them on the scales, so such a person attains the pleasure of the Most-Merciful and the bliss of paradise. About this, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

«خَمْسٌ مَا أَنْقَلَهُنَّ فِي الْمِيزَانِ، وَذَكَرَ مِنْهَا: لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ» (1)

There are Five Things extremely heavy on the scale: [Saying] La ilaha il Allah, Wallahu Akbar, Subhan Allah, Walhamdu lillahi. [Ahmad]

So the remembrance of Allah (dhikr) whilst being light on the tongue is heavy on the scales and beloved to the Most-Merciful, as Allah has raised its rank and increased its rewards. The best dhikr is “La ilaha il Allah”, for the Prophet Nuh (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said to his two sons: I command the two of you [with saying and upholding] “La ilaha il Allah”, for the heavens and the earth and what lies in between if it was all to be put on one side of the scale, and if La ilaha il Allah were to be put on the other side, then La ilaha il Allah would outweigh it [Ahmad].

Likewise, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

لَا يَنْقُلُ مَعَ اسْمِ اللَّهِ شَيْءٌ

Nothing is heavier than the Name of Allah. [Tirmidhi]

So whosoever persists upon dhikr of Allah in all his times, and preserves himself upon it in his heart before he falls asleep and after his prayers, then his reward will be multiplied and his scale will be heavy. About such perseverance the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said: خَصْنَتَانِ لَا يُحَافِظُ عَلَيْهِمَا رَجُلٌ مُسْلِمٌ إِلَّا دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ، هُمَا يَسِيرٌ، وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ بِهِمَا قَلِيلٌ، يُسَبِّحُ فِي ذُبُرِ كُلِّ صَلَاةٍ عَشْرًا، وَيَحْمَدُ عَشْرًا، وَيُكَبِّرُ عَشْرًا، فَذَلِكَ خَمْسُونَ وَمِائَةٌ بِاللِّسَانِ، وَالْفُؤَادِ وَخَمْسُمِائَةٍ فِي الْمِيزَانِ، وَيُكَبِّرُ أَرْبَعًا وَثَلَاثِينَ إِذَا أَخَذَ مَضْجَعَهُ، وَيَحْمَدُ ثَلَاثًا وَثَلَاثِينَ، وَيُسَبِّحُ ثَلَاثًا وَثَلَاثِينَ، فَذَلِكَ مِائَةٌ بِاللِّسَانِ، وَالْفُؤَادِ فِي الْمِيزَانِ

There are two qualities or characteristics which will not be consistently acted upon by any Muslim except they will enter Paradise thereby. While they are easy, those who act upon them are few. [They are that] One should say: "Glory be to Allah" ten times after every prayer, "Praise be to Allah" ten times and "Allah is Most Great" ten times. That is the equivalent of a hundred and fifty on the tongue, and the equivalent one thousand and five hundred on the scale. [The three phrases each said ten times after the five times of prayer makes a hundred and fifty, and as a good deed gets a ten-fold reward the total is treated as one thousand five hundred.] When he goes to bed, he should say: "Allah is Most Great" thirty-four times, "Praise be to Allah" thirty-three times, and Glory be to Allah thirty-three times, for that is a hundred on the tongue and a thousand on the scale.

[Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi and others]

So O Allah make our tongues moist with your dhikr, and our hearts full of gratitude to You, and make heavy our scales and bless us with Paradise, O Lord of all the worlds. I say this, and seek your forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness, indeed He is the most forgiving, most merciful.

(1) أحمد: 15107.

Second Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, the One, and peace and blessings upon the Prophet after whom there is no other, and upon his companions and those that follow him.

O Believers: Indeed, from the greatest of what is heavy on the scale of good deeds is goodly character, for the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said: مَا مِنْ شَيْءٍ أَنْقَلُ فِي الْمِيزَانِ مِنْ حُسْنِ الْخُلُقِ

“The heaviest thing that will be put on the believer’s scale (on the Day of Resurrection) will be good character.” [Abu Dawud]

How could this not be the case, when good character is most beloved thing to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and that which draws a person closest to him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) as he said: إِنَّ مِنْ أَحَبِّكُمْ إِلَيَّ، وَأَقْرَبِكُمْ مِنِّي مَجْلِسًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ؛ أَحَاسِنُكُمْ أَخْلَاقًا

The dearest and the closest of you to me on the Day of Resurrection will be those who are the best in character. [Tirmidhi]

Know that good character softens hearts and strengthens relationships between people and it is through it that a person is able to forgive those who have wronged him, and rectify affairs that were spoiled. So what could be more beautiful than a person who dedicates his life to dhikr and continues to improve and beautify his character. May Allah give us this, so that we can attain the pleasure of our Lord, and enter thereby into His Paradise.

And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon the best of those who had a good opinion of Allah, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. May Allah send His peace and blessings upon him, upon his family, his companions, all of them. O Allah protect our homeland, raise its status and spread happiness and remove strife from amongst its people. You are our and its Lord and our and its protector.

40–The Fasting of Ramadan.

The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah who has made Paradise the reward for the righteous and opened up a door for the worshippers. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the uniquely one who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger, may the peace and blessings upon him and upon whomsoever follows them in guidance.

To continue: I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, as Allah says: وَسَبِّقَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ زُمَرًا حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءُوهَا وَفُتِحَتْ أَبْوَابُهَا وَقَالَ لَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ طِبْتُمْ فَادْخُلُوهَا خَالِدِينَ

But those who feared their Lord will be driven to Paradise in groups until, when they reach it while its gates have been opened and its keepers say, "Peace be upon you; you have become pure; so enter it to abide eternally therein," [they will enter]. [Qur'an: 39:73]

O Believers:

The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

إِذَا جَاءَ رَمَضَانُ؛ فَتُحْتَّ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَّةِ

When Ramadan comes, the doors of Ramadan are opened. [Bukhari and Muslim]

So, we have the blessings of this blessed month coming to us, in which Allah opens for us the door of Paradise, with all its greatness and expansiveness. In it are opened various ways for worshippers to enter the doors of devotion unto Allah, which eases their way unto Paradise.

From the types of worship that opens up the doors unto Paradise is of course the fasting in the month, about which our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

وَمَنْ كَانَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الصَّيَّامِ؛ دُعِيَ مِنْ بَابِ الرَّيَّانِ

Those who fast will be invited to enter by the gate al-Rayyan (gate to enter Paradise)

[Bukhari and Muslim]

Likewise, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: إِنَّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ بَابًا يُقَالُ لَهُ الرَّيَّانُ، يَدْخُلُ مِنْهُ الصَّائِمُونَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، لَا يَدْخُلُ مِنْهُ أَحَدٌ غَيْرُهُمْ، يُقَالُ: أَيَّنَ الصَّائِمُونَ؟ فَيَقُومُونَ لَا يَدْخُلُ مِنْهُ أَحَدٌ غَيْرُهُمْ، فَإِذَا دَخَلُوا أُغْلِقَ، فَلَمْ يَدْخُلْ مِنْهُ أَحَدٌ

There is a gate in Paradise called Al-Rayyan, and those who observe fasts will enter through it on the Day of Resurrection and none except them will enter through it. It will be said, 'Where are those who used to observe fasts?' They will get up, and none except them will enter through it. After their entry the gate will be closed and nobody will enter through it.

[Bukhari and Muslim]

Indeed, fasting is amongst the greatest of deeds, through it Allah removes the sins from people. As the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا؛ غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

He who fasts during Ramadan with faith and seeking his reward from God will have his past sins forgiven.

[Bukhari and Muslim]

The person fasting joins between forgiveness from his fast and the forgiveness acquired through his nightly prayers, about which the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

مَنْ قَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا؛ غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

He who prays during the night in Ramadan with faith and seeking his reward from God will have his past sins forgiven. [Bukhari and Muslim]

Through this a person will be from those who succeed by attaining unto the Paradise of felicity. So O Allah, open up for us Your doors of obedience and piety, and bless us with entering into Your paradise.

I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most-forgiving.

Second Khutbah

All praise is due to Allah, and may peace and blessings be upon the Prophet after whom there is no other, and upon his companions and those that follow him, until the Last Day.

Slaves of Allah: Paradise is the abode of felicity, about which Allah says: وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ سَعَدُوا فَفِي الْجَنَّةِ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا مَا دَامَتِ السَّمَوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ إِلَّا مَا شَاءَ رَبُّكَ عَطَاءٌ غَيْرَ مَجْذُودٍ

And as for those who were [destined to be] prosperous, they will be in Paradise, abiding therein as long as the heavens and the earth endure, except what your Lord should will - a bestowal uninterrupted. [Qur'an: 11:108]

The inhabitants of Paradise were given this felicity completely without any lack. And fasting is a door that is open and a path that has been facilitated for us. So as we are on the onset of this blessed month, let us ask Allah to make us reach this month, for it is a noble month, whose time we should invest in, both the night and day. Let us be committed to the obligations, to performing the Taraweeh night prayers, to reading the Qur'an, and other acts of devotion. And let us commit our families – the men and the women, the young and old, to sharing the moments of this month, to breaking the fasts together, sharing care and affection amongst ourselves, that comes from the family atmosphere. For strengthening family ties builds compassion, increases community coherence and spreads peace. This includes acts of feeding others, helping the sick, whilst holding forth and adhering to the precautionary procedures necessitated in the

current circumstances. These are all acts of devotion to Allah, and they bring an increase in the reward we can acquire in this month of blessings.

41-The character of the people of paradise.

The First Khutbah

All praises are for Allah Lord of all the worlds. Who has made goodly character the means of entry into Paradise. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the uniquely one who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger, may the peace and blessings upon him and upon whomsoever follows him in guidance until the Last Day.

To Continue: I advise you, O slaves of Allah and myself, with the Taqwa of Allah, as Allah says:

إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَنَهْرٍ * فِي مَقْعَدِ صِدْقٍ عِنْدَ مَلِيكٍ مُّقْتَدِرٍ

Indeed, the righteous will be among gardens and rivers. In a seat of honor near a Sovereign, Perfect in Ability. [Qur'an: 54:54-55]

O Believers: On the authority of Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) who narrates that a man asked the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) a question stating: "O Messenger of Allah, who are the people of Paradise (Ahl al-Jannah)?" The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

كُلُّ هَيِّئٍ لَيِّنٍ، قَرِيبٍ سَهْلٍ

Every person who is amicable, easy (to deal with), and who is near (to people).

[Shuab al-Iman]

In this Hadith the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) indicated the rank and importance of being easygoing in one's character, soft and amicable in one's speech, and gentle in one's interpersonal dealings – for this is what ultimately allows us to draw near to people's hearts. Such people are able to join together between people's hearts, bringing peace to them, being able to support them and meet their needs. This was the way of our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), for he was described as being the most easygoing towards people, and the softest and gentlest towards them in his disposition, the purest in his speech, and closest to them because of this. This was how Allah praised him when He said:

فَبِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ لِنْتَ لَهُمْ

So by mercy from Allah, [O Muhammad], you were lenient with them. [Qur'an: 3:159]

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) made supplication for whoever is characterized by the attributes of softness, gentleness and tolerance in their interaction with others when he said: رَجِمَ اللَّهُ رَجُلًا سَمَحًا إِذَا بَاعَ، سَمَحًا إِذَا اشْتَرَى، سَمَحًا إِذَا اقْتَضَى

“May God show mercy to a man who is lenient when he sells, lenient when he buys, and when he asks for payment.” [Bukhari]

The people most worthy of gentleness and good companionship in this regard are our relatives and family. In this spirit Abdullah ibn Umar (may Allah be pleased with him and his father) once said to a man: "Do you wish that you would enter Paradise?" So, the man responded: "Yes, by Allah." Ibn Umar said: "Are your parents alive?" The man responded: "My mother is with me." So, Ibn Umar said: "If you are soft to her in your speech, feed and look after her with care, you will enter Paradise thereby [Adab al-Mufrad]."

So, whoever has these attributes and this character, their rank is to be esteemed, and their station is raised as a foretelling of their rank in Paradise. I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most-forgiving, most-merciful.

Second Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, and may peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah who was an example of goodly conduct to those who fast. And may peace and blessings be upon his family and companions, and whomsoever follows him in the best of ways till the Last Day.

O Believers: Indeed, the adorning of the character of softness and to become easygoing with people are the means by which one attains unto Paradise. For the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

إِنَّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ غُرَفًا يُرَى ظَاهِرُهَا مِنْ بَاطِنِهَا، وَبَاطِنُهَا مِنْ ظَاهِرِهَا، أَعَدَّهَا اللَّهُ لِمَنْ أَطْعَمَ الطَّعَامَ، وَالْآنَ الْكَلَامَ

“In paradise there are rooms the outside of which can be seen from within and the inside from without, which God has prepared for those who provide food and speak gently...”

[Ahmad]

So, let us honor this praiseworthy character amongst ourselves and let us seek to instill in ourselves and our children. And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon all of the Prophets and Messengers, and especially on the seal of them, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon him, and upon his family, his companions, all of them.

42–The Hijrah of prophet values.

The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, Lord of the Heavens and the Earth, who made the Hijrah of the Prophet a historical event and a lesson to be learned from I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the uniquely One who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger, may the peace and blessings upon him, and upon whomsoever follows him in guidance until the Last Day.

To Continue: I advise you, O slaves of Allah and myself, with the Taqwa of Allah, as Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are true. [Qur'an: 9:119]

O Believers: We give you the glad tidings of the new Hijrah year. On this occasion we recall a great event which is the Hijrah of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) from Mecca to Medina.

This event represented a key point in the trajectory of civilization for humanity. This was an event in which key values of faith, morality and humanity were disclosed to mankind for all to see. From amongst these values of faith is the embedding of certainty in the hearts of believers, their having a good opinion of Allah and supporting His religion. So, when Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) said to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): "If someone just looks under his feet they will see us", the Prophet responded by saying: "What do you think of two, the third of whom is Allah?" [Bukhari and Muslim]

From the values of good character that were manifest in the Hadith on Hijrah, is the value of honoring trusts and returning property and its rights back to their people. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was known for honoring his trusts even before revelation, hence when the command came to make the Hijrah, he handed back any trusts and items he had back to the people of Mecca. This he did by commanding Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) to return all properties and trusts he had in his absence. This value has been confirmed by the Qur'an, which emphasized the obligation of safeguarding trusts, as Allah says:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا

Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due. [Qur'an: 4:58]

Rendering trusts is important, regardless of whose trusts they are, or what religion they follow. One of the scholars is reported to have said: There are three things that we are obligated to adhere to from righteousness: trusts, oaths and our family relations.

The Hijrah also established human principles and promoted tolerance amongst humanity. So, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) took the aid and support of a non-Muslim guide in the form of Abdallah ibn Urayqit, to help assist them in their journey. They trusted in his skills and in his trustworthiness and did not discriminate against him. The Hijrah of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) set into place the foundation for a new society in Medina, a society that would be built on the foundations of faith and goodly character, and the cooperation of all human beings. So, O Allah aid us in this new year, and give us all an increase in goodness, happiness, prosperity, health, wellbeing and safety.

I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most-forgiving.

Second Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, the One, and may peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and companions, and whomsoever follows him in the best of ways.

O Believers: The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) instilled the lofty values of pardon, tolerance, mutual love and coexistence in the society of Medina. So, peace was the first thing that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) called people to, saying:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، أَفْسُوا السَّلَامَ

"O people, spread peace amongst each other" [Tirmidhi]

So, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) urged people to peace and harmony. In fact, Allah Himself tells us how He joined between the hearts of people of Medina who were previously in opposition towards one another. So, he says: **وَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ**

And brought together their hearts. [Qur'an: 8:63]

So, the values of forgiveness, love, mercy and affection prevailed, and Madinan society became united through this, as though they were a [single] structure joined firmly. This was a fulfilment of the saying of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him):

"The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the Muslims are safe, and the Muhajir (Emigrant) is the one who forsakes that which Allah has forbidden to him."

[Bukhari and Muslim]

And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon all of the Prophets and Messengers, and especially on the seal of them, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon him, and upon his family, his companions, all of them.

43–Allah is always close and answers the one who calls upon Him.

The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, who is exalted in His majesty. The One who responds to the desperate one whenever he calls upon Him. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the uniquely One who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger, may the peace and blessings upon him and upon whomsoever follows him in guidance until the Last Day.

To Continue: I advise you, O slaves of Allah and myself, with the taqwa of Allah, as Allah says:

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

And have taqwa of Allah that you may succeed. [Qur'an: 2:189]

O Believers: Allah says in the Quran:

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ

And when My servants ask you, [O Muhammad], concerning Me - indeed I am near. I respond to the supplication of the caller when he calls upon Me.

[Qur'an: 2:186]

In this noble verse our Lord informs us of His closeness to us and He promises us that He answers those who sincerely call upon Him. So, in this verse we can see how supplicating to Allah is from the greatest forms of worship, being from the most noble of acts, as it opens a door of closeness and intimate proximity with the Divine. For this reason, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

لَيْسَ شَيْءٌ أَكْرَمَ عَلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى مِنَ الدُّعَاءِ

Nothing is more honorable before Allah than the act of supplication. [Tirmidhi]

For this reason, we can say that any person given to sincere supplication is a person who Allah has blessed. For Allah would never have facilitated such supplication as a means for such a person, except that He wishes to grant him that which he asks for, whether it be decreed in this life, or stored up for him in the next. The power of such dua was alluded to by the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) when he

mentioned how sincere supplication can alter the course of the Divine decree itself, as he was reported to have said:

لَا يَرُدُّ الْقَضَاءُ إِلَّا الدُّعَاءُ

Nothing but supplication averts the decree. [Tirmidhi]

Slaves of Allah: There are factors and means that help ensure our supplications are answered, these include persistence in doing alot of such supplication. For this would be consistent with emulating the way of the Prophets (peace and blessings of Allah be upon them all), whom the Qur'an praises by stating: إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَيَدْعُونَنَا رَغَبًا وَرَهَبًا: Indeed, they used to hasten to good deeds and supplicate Us in hope and fear, and they were to Us humbly submissive. [Qur'an: 21:90]

Likewise, if we make much repetition in our supplication, then this would be in emulation of our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) who often used to make supplication by repeating that same supplication three times.

Also, from the means that enable our duas to be answered is that we call upon Allah with hearts full of reverence and awe of Him, in Arabic this is called Khashyah. This also entails that we always have within our hearts a good opinion of Allah, and that we be certain that He will respond in the best of ways to whatever it is we ask. For the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

ادْعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَنْتُمْ مُوقِنُونَ بِالْإِجَابَةِ

Supplicate to Allah whilst you are assured of being answered. [Tirmidhi]

Finally, from the best of means to aid our supplications in being answered is that we join our supplications with the doing of good deeds. For Allah says:

فَاسْتَجَابَ لَهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ أَنِّي لَا أُضِيعُ عَمَلَ عَامِلٍ مِنْكُمْ

And their Lord responded to them, "Never will I allow to be lost the work of [any] worker among you..." [Qur'an: 3:195]

O Allah, enable us to be of those who make much sincere supplication of you, with hearts full of your love, and at all times throughout our days and nights. We ask for you acceptance in this supplication of ours, O Lord of all of creation. I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most-forgiving.

Second Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, the One, and may peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and companions, and whomsoever follows them in the best of ways.

O Believers: Allah says in the Quran:

وَإِذَا مَسَّ الْإِنْسَانَ الضُّرُّ دَعَانَا لِجَنْبِهِ أَوْ قَاعِدًا أَوْ قَائِمًا

And when affliction touches man, he calls upon Us, whether lying on his side or sitting or standing.

[Qur'an: 10:12]

Brothers and sisters, currently humanity at large, as a whole, is in a state of affliction with the current pandemic. It has engulfed all parts of the world, and it serves as a reminder to us all that we have really have no recourse except through a sincere turning to Allah. This is the time for sincere supplication, for sincere dua, done with hearts that have resolved to turn back to the One who created them. If we can do this, if we can enable and activate that heart of sincerity, sincerely turning to its Creator – then we will find an opening of closeness in the midst of such difficulty. And we will find that Allah will facilitate us to do that which is good, for good begets good. We will also find hope for the good tidings for this pandemic to be raised, and for the ultimate wellbeing of an Ummah connected to the Divine.

44–Allah has mercy on the merciful.

The First Khutbah

All praise is due to Allah whose mercy encompasses everything. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the uniquely One who has no partners in His one-ness. The One who says: "Your Lord has decreed upon Himself mercy." And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad, is the slave of Allah and His Messenger, sent as a mercy unto all the worlds, as Allah says: And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds. So, O Allah, send Your peace and blessings upon him and upon whomsoever follows him in guidance until the Last Day.

To Continue: I advise you, O slaves of Allah and myself, with the Taqwa of Allah, for Allah says:

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

And fear Allah that you may receive mercy. [Qur'an: 49:10]

O Believers, connected to this Mercy:

The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

جَعَلَ اللَّهُ الرَّحْمَةَ مِائَةَ جُزْءٍ، فَأَمْسَكَ عِنْدَهُ تِسْعَةً وَتِسْعِينَ جُزْءًا، وَأَنْزَلَ فِي الْأَرْضِ جُزْءًا وَاحِدًا، فَمِنْ ذَلِكَ الْجُزْءِ يَتَرَاخَمُ الْخَلْقُ، حَتَّى تَرْفَعَ الْفَرَسُ حَافِرَهَا عَنْ وَلَدِهَا؛ خَشْيَةَ أَنْ تُصِيبَهُ

Allah has divided Mercy into one hundred parts. He kept ninety-nine parts with Him and sent down one part to the earth. So, it is from this one single part that creation is merciful to each other, such that even the mare lifts up its hoofs away from its foal (baby horse), lest it should trample on it. [Bukhari and Muslim]

Allah is the Most-Merciful of the merciful. This attribute of mercy is one by which the believer has been characterized. It is this mercy by which the believers show filial piety to their parents, show love and affection to their children, and demonstrate love and companionship with their spouses. This is the mercy by which bonds are built and strengthened with relatives, by which friendship is valued, by which guests and neighbors are honored, by which orphans are cared for, by which the elderly are served, by which those who have special needs are looked after. This is the mercy by which charity and aid is given to whomsoever is in need. Ultimately, it is this mercy which in its compassion, gentleness and care encompasses all of creation. All of this mercy was encompassed in our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). He was a living representative of the perfect embodiment of such mercy, sent as a gifted mercy, the Prophet of Mercy, so we can try and emulate him in this mercy, each of us to the degree we are able to.

As an example of this mercy, when the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) saw a camel groaning and in pain, he was moved in his compassion for the camel and acting from the mercy he embodied, he placed his blessed hand and wiped the camel's head. It immediately stopped crying at the touch of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). O Allah, what would we do for such a blessed touch to comfort us in our times of pain? The Prophet then turned to the owner of the camel, wherein every owner of any animal and anyone who has responsibility for any living being should take heed and fear the words of the Prophet when he said:

أَفَلَا تَتَّقِي اللَّهَ فِي هَذِهِ الْبَهِيمَةِ؟

Do you not fear Allah concerning this animal in your possession? [Abu Dawud]

This simple query from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) clarified that gentleness and clemency whether it be to animals, or to any living thing (even insects), is from the manifestation of mercy we are tasked to embody in our following of the Prophet. People looking after animals should intend that their feeding and taking care of animals, giving them shelter, protecting them from harm, is all from emulation of this Prophetic mercy – so we should observe and see how much of this mercy is alive in our hearts. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

بَيْنَا رَجُلٌ بِطَرِيقٍ فَإِذَا كَلْبٌ يَلْهَثُ مِنَ الْعَطَشِ، فَنَزَلَ الْبَيْرُ، فَمَلَأَ خُفَّهُ مَاءً، فَسَقَى الْكَلْبَ، فَشَكَرَ اللَّهُ لَهُ، فَغَفَرَ لَهُ

While a man was walking on his way, he saw a dog which was panting out of thirst. So, he descended into the well, filled up his leather sock with water and quenched the thirst

of the dog. Allah appreciated his action and forgave his sins [Bukhari and Muslim]

O Allah, make us from those who embody this mercy in creation, who strive to reflect this mercy to others so that we in turn may be encompassed by Your mercy. I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most-forgiving.

Second Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, the One, and may peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and companions, and whomsoever follows them in the best of ways.

O People of Mercy: The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

إِنَّمَا يَرْحَمُ اللَّهُ مَنْ عِبَادِهِ الرَّحِمَاءَ

Allah is merciful to those of His slaves who are merciful. [Bukhari and Muslim]

So, Allah manifests His special mercy on those who reflect mercy to His creation. These are the people whose very lives become encompassed through His gentle care and His mandated success. These are the people who enjoy the blessings of families full of affection and intimacy. These are the people who become role models for their communities, who are the very glue through which successful, compassionate societies are built. In mirroring tolerance, coexistence, and love of others, they become an embodiment of compassion, acting as a bridge which can be traversed to an abode of peace and felicity, ultimately the path to God – the real everlasting peace that awaits those who answer the call of Mercy. As Allah says:

ثُمَّ كَانَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْمَرْحَمَةِ * أُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ

And then being among those who believed and advised one another to patience and advised one another to compassion. Those are the companions of the right (Admitted into Paradise). [Qur'an: 90:17-18]

And with this we ask You Allah that You send Your prayers and blessings upon all of the Prophets and Messengers, and especially on the seal of them, our master, our Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon him, and upon his family, his companions, all of them.

45-Work is a message of life.

The First Khutbah

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. Who has encouraged us to engage in beneficial work in His Noble Book, the Qur'an. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the uniquely One who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad, is the slave of Allah and His Messenger. O Allah, send Your peace and blessings upon him and upon whomsoever follows him in guidance until the Last Day.

To Continue: I advise you, O slaves of Allah and myself, with the Taqwa of Allah, for verily Allah says:

وَإِنْ تُحْسِنُوا وَتَتَّقُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا

But if you do good and fear Allah - then indeed Allah is ever, with what you do, Acquainted. [Qur'an: 3:128]

O Believers: Indeed, the work and vocation of a human being is a form of dignity and nobility facilitated for him, for through it he builds his nation and earns respect in his task. Through it he more importantly attains unto the pleasure of the Lord of all the Worlds and the reward given therein. For Allah is the One who has facilitated the Earth for us, precisely so that we may work in it, and strive thereby in enabling its maintenance and the building of civilization. As Allah says: هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ ذُلُولًا فَامْشُوا فِي مَنَاكِبِهَا

It is He who made the earth tame for you - so walk among its slopes and eat of His provision [Qur'an: 67:15]

In similar spirit, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said about a person who was active and alert in his work, that a person who strives in this effort is in the way of Allah. He said:

إِنْ كَانَ حَرْجٌ يَسْعَى عَلَى نَفْسِهِ لِيُجْعَلَهَا فَهُوَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

If this person has gone out to strive by himself in order to facilitate things for his life then such a person is in the way of Allah. [Mu'jam al-Kabir al-Tabarani]

Indeed, the striving of a person and his earning provision brings much benefit for his children and family. Through it he takes care of their needs and supports them, helping to educate his children, thus becoming like a shepherd to his flock and a leader in the community. So, by these efforts he becomes someone who deserves to be honored and remembered and with Allah he attains a great reward and rank. So looking after one's family is not a small thing, for the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said: إِنْ كَانَ يَسْعَى عَلَى وَلَدِهِ صِغَارًا فَهُوَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ، وَإِنْ كَانَ حَرْجٌ يَسْعَى عَلَى أَبْوَيْنَ شَيْخَيْنِ كَبِيرَيْنِ فَفِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ... وَإِنْ كَانَ حَرْجٌ يَسْعَى عَلَى أَهْلِهِ فَفِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ

If a person strives to support his small child then such a person is in the way of Allah. If he leaves his house and strives to support his elderly parents then he is in the way of

Allah. If he leaves his house and strives to support his family then he is in the way of Allah. [Mu'jam al-Kabir al-Tabarani]

So, let us not belittle any efforts or work done. For the efforts of the worker or the employee in his work, in his ensuring mastery in what he does helps contribute to the foundations of family life, which is the bedrock of society. It is such diligent work that helps facilitate the lives of any society's members, allowing for communities to be happy, providing the basis of stability and a good example for children to excel and prosper in their lives. This is the way of wisdom, a way that helps enable civilizational advancement, continual improvement through appropriate technology and sound innovation founded on holistic principles that preserves human prosperity in difficult times.

I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most-forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Second Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, the One, and may peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and companions, and whomsoever follows them in the best of ways.

O Worshippers: Indeed, beneficial work is a message put forward for life itself. A person who is still capable to work puts forward a message by his nature of work to others. This is a message of his attitude to life itself. For the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said: **إِنْ قَامَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَبِيَدِ أَحَدِكُمْ فَسِيلَةٌ، فَإِنْ اسْتَطَاعَ أَنْ لَا تَقُومَ حَتَّى يَغْرَسَهَا فَلْيُفْعَلْ**

If the Final Hour comes while you have a shoot of a plant in your hands and it is possible to plant it before the Hour comes, you should plant it. [Adab al-Mufrad by Imam Bukhari]

Nations are built on the assuming of responsibility to work, to think about the future. This is why our duty to work and sense of vocation is a trust. Nations across the world only exist through the combined efforts of its people, if they were to stop working then whole nations could collapse. So each of us are tasked to the best of our abilities to strive in their work and field of expertise to uphold our common social fabric. We are all interconnected, and the efforts of some translates into the efforts of all, this is what helps increase and improve the prosperity of human civilization. So let us seek to instill this culture of work and effort in the hearts of our daughters and our sons, for they are the makers of the future, and the basis of our hope. We ask Allah that He further enable and bless our leaders to continue to support this field of work. They have opened the doors for young people to find work, and have facilitated for them various opportunities to do their best for the country, offering it the fruit of their knowledge and experience.

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