



## On the deeds in which there is light for the Muslim

### First Sermon

All praise is due to Allah, the Light of the Heavens and the earth and whoever is there in them. He is the Lord of the Heavens and the earth and whoever therein. 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 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 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.”** (Al-Hadeed: ٢٨).

### Dear Muslims,

Please know that, on the Day of Judgment, Allah the Almighty will recompense each person according to their deeds. At that time, everyone’s good deeds will be shining in front of them, and the amount of light which will be given to each of them will be consistent with the level of their good deeds. Allah the Almighty says, **“on the Day you see the believing men and believing women, their light proceeding before them and on their right, [it will be said], and ‘Your good tidings today are [of] gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein you will abide eternally That is what the great attainment is’.”** (Al-Hadeed: ١٢). In interpretation of this Aya, Abdullah Ibn Masood, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “They will be given their light, each according to their deeds; some of them will be given a light in their hands as enormous as the mountain, and others will be given light that is less than that.”

So, on the Day of Judgment, people will be varying in degrees, each in accordance with the light they were given, which is something that the Messenger of Allah pbuh has accentuated as he said, “The first



batch (of people) who will enter Paradise will be (glittering) like the full moon, and the batch next to them will be (glittering) like the most brilliant star in the sky. Their hearts will be as if the heart of a single man, for they will have neither enmity nor jealousy amongst themselves.”

Thus, Allah the Almighty has made for the believer light in this world by which to guide them in their life matters and lead them in the Hereafter too. Such light is given in consistency of the acts of worship and obedience that the believer performs. Let us, therefore, advise each other on the acts of righteousness that may increase the level of the light that the believer will be given in this life and in the next.

The first deed which earns the believer light is recitation of the holy Quran. This is because the holy Quran is the straight path and the clear light about which Allah the Most Exalted says, “**and thus We have revealed to you an inspiration of Our command. You did not know what is the Book or [what is] faith, but We have made it a light by which We guide whom We will of Our servants.**” (As-Shoora: ٥٢). For this reason, the Messenger of Allah pbuh has urged Muslims to take care of the Quran and hold fast to its teachings. He pbuh said, “In the Book of Allah there is right guidance and light, so hold fast to the Book of Allah and adhere to it.”

Truly, whoever ponders upon the verses of the holy Quran and adheres to its commandments, they will, by Allah’s grace, be amongst the rightly guided servants in this world, and their light will shine brightly on the Day of Judgment. Allah the Most Exalted says, “[This is] a **Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], that you might bring mankind out of darkneses into the light by permission of their Lord - to the path of the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy.**” (Ibrahim: ١).

More to the point, there are Suras in the holy Quran to which Allah the Almighty has attributed higher status. Amongst such Suras are the Al Fatiha and the concluding Ayas of Surat Al Baqara. The Most Exalted has advised our Master Muhammad about the virtues of



these Suras, for they contain great meanings that are conducive to guide the hearts, purify the souls and guide the human being on the path of their Lord, the Most High. On this account, it was narrated that Ibn Abbas, may Allah be pleased with him, reported that when Jibril (Gabriel) was sitting with the Prophet pbuh, he heard a (creaking) sound from above him. Jibril looked up and said, “This is a gate in Heaven that has been opened, but it was never opened before.”

An Angel came down from it, so Jibril said, “This is an angel who came down to the earth who had never come down before.” The angel greeted him and said, “Rejoice in two lights given to you which have not been given to any prophet before you: the Opening of the Book (Al Fatiha) and the concluding verses of Surat Al Baqara. You will never recite a single letter of them but you will be granted (a reward).”

Furthermore, the deeds that are greatly rewarded and have a vast light also include reciting Surat Al Kahf (the Cave) on Friday. The Messenger of Allah pbuh said, “Whoever recites Surat Al Kahf on Friday will have a light shining for him from one Friday to the next.” That is to say: Allah the Almighty will make for him a light in his heart and in all his affairs, and another light that will glitter with his deeds.

### **O Worshipers,**

It is also good to know that the radiance of the light of the Muslim increases on the Day of Resurrection if they have perfected their purification and ablution in this life. The Prophet pbuh illustrated this as he said, “On the Day of Resurrection, my followers will be called ‘Al-Ghurr-ul- Muhajjaloon’ from the trace of ablution.” This means that light radiates from their faces, hands and legs on the Day of Judgment. So, if the believer performs ablution regularly and perfectly, and establishes prayers at their prescribed times, Allah the Most Exalted will increase them in light. Indicating this, the Messenger of Allah pbuh said, “Prayer is light.”

This means that the recompense of prayer is given as light radiating from the believer on the Day of Resurrection. To this, it was narrated



that Amr Ibn Al Ass, may Allah be pleased with him, reported that the Prophet pbuh mentioned prayer once and said, “Whoever observes it (prayer), it will be a light, a clear proof and a protection from the Hellfire on the Day of Resurrection.” In this sense, he pbuh highlighted, especially, the status of two prayers that if established in congregation in mosque, Allah the Almighty will give the worshiper a complete light on the Day of Judgment. The Prophet pbuh said, “Give glad tidings to those who walk to the mosque in the dark; of a perfect light on the Day of Resurrection.”

Walking to the mosque to establish prayer and walking back home would, hence, be rewarded by Allah the Most Exalted with a light, which will be seen shining on the Last Day. Yet, in the worldly life, the light might be placed in the heart of the believer and reflect in all the parts of the body.

One other act of obedience that earns the believer a light in this life and the next is supplicating to Allah the Almighty. It was the tradition of the Messenger of Allah to invoke his Lord often and on all occasions. For instance, when he pbuh stood for prayer at night, he would recite this supplication: “O Allah! To You all the praise is due, You are the light of the Heavens and the earth.” For another, when the Messenger of Allah pbuh wanted to go out for prayer in mosque, he would ask Allah the Almighty to grant him light in his limbs and light all around him, and would also ask for the right guidance in all his actions. So, in his invocations, he would say, “O Allah! Let there be light in my heart, light in my sight and light in my hearing, light on my right and light on my left, light above me and light below me, light in front of me and light behind me, and make light abundant for me.”

In like manner, the companions of the Prophet pbuh used to supplicate to Allah much. For example, Abdullah Ibn Masood, may Allah be pleased with him, used to invoke Allah often saying, “Our Lord, amend that which is between us, guide us to the path of Islam and take us from the darkness into the light.”

Bearing this in mind, we seek Allah’s favour to appoint light in our heart and provide us in the Hereafter with light.



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: 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, the Lord of the Worlds. Exalted is He Who is the light and the perfect in justice. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. He is an ally of the righteous. I also bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is 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 High and Exalted.

### **O Worshipers,**

Please know that all good deeds and acts of righteousness and well as acts of obedience are conducive to impart brightness to the face of the believer, expansion in their chest and light for them in this world and in the Hereafter. On this account, one of the righteous ancestors said, “Verily, good deeds bring light into the heart and brilliance upon the face.”

More to the point, there are some people who will be seated on the Day of Resurrection on podiums made of light. Those are the believers who strive in establishing justice. About them, the Messenger of Allah pbuh said, “Those who are just and fair will be with Allah, the Most High, on thrones of light.” Moreover, those who will be placed on pulpits of light on the Day of Judgment also



include the believers who cement love amongst each other and instil it so deep in their hearts and mind that they become just like one body in their mutual compassion and cooperation. The Messenger of Allah pbuh said in this regard, “Allah, the Most Exalted, has said, ‘For those who love one another for the sake of My Glory, there will be seats of light (on the Day of Resurrection), and they will be admired by the Prophets and martyrs.’”

Let us, therefore, hasten to perform acts of goodness and implant such value deep in the hearts of our children that we may be amongst the believers whom Allah the Almighty has guided to the path of goodness in this world and made for them light by which to walk on the pathway to Paradise in the Hereafter.

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

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 to increase us in faith, assurance, cooperation, success, consolidation and harmony. O Allah, may You also forgive us and our parents and bless us in our offspring. 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.

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.

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.

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 with a wealthy, healthy and sufficient rain! O Allah, give us from the blessings of the sky and grow for us from the blessings of the earth.

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.

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**O Worshipers,**

Please know that the Abu Dhabi Statistics Centre is conducting Household Income and Expenditure Survey that will run over a period of one year. The survey is aimed at studying the income and expenditure of families in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in order to measure the average of household income and learn about the patterns of households' consumption expenditure. This can be achieved by collecting data that will contribute to the economic and social development. The ultimate goal is to enhance the level services and ensure the best interests for citizens and residents.

You are urged, therefore, to cooperate with the Abu Dhabi Statistics Centre in their initiative and contribute to the success of their mission.

That is said, we beseech Allah to confer His blessings and grant peace upon our Prophet Muhammad pbuh, his family and all of the companions.