



## O Allah: Ennoble us

### The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, the Most-Majestic, the Most-Noble. And I bear witness, with every facet of my being, that there is nothing worthy of absolute love and 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 servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe.

**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:

إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

**Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted. [Qur'an: ٤٩:١٣]**

## **O Muslims:**

Allah has referred to Himself with the most noble of Names, and has attributed to His own exalted Essence the greatest of Attributes. From them, is the ‘Owner of Majesty and Honor’, as Allah says:

تَبَارَكَ اسْمُ رَبِّكَ ذِي الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

**Blessed is the name of your Lord, Owner of Majesty and Honor.** [Qur’an: ٥٥:٧٨]

This title means that He is the possessor of Magnificence and Nobility, Graciousness and Generosity. This is a noble Name from the Most Beautiful Names. He is the One who answers those who call Him by these Names, granting them what they ask. It is narrated on the authority of Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) that he said: “I was sitting with the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) and a man stood up to pray. When the man sat down in the position of the Tashahhud (seated position at the end) he made a supplication saying: “O Allah, I ask You [alone] in that for You is all Praise. There is nothing worthy of worship but You, the Most Generous, Originator of the Heavens and the Earth. O Owner of Majesty and Honor, O Ever-Living and Self-Subsistent, I ask You [alone].” On this, the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: “I swear by Him in whose hands in my soul, he has called Allah by His most Noblest of

Names, by which when called upon He answers, and when requested of, He grants.” [Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi and Ibn Majah].

Similarly, the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) whenever he used to finish his prayers would seek forgiveness from Allah (by making istighfar) three

times, saying: **اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ السَّلَامُ، وَمِنْكَ السَّلَامُ، تَبَارَكْتَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ**

**“O Allah, You are As-Salam (The Peace), and from you is As-Salam (The Peace). You are blessed, O Owner of Majesty and Honor.”** [Muslim]

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) encouraged us to increase making supplication with this Name, saying: “Supplicate frequently by: “ O Owner of Majesty and Honor.” [Tirmidhi]. Indeed Allah is the most generous in His giving, and is vast in His generosity, thus from the effects of His generosity is that He ennobled His Angels (may Allah be pleased

with them) and described them as: **عِبَادٌ مُكْرَمُونَ**

**honored servants.** [Qur'an: ٢١:٢٦]

Likewise Allah has stated that they are: **كِرَامٍ بَرَرَةٍ**

**Noble and dutiful.** [Qur'an: ٨٠:١٦]

Allah has also ennobled His Book: **إِنَّهُ لَقُرْآنٌ كَرِيمٌ**

**Indeed, it is a noble Qur'an** [Qur'an: ٥٦:٧٧]

Placing it within noble scrolls, as Allah says:

فِي صُحُفٍ مُّكَرَّمَةٍ \* مَرْفُوعَةٍ مُّطَهَّرَةٍ

**[It is recorded] in noble scrolls, Exalted and purified, [Qur'an: ٨٠:١٣-١٤]**

Similarly, Allah puts forward the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) in a station of honor amongst the other Prophets and Messengers by stating about him: **إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلُ رَسُولٍ كَرِيمٍ**

**Indeed it [the Qur'an] is the word of a noble Messenger. [Qur'an: ٦٩:٤٠]**

The Angel Jibril when addressing Buraq, in the miraculous night journey (Isra) stated: “No one more noble than him (the Prophet Muhammad) has ever mounted you.” [Tirmidhi]. This is supported by a narration on the authority of Abdullah ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) who narrated: “Allah has not created a soul more honorable to Him than Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)”. Alongside these different manners of honor, do not forget Allah has honored every human being and given them nobility, gracing them with His favor and giving them preference over the rest of creation. For He says:

وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ وَحَمَلْنَاهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَفَضَّلْنَاهُمْ عَلَى كَثِيرٍ مِّمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا تَفْضِيلًا

**And We have certainly honored the children of Adam and carried them on the land and sea and**

**provided for them of the good things and preferred them over much of what We have created, with [definite] preference. [Qur'an: ١٧:٧٠]**

**O Muslims:** From Allah's special granting of honor is that He honors those who have Taqwa of him. Those who hasten to His obedience and are avid to seek His pleasure. For on the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) it is narrated: The Prophet was asked: Who are the most honorable of people? He replied by saying: **أَكْرَمُهُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اتَّقَاهُمْ**

**The most noble of them with Allah are those with the most Taqwa [Bukhari]**

The person of Taqwa is honored in this world with the expansion of his provision, and given grace (Baraka) in his life, whereas he will avail forgiveness and the greatest of rewards in the next life, all from Allah the most Forgiving, the most Noble. So never forget that Allah honors His slaves, those who perfect their Wudu, and are dutiful in their prayers in the Mosques. Allah honors them with His acceptance and approval by bestowing upon them these acts, raising their ranks thereby, for the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: **مَنْ تَوَضَّأَ فِي بَيْتِهِ فَأَحْسَنَ الْوُضُوءَ، ثُمَّ أَتَى**

**الْمَسْجِدَ، فَهُوَ زَائِرُ اللَّهِ، وَحَقُّ عَلَى الْمَزُورِ أَنْ يُكْرِمَ الزَّائِرَ**

**Whoever makes his Wudu in his house and perfects his Wudu, then comes to the Masjid, is akin to being**

**a ‘visitor’ unto Allah. And the right of the ‘visitor’  
is that they be honored by the One visited.**

Allah also honors those who learn and study for His sake, saying: **اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ**

**Read and your Lord is Most Generous** Qur’an: ٩٦:٣]

So He raises their honor, elevating their stations, multiplying their reward. Similarly, the act of supplication (Dua) is from the noblest acts of devotion, as the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

**لَيْسَ شَيْءٌ أَكْرَمَ عَلَى اللَّهِ مِنَ الدُّعَاءِ**

**There is nothing more noble to Allah the Glorified,  
than supplication.** [Tirmidhi]

Thus those who sincerely supplicate will find that Allah responds to their call, fulfilling their hopes, satisfying their needs, and increasing them in goodness by the vastness of His generosity and the unfolding of His grace.

**O Muslims:**

Allah loves to ascribe to His servants the attribute of nobility and honor, such that they take on the attributes of the noble themselves. This is why Allah has ordered us to honor our parents, to be of excellent conduct towards them through being dutiful and kind. This entails that our speech should be soft and gentle, that we spend upon them when necessary, and hasten to serve them, entering happiness into their hearts. As

Allah says: وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۚ إِنَّمَا يُبَلِّغُنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٌ وَلَا تَنْهَرهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا

**And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], "uff," and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word.**  
[Qur'an: ١٧:٢٣]

In similar manner the Prophet encouraged us to honor people of nobility, those worthy of honor, by stating:

إِذَا أَتَاكُمْ كَرِيمٌ قَوْمٍ فَأَكْرِمُوهُ

**If there comes to you a noble person, then honor them.** [Ibn Majah]

So we are obligated to honor the elderly, to recognize their sacrifice, to benefit from their experience and wisdom. We should likewise honor those who have memorized the Qur'an, recognizing their ranks, venerating them. We should also honor the rulers, or those in a position of governance, being true in our affection towards them, honoring their positions of authority. Spending of our own selves in coming to the aid of what is asked of us. As the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: **إِنَّ مِنْ إِجْلَالِ اللَّهِ: إِكْرَامَ ذِي**

الشَّيْبَةُ الْمُسْلِمِ، وَحَامِلِ الْقُرْآنِ غَيْرِ الْعَالِي فِيهِ وَالْجَافِي عَنْهُ،  
وَإِكْرَامَ ذِي السُّلْطَانِ الْمُقْسِطِ

**Part of honoring Allah is to show respect to an elderly Muslim and to someone who knows the Qur'an, as long as one is not extravagant in this nor turns away from it, and to show honor to a just ruler. [Abu Dawud]**

Similarly, the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) encouraged us to honor the neighbour and the guest. This is through being gracious towards them, such as smiling whenever we see them, engaging in kind and friendly conversation, inviting them over for food, or sending some over to them. For the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكْرِمْ جَارَهُ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ  
بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكْرِمْ ضَيْفَهُ

**Let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day speak good, or keep silent; and let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day be generous to his neighbour; and let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day be generous to his guest.**

[Bukhari and Muslim]

Emulating this, Abdullah ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) used to honor his guests and visitors by saying: “The most precious of people to me, is the one who sits with me”. And from the honoring of



people who sit and visit us is being interested in and paying attention to their affairs, making space for them to sit and be in our company (both physically and in our hearts), as the Prophet said:

إِذَا جَاءَ أَحَدَكُمْ إِلَى مَجْلِسٍ فَأَوْسَعَ لَهُ، فَلْيَجْلِسْ، فَإِنَّهَا كَرَامَةٌ  
أَكْرَمَهُ اللَّهُ بِهَا، وَأَخُوهُ الْمُسْلِمُ

**If one of you comes to a gathering, and space is made to accommodate you, then sit there. For this an honor, that Allah and your fellow Muslim brother has honored you with.**

O Allah. Make us from your honored slaves. And assist us all in the way of piety and obedience. Piety towards Your trustworthy Messenger, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), the ability 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: ٤:٥٩]

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 the majesty of His countenance, and the immensity of His authority. And I bear witness, with every facet of my being, that there is nothing worthy of absolute love and 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 perfect example of dutiful servanthood towards Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. 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 best of ways till the Last Day.

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

### **O Worshippers:**

Allah, the Most glorified, ultimately honors those who are devoutly obedient to Him, by entering them unto His paradise. For Allah says about his believing

servants: **أُولَئِكَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ مُّكْرَمُونَ**

**They will be in paradise, honored.** [Qur'an: ٧٠:٣٥]

So Allah will honor them with all manners of honor therein, gracing them with the various means of His grace. Bestowing upon them all manners of bliss, as

Allah says: **أُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ رِزْقٌ مَّعْلُومٌ\* فَوَاكِهُ وَهُمْ مُكْرَمُونَ\* فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ\* عَلَى سُرُرٍ مُتَقَابِلِينَ**

**Those will have a provision determined - Fruits; and they will be honored, In gardens of pleasure.**

**On thrones facing one another.** [Qur'an: ٣٧: ٤١-٤٤]

So let us strive to avail such honor from Allah through our devotion, by following the guidance of our Messenger (peace and blessings be upon him), and by being courteous to people and honoring them in turn.

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: ٣٣: ٥٦]. 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 on to 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 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 respite 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 honorable 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. Indeed You are the Most Generous and Most Forgiving.

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

**So stand up for prayer.**