



And give good tidings to the believers

First sermon

All praise is due to Allah as many times as the number of all that which in the heavens and in the earth. He calls His servants to take the means of attaining happiness and prepares for them pleasant dwellings in gardens of perpetual residence. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is the Servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure blessed family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

As to what follows,

I urge you, **O servants of Allah**, and myself to be aware that you are asked to obey Him the Most Exalted in line with His orders: **“those who believed and were fearing (Allah). For them are good tidings in the worldly life and in the Hereafter. No change is there in the words of Allah. That is what the great attainment is.”** (Yunus: ٦٣-٦٤).

Dear Muslims,

Allah the Almighty likes His servants to be hopeful in receiving His favours, and once granted His bounties, He likes them to show gratitude for Him. The Most Exalted has sent His noble Messengers pbut to guide mankind to that which is best for them. So, whoever follows in their footprints, will definitely attain a great attainment in this world and in the Hereafter. The Most Exalted says, **“and We send not the messengers except as bringers of good tidings and warners. So whoever believes and reforms - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.”** (Al-Anaam: ٤٨).

Part of the guidance of the Messengers pbut was to arouse hope in people’s heart. Accentuating this mission, Allah the Almighty says to our Master Muhammad, **“O Prophet, indeed We have sent you as a witness and a bringer of good tidings and a warner. And one who invites to Allah, by His permission, and an illuminating lamp. And give good tidings to the believers that they will have from Allah great bounty.”** (Al-Ahzab: ٤٥-٤٧).



Carrying his Lord's message, the Messenger of Allah pbuh strived to touch his companions' heart with delight and to give them glad tidings. On this account, it was narrated that he said to Jaber, may Allah be pleased with him, "Shall I give you news of that with which Allah met your father?" Jaber said, "But of course O Messenger of Allah!" So, the Prophet pbuh informed of what Allah has prepared for his father in Paradise.

On the same matter, it was narrated that Abu Musa, may Allah be pleased with him, said, "When the Messenger of Allah pbuh deputed any of his companions on a mission, he would say, 'Give good tidings (to the people); do not create (in their minds) aversion (towards religion); show them leniency and do not be hard upon them'."

More to the point, Allah the Almighty has sent down the holy Quran as guidance to people to lead them on the path of good and success. Out of His Mercy and gracious favours, the Most Beneficent gives in many place of his Book glad tidings to His servants of all that is good in this life and in the next. For instance, the Most Exalted says, "**and We have sent down to you the Book as clarification for all things and as guidance and mercy and good tidings for the Muslims.**" (An-Nahl: ٨٩). Indeed, the holy Quran is replete with scenes depicting glad tidings, assuring the believers of attaining all that is good.

O Believers,

For another, Allah the Almighty has promised the true believers with great recompense and gracious bounties, for He says, "**and give good tidings to the believers that they will have from Allah great bounty.**" (Al-Ahzab: ٤٧). In another place, explaining the nature of such great bounty, the Most merciful says, "**and those who have believed and done righteous deeds will be in lush regions of the gardens [in Paradise] having whatever they will in the presence of their Lord. That is what is the great bounty.**" (Ash-Shura: ٢٢).



In one other place in the holy Quran, Allah also gives good tidings to the righteous of their great attainment saying, **“and give good tidings to those who believe and do righteous deeds that they will have gardens [in Paradise] beneath which rivers flow. Whenever they are provided with a provision of fruit therefrom, they will say, ‘This is what we were provided with before.’ And it is given to them in likeness. And they will have therein purified spouses, and they will abide therein eternally.”** (Al-Baqara: ٢٥).

Not only Allah the All-High informs the believers about their recompense, but also advocates them on the means of attaining His favours. Amongst such means is performing good acts frequently, showing kindness to others and doing all that which is conducive to draw the believer nearer to his Lord. This way, one will, by Allah’s grace, rejoice a tranquil and joyful life in this world. The Almighty says, **“whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer - We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do.”** (An-Nahl: ٩٧).

Interpretations of this Aya suggested that “good life” means happiness and all means of comfort in this world.

Another righteous act that is beneficial to earn the Muslim Allah’s satisfaction is reciting the verses of the holy Quran often, listening to them and following their teachings and guidance. The Most Exalted emphasised this for He says, **“so give good tidings to My servants Who listen to speech and follow the best of it. Those are the ones Allah has guided, and those are people of understanding.”** (Az-Zumar: ١٧-١٨).

Prayer and Zakat (obligatory charity) are also amongst the acts of obedience through which one may attain the Pleasure of Allah the Almighty and earn His rewards. The Most Exalted says, **“these are the verses of the Quran and a clear Book. As guidance and good tidings for the believers. Who establish prayer and give Zakat, and of the Hereafter they are certain [in faith].”** (An-Naml: ١-٣).



So, in His Book, Allah the Most Sublime addresses the believers who are obedient to Him, observe their acts of worship diligently; establish prayers at their prescribed times, pay Zakat, perform acts of obedience that draw them closer to the Almighty and adorn themselves with humble devotion to Him. He gives such righteous people good tidings of being honoured in this world so that their heart is filled with peace and tranquillity. The Almighty further makes them amongst the winners of Paradise in the Hereafter, for He says, **“and, [O Muhammad], give good tidings to the humble [before their Lord]. Who, when Allah is mentioned, their hearts are fearful, and [to] the patient over what has afflicted them, and the establishers of prayer and those who spend from what We have provided them.”** (Al-Hajj: ٣٤-٣٥).

Promises of great recompense and forgiveness have also been given by Allah the Almighty to those who remember and are conscious of Him. The Most Merciful says, **“you can only warn one who follows the message and fears the Most Merciful unseen. So give him good tidings of forgiveness and noble reward.”** (Yas-Seen: ١١). Moreover, those who seek to attain the satisfaction of Allah and His good tidings can achieve their goal by showing kindness to people, both in words and in deeds. This can be possible by helping them in their affairs and supporting the unfortunate amongst them. The Most Exalted says, **“and give good tidings to the doers of good.”** (Al-Hajj: ٣٧). This means, give good tidings to the righteous believers who are good to others in their actions.

In like manner, the Messenger of Allah pbuh has also emphasised the great status attributed to being good to others as he said, “The deed that is most loved by Allah is to bring joy to a Muslim.”

With this in mind, we seek Allah’s favour to continue blessing us with His bounties in this world and admit us to His Paradise in the Hereafter.

O Allah, we seek Your favour to guide us all to obey You and obey Your Messenger Muhammad and obey those You have commanded us to obey in line with Your orders: **“O you who have believed,**



obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.” (An-Nisaa: ٥٩).

May Allah direct us all to the blessings of the Glorious Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger pbuh.

I say this and ask Allah for forgiveness for me and you, so invoke Him for forgiveness, for He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Second Sermon

All praise is due to Allah as many times as the number of that which He has created. All praise is due to Allah filling all that which He has created. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad, his pure family, companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

I urge you, **O Servants of Allah**, and myself to be aware that you are asked to obey Him, the Most Exalted and Sublime.

O Worshipers,

There no doubt giving good tidings to people is conducive to grow happiness and joy in their heart, which in turn imparts tranquillity to the soul, assurance to the heart and expansion of the breast. Truly, when faith is enrooted deeply in the heart, then the believer will taste the flavour of serenity and cherish a happy life. Allah the Most Exalted says, **“and whoever believes in Allah - He will guide his heart.”** (At-Taghabun: ١١).

In fact, one key to happiness is for one to look to those below them (in wealth and worldly affairs) and not to those above, as it is more suitable to remember the blessings that Allah has granted to them. One should appreciate the bounties that Allah the Almighty has endowed upon them with regards to their health, family, wealth and community. This will impart a sense of contentment to the person’s heart and, hence, they will rejoice happiness in the world, showing gratitude to their Lord, the Provider and the Creator.



Ultimately, one will win the everlasting delight and perpetual blessings in the Hereafter.

An illustration of this can be seen in the following Aya. The Most Exalted says, “**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.**” (Hood: ١٠٨). That is to say: their abode will be in Paradise. Therein, they will live rejoicing their Lord’s never-ending bounties.

That is said, please bear in mind that you are instructed to invoke peace and blessings on the Prophet pbuh. Allah, the Most Sublime, says, “**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.**” (Al-Ahzab: ٥٦).

On the same matter, the Prophet pbuh said, “For everyone who invokes a blessing on me will receive ten blessings from Allah.”

O Allah, please confer Your blessings and grant peace upon our Prophet Muhammad pbuh, his family and all of the companions.

May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali, and all of the noble Companions.

May Allah have mercy on the honourable martyrs of our nation and gather them with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favour of the prophets. May Allah make the dwelling of the martyrs, their families, parents and relatives. Indeed, You answer to the supplications.

O Allah, please grant the best reward for the families of the martyrs and offer them patience and solace. May Allah grant victory to the soldiers of the Arab Coalition who gathered to restore the rights to their owners. O Lord, please be by their side and guide the Yemeni people to everything that is good. O Allah, make them rally for the word of truth and legitimacy, and bless them with welfare and stability, O the Most Generous.



O Lord, we beseech You to bless all of the Muslim countries and the whole world with stability and peace.

O Allah, we seek Your grace to increase the UAE in delight and beauty and give the best of rewards and recompense to whoever sowed the seeds of goodness and welfare in it. Indeed, You are the Most Merciful of the merciful.

May Allah grant success and continued health and care to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. May Allah also ensure success to his Vice-President, trustworthy Crown Prince and his brothers, Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Emirates.

O Allah, please forgive all of the Muslims, men and women, living and dead. May Allah have mercy on Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the Late UAE Sheikhs. O Lord, forgive and show mercy on them and bless them with Your kindness and satisfaction. O Lord, forgive and show mercy on our parents, relatives and whoever has done a favour to us.

We pray to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, to continue blessing the UAE with stability and welfare and bless its provisions. O Allah, please continue blessing the UAE with safety and security.

O Allah, we seek Your favour to send us wealthy rain and make us not amongst those who are despondent. O Allah, relieve us! O Allah, relieve us! O Allah, relieve us! O Allah, give us from the blessings of the sky and grow for us from the blessings of the earth.

Remember Allah and He will remember you. Be grateful of His benevolence and He will increase His blessings to you.

Please stand up for prayer.