

Indeed, Allah intends good for His servants First Sermon

All praise is due to Allah, the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy. He creates what He wills and effects what He intends. 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 family and all of his companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

As to what follows,

I urge you and myself, **O Servants of Allah**, to be aware that you are asked to obey Him the Most Exalted, in line with His orders: "O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous." (Al-Baqara: ⁷).

Dear Muslims,

There is no doubt that Allah the Most Exalted intends for His servants all that is good and beneficial for them in their worldly life and in the Hereafter. For this reason, the Almighty has decreed for His servants in their religion all that is conducive to bring them happiness in this life and the great attainment in the next. In this way, the Most Merciful has also guided His servants to the path of His worship and obedience. The Exalted is He says, "Allah wants to make clear to you [the lawful from the unlawful] and guide you to the [good] practices of those before you and to accept your repentance. And Allah is Knowing and Wise." (An-Nisaa: ۲٦). This means, Allah the Most High wants to make clear to you your religious matters and worldly life interests as He did to the peoples who came before you.

This brings us to advise one another on the things that Allah the Almighty has intended for His servants.

O Believers,

Allah the Almighty wants for His servants to be guided to the straight path and good manners. It was for this reason that He has sent to them His Messengers and Prophet pbut. In His holy Book, the



Blessed His Name says to our Master Muhammad, "and We have not revealed to you the Book, [O Muhammad], except for you to make clear to them that wherein they have differed and as guidance and mercy for a people who believe." (An-Nahl: \(\gamma\xi\xi\)). Thus, the Almighty has sent down the holy Quran with clear proofs and guidance, for He says, "and thus have We sent the Quran down as verses of clear evidence and because Allah guides whom He intends." (Al-Hajj: \(\gamma\)).

For this reason the Prophet pbuh has urged Muslims to learn every beneficial knowledge and strive in acquiring it as he pbuh said, "Indeed, knowledge comes but through learning." It is through learning that the Muslim gets to know the rights of their Lord on them and their duties towards their human fellows. As such, they will fulfil such rights and discharge such duties in the manner that pleases Allah the Most Sublime so as for them to attain success in this world and in the Hereafter.



Truly, Allah does not charge a soul except with that which is within its capacity and is able to do. The Most Exalted says, "Allah does not charge a soul except [according to] what He has given it. Allah will bring about, after hardship, ease." (At-Talaq: \(^{\text{Y}}\)). In this sense, the most beloved religion in the eyes of Allah the Almighty is the one easiest to His servants as illustrated by the Prophet pbuh when he said, "The best of your religion is that which is easiest." By making things easy to the Muslims, Allah the Most Merciful intends peace of mind and mercy to mankind, for He says, "and Allah wants to lighten for you [your difficulties]; and mankind was created weak." (An-Nisaa: \(^{\text{Y}}\)).

O Worshipers,

Justice is amongst the noble values and authentic principles that Allah the Almighty wants His servants to followed on His Land and He orders all of His creation to be fair in their judgements and act justly. The Most Exalted says, "**indeed, Allah orders justice.**" (An-Nahl: ٩٠). How not when Allah the Almighty is the Most Just and never treat His servants unjustly. The Owner of Majesty and Honour say, "**and Allah wants no injustice to the worlds.**" (Al Imran: ١٠٨). Emphasising this fact, the Messenger of Allah pbuh advocated that Allah the Almighty said, "O MY servants, I have made injustice unlawful for myself and I have made it unlawful among you, so do not oppress one another."

So, Allah the Almighty has forbidden us to treat one another unjustly and wants us to establish justice, which is why he sent our Master Muhammad to us to cement the principle of justice in our hearts and minds. On this record, Allah the Most Exalted says on behalf of His Messenger pbuh, "and I have been commanded to do justice among you." (Ash-Shoora: \o). In like manner, the Prophet pbuh has called Muslims to give everyone who has a right what is due to him.

Another great action that Allah the Almighty wants His servants to do is to always turn back to Him in repentance, seeking His forgiveness. The Most Exalted says, "Allah wants to accept your



repentance." This means, Allah the Almighty wants you to turn back to Him so that He will grant you His pardoning and engulf you with His favour and mercy.

Being merciful and forgiving, Allah the Most High similarly wants His servants to show tolerance towards one another, forbearance to prevail in the community and leniency to reflect in the way family members treat each other. Indeed, leniency and kindness are great values that return with all that is good to the family and community. The Messenger of Allah pbuh said in this regard, "When Allah wants good (to befall) the members of a household, He will guide them to the way of gentleness (in dealing with each other)." Gentleness is really a means of softening the hearts and pleasing the souls, and involves all the goodness. The Messenger of Allah accentuated this as he said, "Whoever was given his share of gentleness, then he has been given his share of good."

One other great quality that Allah intends for His servants is contentment, for it is the secret behind tranquillity and peace of mind. The Messenger of Allah pbuh observed on this matter, "When Allah wishes good for a servant, He places his richness in his soul and piety in his heart."

O Servants of Allah,

When the believers know what Allah the Almighty has intended for them and strive in doing what He wishes them to do in obedience to Him, the Most Exalted will, by His grace, grant them success to worship Him perfectly and be kind to His creation. In return, the Most Giving will recompense them according to their will and sincere intentions. The Most Exalted says, "and those who are guided - He increases them in guidance and gives them their righteousness." (Muhammad: \frac{1}{2}).

So, whoever possesses a sincere will to do all that is good and strives in the way of achieving what he intends to do, they will be rewarded in multiples. Allah the Almighty says, "but whoever desires the Hereafter and exerts the effort due to it while he is a believer - it is those whose effort is ever appreciated [by Allah]." (Al-Israa:

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¹⁹). Such appreciation reflects in Allah the Almighty granting them success to perform acts of goodness and making easy for them to do righteous deeds. The Messenger of Allah pbuh said, "When Allah wants good for a slave, He puts him in action." It was said to him, "How does He put him in action, O Messenger of Allah?" He pbuh said, "By granting him success to perform a righteous deed before death."

Bearing this in mind, we pray to Allah the Almighty to grant us success to achieve what He intends for us, facilitate our matters, honour us and impart happiness to our hearts.

May Allah guide us all to obey Him and obey His Messenger Muhammad pbuh and obey those He have commanded us to obey in line with His orders: "O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you." (An-Nisaa: of).

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, the Grand, the Exalted, the owner of Glory and Majesty. 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.

O Worshipers,

Please know that if the believer adheres to the commandments of Allah the Almighty, they should accept His decree, for Allah's will is above any other will and what He wills is done. The Most Exalted says, "His command is only when He intends a thing that He says to it, 'Be,' and it is." (Yasin: ^A). Unquestionably, Allah carries into



effect what He wills, for He says, "indeed, it is He who originates [creation] and repeats. And He is the Forgiving, the Affectionate, Honourable, Owner of the Throne, Effecter of what He intends." (Al-Burooj: ١٣-١٦).

In this sense, when Allah the Most Exalted wants something to done, none will be able to stop it from happening. And if Allah wishes to do something, then there no will in the world that can prevent His will, nor is there anyone who can argue His word. It is good to know, then, that what Allah intends for His servants is good and mercy. So, we should accept the Divine decree and turn to Allah in all our matters, seeking His help in all our conditions and asking Him to grant us success in all our efforts. We should also nurture this in the hearts and minds of our children so that their faith should increase and their trust in their Lord should be strengthened. This way, they will be raised on obedience to their Creator, the Exalted in Might, and their hearts will be assured, their breasts expanded and their happiness augmented. Ultimately, they will attain success and win Allah's Paradise on the Day of Judgment.

That is said, please bear in mind that you are instructed to invoke peace and blessings on the Prophet pbuh. The Messenger of Allah 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.

O Allah, may we ask You for a true faith, good character and success followed by excellence. O Allah, please bless us also with Your mercy, good health, forgiveness and satisfaction.

Our Lord, please continue blessing us with happiness with our families and in our homeland, and make us amongst those who are dutiful for their parents and kind to their kith and kin.

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May Allah grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and guide him to all that is good. O Allah, we also seek Your favour to grant him continued health and care. 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. We pray to Allah to show mercy on late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the late UAE Sheikhs. O Lord, grant them abundant mercy and bless them with Your kindness and satisfaction. O Allah, please admit them to Paradise, being given bounties therein without account. O Lord, forgive and show mercy on our parents, relatives and whoever has done a favour to us.

O Lord, may we ask You to guide us to all that may help us attain Your mercy and forgiveness and grant us rewards for our good deeds. O Allah! We ask You attainment of Your Paradise and protection from the Hellfire.

O Allah, we implore You at this instance not to let a sin un-forgiven, a distress unrelieved, a debt unpaid, an illness unhealed, a dead without mercy or a need unsatisfied, for You are the Most Generous and over all things Competent. Indeed, the Most Generous for You are over everything competent and to prayers You are ever responding.

We pray to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, to continue blessing the UAE with stability and welfare and increase it in bounties, knowledge, civilisation, happiness, beauty and tolerance. O Allah, please continue blessing it with happiness and security.

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 with the righteous. Indeed, You are ever responding 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 Allah, please protect them by Your protection and grant them Your victory. O Lord, please 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.

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. O Allah, admit us to Your Paradise with the righteous. Indeed, You are Exalted in Might and Forgiving.

O Servants of Allah, 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.