

## **Jumuah Khutbah: Due on 08/03/2019 C.E.**

**In the Name of Allah: The Most Compassionate, the Most Beneficient.**

**Khadijah the Great**

**The First Khutbah:**

All praises are due to Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. I praise Him with a praise commensurate to His countenance and the immensity of His Majesty. And I bear witness, with every facet of my being, that there is nothing worthy of absolute love; nothing worthy of attaching our hearts upon in worshipful adoration, except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing second in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Master, our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon his name), is the perfected example of dutiful servanthood towards Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created cosmos. O Allah: We ask you to bestow Your peace, blessings and grace upon him; his family; all of his companions; and whomsoever follows and seeks to emulate him in the way of embodied spiritual conduct till the Last Day.

**To Continue:** I advise you, dutiful servants of Allah, and myself, to adhere to a heartfelt consciousness (Taqwa) of Allah, for He, the Most Gloriously Transcendent, states:

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.**

[Qur'an: 57:28]

**O You Who Believe:**

Indeed, without a doubt, Allah chose for our leader and master, our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon his name), the best of partners, his

wives, who are the most noble of women in rank. The best of those in character, about them the Allah says:

يَا نِسَاءَ النَّبِيِّ لَسْتُنَّ كَأَحَدٍ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ

**O Wives of the Prophet, you are not like anyone among women.**

[Qur'an: 33:32]

The first wife of the Prophet, the first woman in Islam was: Khadijah (may Allah bless her), the Mother of the Believers, the leader of all the women in creation. Pure and noble, she was of great intelligence and discernment; in that she chose the master of creation as a husband. For when he reached twenty-five years, and when she learnt the truthfulness of his speech, the immensity of his trustworthiness, the nobility of his character, the fair-mindedness of his opinions, she summoned for him. She then said: "I shall give you double of what I give a person from your people, that you become a merchant with my money". The Prophet accepted the offer. When he returned back from the Caravan, he came back with double the amount of profit or the like. So she sent for him and said to him: "O son of my uncle, indeed I am hopeful to be related to you, by your position in your community, the immensity of your faithfulness, the nobility of your character, the truthfulness of your speech." So the Prophet married her. So her house was full of love and the happiness of married love. She was distinguished by the inherent wisdom she had in her words and speech. She spent of her money and the Prophet continued to engage in trade on her behalf. Until he reached the age of forty and the revelation first descended. When his initial experience was to fear for himself, and he was in need for someone to support him, she was the one who reassured and calmed his fear, giving him peace through the words:

كَأَلَّا وَاللَّهِ مَا يُخْزِيكَ اللَّهُ أَبَدًا

**By Allah – Allah will never disappoint you.**

She went with him to her cousin Waraqah bin Nawfal, requesting him to interpret what had happened, so she said: " O cousin, listen to your nephew."

So the Prophet informed Waraqah about the events that had befallen, at which point Waraqah gave them the glad tidings of Prophethood.

Khadijah (may Allah bless her) was the first person to have revelation descend in her house, the first to become Muslim with the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), the first to pray with the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him).

### **O You Who Believe:**

The Prophet used to love Khadijah immensely, he said:

إِنِّي قَدْ رَزَقْتُ حُبَّهَا

**I was blessed with love for her**

This was no doubt because of her great intelligence, her firmness of faith, the beauty of her love, kindness of her speech, the concern and care of her companionship, her expending of her wealth and her great patience in facing the tribulations that were to face them. She always had contentment, being a strong believer in Allah. The Prophet was blessed through her with: Qasim, Abdullah, two sons both of whom died young, and four daughters: Zaynab, Ruqayyah, Umm Kulthum and Fatimah, may Allah be pleased with them all. She was an immensely compassionate woman. Noble and generous. Always caring for her sons and daughters, she would not spare an effort when it came to their eternal happiness. When her daughter Zaynab got married, she gave her a precious necklace to wear it the first time she would meet her husband Abu Aas. And in compensation for what Khadijah (may Allah bless her) had given for Islam, towards the end of her life, the Angel Jibril descended and gave her glad tidings in her house, saying to the Prophet:

هَذِهِ خَدِيجَةُ قَدْ أَتَتْ مَعَهَا إِنَاءٌ فِيهِ إِدَامٌ، أَوْ طَعَامٌ أَوْ شَرَابٌ، فَإِذَا هِيَ أَتَتْكَ فَاقْرَأْ  
عَلَيْهَا السَّلَامَ مِنْ رَبِّكَا وَمِنِّي، وَبَشِّرْهَا بِبَيْتٍ فِي الْجَنَّةِ مِنْ قَصَبٍ، لَا صَخَبَ فِيهِ وَلَا

نَصَبٍ

**This is Khadija coming to you with a dish having meat soup (or some food or drink). When she reaches you, greet her on behalf of her Lord (i.e. Allah) and on my behalf, and give her the glad tidings of having a Qasab palace in Paradise wherein there will be neither any noise nor any fatigue (trouble) . "**

In other words her home would be from arranged pearls. This would be in reward for all the fatigue that she exerted in support of her husband. How she gave him contentment during difficult times. Making easy for him every difficulty. This is why she was deservedly called from the best women of Paradise, as the Prophet said:

أَفْضَلُ نِسَاءِ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ: خَدِيجَةُ بِنْتُ خُوَيْلِدٍ، وَفَاطِمَةُ بِنْتُ مُحَمَّدٍ، وَآسِيَةُ بِنْتُ  
مُزَاهِمٍ امْرَأَةَ فِرْعَوْنَ، وَمَرْيَمُ ابْنَةُ عِمْرَانَ

**The Best of women of Paradise are: Khadijah bint Khuwaylid, Fatimah bint Muhammad, Asiyah bint Muzahim, the wife of the Pharaoh, and Maryam bint Imran.**

**O Servants of Allah:**

Whenever the Prophet would remember her he would say:

قَدْ آمَنْتَ بِي إِذْ كَفَرَ بِي النَّاسُ، وَصَدَّقْتَنِي إِذْ كَذَّبَنِي النَّاسُ، وَوَأَسْتَنِي بِمَا لَهَا إِذْ حَرَمَنِي  
النَّاسُ، وَرَزَقَنِي اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَلَدَهَا إِذْ حَرَمَنِي أَوْلَادَ النَّسَاءِ

**She was the one who believed in me when no-one did, she was the one who said I was truthful when the people said I lied, she was the one who spread her wealth for me when others deprived me and she was the one**

**I was blessed by Allah to have my children with when Allah gave me no children through other women** [The Prophet would later have Ibrahim from Maria al-Qibtiyya, who died young in his infancy]

This is sufficient evidence for the preservation of love of one's wife, the need to honor her family, to do this during her life and even if she was to die before one. What an example there is for husbands in seeing how the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to honor his wives, and what an example there is for wives in seeing how the mothers of the believers, may Allah be pleased with them all, interacted with the Prophet.

O Allah be pleased with the Mother of the Believers, Khadijah. And assist us all in the way of piety and obedience. Piety towards Your trustworthy Messenger, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), to be dutiful towards those You have commanded us to be dutiful towards, in accordance with Your words: **O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.** [Qur'an: 4:59]

May Allah bless me and bless you with the Noble Qur'an and with the Way (Sunnah) of His Noble Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). I say this, and I seek forgiveness for me and for you, so seek His forgiveness, for He is the All-Forgiving and the All-Merciful.

### **The Second Khutbah:**

All praises are for Allah, I praise Him with a praise commensurate to His command, and I thank Him for He supports those who are grateful. And I bear witness, with every facet of my being, that there is nothing worthy of absolute love; nothing worthy of attaching our hearts upon in worshipful adoration, except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing second in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Master, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfected example of dutiful servanthood towards Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created cosmos. O Allah: We ask you to bestow Your peace,

blessings and grace upon him; his family; all of his companions; and whomsoever follows and seeks to emulate him in the way of embodied spiritual conduct till the Last Day.

I advise you, O servants of Allah, and myself, with Taqwa of Allah (glorified be He).

### **O Worshippers:**

It is clear that women are the counterpart and partners of men, and they are partners in the doing of good deeds and their reward, all of this is confirmed by the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) when he said:

نَعَمْ إِنَّمَا النِّسَاءُ شَقَائِقُ الرِّجَالِ

**Woman are counterpart of men.**

And in this regard Khadijah, may Allah be pleased with her, was a model of excellence for what it means to be a distinguished woman in her social and practical affairs, and what it means to be a good wife. She was not only a wife and mother, but she was also a successful businesswoman as the books of biography and history have recorded many prominent models of women who were pioneers in industry and work, Khadijah is the greatest of them. From such women we find women becoming doctors, teachers, great poets, and so on. Hence it is good for parents to direct their daughters and children to read about them, to learn from their lives, to take lessons and benefit from their careers, all of which will help enable a society and noble generation of ethics and behavior, pioneering in knowledge and ethics.

And with this, let us send our peace and blessings upon the one we have been commanded to send our peace and blessings upon, as Allah 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.** [Qur'an: 33:56]. So, O Allah, bestow Your peace, blessings and grace upon our Master, our Prophet and upon his family and all of his companions.

And may Allah be pleased with the Righteous Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Ali ; and the noble companions of the Prophet, the Sahaba, May Allah be pleased with all of them. O Allah, we ask You for soundness in our faith, and trust in good character, and a true success that will be followed by eternal bliss. O Allah, we ask You for Your mercy, for true prosperity, for Your redemptive forgiveness and Your pleasure. O Allah, make us from those who are obedient, respectful, those who venerate their parents, honoring their mothers and their fathers, embodying excellent character towards their families and wider societies.

O 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 seek Your favour in granting him continued good health and care. O Allah, we also ask You to grant success to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates.

O Allah, we ask You to forgive all of the Muslims, both the men and women, the living and dead. O Allah, bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the other late UAE Sheikhs who have passed onto the mercy of their Lord. O Lord, grant them from your abundant mercy and bless them with Your kindness and satisfaction. O Allah, we ask you to admit them into Paradise, being given bounties therein without being taken to account. O Lord, forgive and show mercy on our parents, relatives and whosoever may have a right upon us.

O Allah, we ask You, from and for your loving kindness, for the immensity of your forgiveness, for the reward of all righteousness, for the safety and protection from all sin. O Allah, we ask you for the ultimate success in attaining Paradise, and the ultimate relief in being saved from the Fire. O Allah, do not allow us to sin except that You forgive us, nor to have any worry except that you relieve us therein, nor for any debt to come upon us except that You see it compensated, nor for there to be any sick amongst us except that You see them healed. Let there be no dead, except that You have covered them in Your mercy, and let there be no pressing need, amongst any

of us, except that You see it met and fulfilled. O most Noble of the Noble, You are capable over all things, and You are the most generous in responding to those who call upon You.

We ask You, O Allah, the Lord of all domains, to continue blessing the UAE with stability, welfare, increase in its bounties, knowledge, civilization, happiness, beauty and tolerance. O Allah, please continue blessing it with safety and security. O 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. O Allah, make the dwelling of the martyrs, their families, parents and relatives with the righteous. Indeed, You are ever-responsive to those who call upon You. O Allah, grant to the people of Yemen that which is good, and unite them upon that which is True and Sacred, and provide for them all manners of prosperity, O most Noble of the Noble.

O Allah, spread peace and security amongst all the Muslim nations, and the entirety of the world. O our Lord, we ask You for the best of this World, the best of the Hereafter, that You will protect us from the punishment of the Fire, and that You enter us into Your paradise with the righteous, You are the Most Generous and Most Forgiving.

**Servants of Allah:** Remember Allah, the Majestic, and He will remember you. Thank Him for His blessing, and He will increase you therein. And establish the prayer.

Stand up for prayer.