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## **Our Eid is Love for Mankind**

### **The Eid Khutbah**

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And to Him – is All Praise.

Allah is Greater than anything else. How great it is for the Believers to gather in happiness and joy, on the Eid ul-Fitr. Exchanging the greetings of Eid amongst themselves, visiting and keeping up ties with their relatives, exchanging love and joy between themselves and others.

Allah is Greater – for He is the Great.

And All Great Praise is for Him.

And may Transcendent Glory and His praise resonate throughout the Day – Morning and Night.

And We witness there is nothing worthy of absolute love and adoration, except Allah. That we do not worship except Him. And we bear witness that our Leader and Master, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and His sent Messenger unto the entire 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 الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَعُيُونٍ \* ادْخُلُوهَا بِسَلَامٍ آمِينَ

**Indeed, the righteous will be within gardens and springs. [Having been told], "Enter it in peace, safe [and secure]." [Qur'an: ١٥:٤٥-٤٦]**

**O Mankind:**

In this morning of the blessed day, that is full of love and which in turn increases affection, we give you the glad tidings of this Eid ul-Fitr, which causes joy and rejoicing to the believers. In that Allah has blessed them to be able to carry out His devotion, and has allowed them to avail His favors. For He says:

وَإِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ لَا تَحْصُوهَا

**And if you should count the favors of Allah , you would not [be able to] enumerate them.**

[Qur'an: ١٤:٣٤]

And what favor is greater than the bringing together of hearts, and their drawing near to each other in mutual love and tolerance of spirit, and the coming together of family and relatives, the coming together of neighbors and friends, the elderly and the young, the women and the men, all happening in a community that one feels safe and secure in. The blessing of children enjoying a life of belonging, whilst they are in relationships of

friendship, mutual concern, and kindness; just like one body, loving one another; the elderly being soft and gentle towards the young, and the young respecting the elderly. Wherein the wealthy are generous to the poor in their giving, where the strong come to aid of the weak, wherein the needy are able to have their needs meet through all manner of goodness. As the Qur'an says about such a spirit:

وَيُؤْتِرُونَ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ

**They give [them] preference over themselves, even though they [themselves] are in privation.**

[Qur'an: ٥٩:٠٩]

In this manner, they wish for good to come to all of mankind. For the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) stated that a person:

لَا يَبْلُغُ حَقِيقَةَ الْإِيمَانِ؛ حَتَّىٰ يُحِبَّ لِلنَّاسِ مَا يُحِبُّ لِنَفْسِهِ مِنَ الْخَيْرِ

**Does not reach the Truth of Faith, until he loves for Mankind that which he loves for himself from good.**

[Ibn Hibban]

Thus true faith in Allah teaches the believer to place and put forward the good for everyone, all of mankind. For Allah is the One who created all of mankind from one single soul, making them all thereby brothers and sisters in their humanity, one human family, hence He

says: يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ

**O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul [Qur'an: ٤:١]**

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) emphasized this brotherhood, stating:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، أَلَا إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ وَاحِدٌ، وَإِنَّ أَبَاءَكُمْ وَاحِدٌ

**O mankind: Is not your Lord one? And is not your father one?** [Musnad Imam Ahmad]

In that same spirit the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) dissolved superficial differences between people, in order that their lives become clear and wholesome. That they enjoy the favor of mutual concern and love, and the favor of a sense of a global brotherhood, so he (peace and blessings be upon him)

said: النَّاسُ بَنُو آدَمَ، وَآدَمُ مِنْ تُرَابٍ

**All people are the children of Adam. And Adam is from the Earth.** [Tirmidhi]

So every human being is the brother of another, even if they differ in their racial ethnicities, nationalities, genders and color of their skin. For indeed Allah has made this very difference as a sign of His lordship, and His way of administering the Universe, as He says:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافُ أَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَأَلْوَانِكُمْ إِنَّ

فِي ذَلِكَ لآيَاتٍ لِلْعَالَمِينَ

**And of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the diversity of your languages and your colors. Indeed in that are signs for those of knowledge.** [Qur'an: ۳۰:۲۲]

And in this diversity and number, there comes about a knowing and connection, and the ability to live and be with the ‘other’, despite differences that may exist pertaining to cultures and belief systems. For Allah states: يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا

وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا

**O Mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another.** [Qur’an: ٤٩:١٣]

This is the brotherhood of mankind. One that unites humanity. Making them all equal to each other in their innate nobility, and removing the hatred, animosity and rancor that the Devil seeks to plan between them. As

Allah says: إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ يُوقِعَ بَيْنَكُمُ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ

**Satan only wants to cause between you animosity and hatred** [Qur’an: ٥:٩١]

Its true. Animosity and hatred are from the works of the Devil. As for the Heavenly revelation, then Allah sends it down as a mercy for the entirety of Mankind. Spreading peace and mutual love between them. Rejecting extremism and intolerance. Calling to the ascertaining of justice and the giving of rights to their possessor, ordering for the preservation and protection of the weak and elderly, and beautiful conduct towards

the needy such as poor, widowed and destitute. For Allah says: **إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ**

**Indeed, Allah commands to justice and good conduct and giving to relatives. [Qur'an: ١٦:٩٠]** So justice itself stands upon a spirit of mutual mercy and compassion, and it is a necessary component and means by which one attains the noble life.

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### **O Worshippers:**

Indeed from the greatest of values of lofty character, and mutual assistance and livelihood amongst manikind, from the principles of human brotherhood – is not to be divided. This is what the teachings of the Prophets united upon, calling towards this mutual love and affection, to shun sedition and division, just as the Qur'an states:

**شَرَعَ لَكُمْ مِنَ الدِّينِ مَا وَصَّىٰ بِهِ نُوحًا وَالَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ وَمَا وَصَّيْنَا بِهِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ أَنْ أَقِيمُوا الدِّينَ وَلَا تَتَفَرَّقُوا فِيهِ**

**He has ordained for you of religion what He enjoined upon Noah and that which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], and what We enjoined upon Abraham and Moses and Jesus - to establish the religion and not be divided therein.**

[Qur'an: ٤٢:١٣]

Indeed the most beloved of people in this religion of Allah, are those who encourage and urge others to embody this high standard of character. To be loyal to one's commitments, as Allah says: **وَإِذَا قُلْتُمْ فَاعْدِلُوا وَلَوْ**  
**كَانَ ذَا قُرْبَىٰ وَبِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ أَوْفُوا ذَٰلِكُمْ وَصَاكُم بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ**

**And when you testify, be just, even if [it concerns] a near relative. And the covenant of Allah fulfill. This has He instructed you that you may remember.**

[Qur'an: ٦:١٥٢]

So how great it would be if we can sow this culture of peace in the minds of generations to come, to face down all forms of extremism, howsoever it manifests. To dry out the streams and courses that may lead to it. To make firm what it really means to be a citizen. Which is that one affirms and upholds the necessary rights of others, takes on responsibility, being part of the solution not part of the problem, bringing happiness to others and the generations to come. For such a person, it can be guaranteed, that they will have a noble life, full of peace, contentment and being grounded. A life based on true tolerance of spirit, true understanding, goodly living, spreading love and mutual affection across humanity at large.

We ask Allah that He preserve for us and continue us in that which is moral and upright, and facilitate for us the good always.

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I say this and I ask Allah for forgiveness for me and for you, so invoke Him for forgiveness, for He is the most-forgiving, the most-merciful.

### **The Second Khutbah**

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Allah is Greater, And to Him – is All Praise.

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:**

On this Eid of ours, we rejoice at His various bounties upon us. His mercy towards us. So let us in turn spread this mercy amongst us, in greetings, in visiting others [especially those who are lonely, who may have no one]. And don't forget your relatives, this is a day to focus on family ties, spreading and strengthening love and affection between whoever we meet and greet. The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:



لَا تَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا، وَلَا تُؤْمِنُوا حَتَّى تَحَابُّوا، أَوْلَا أُدْلِكُمْ  
عَلَى شَيْءٍ إِذَا فَعَلْتُمْوهُ تَحَابَبْتُمْ؟ أَفَشُوا السَّلَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ

**“By the One in whose Hand is my soul! You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not (truly) believe until you love one another. Shall I not tell you of something which, if you do it, you will love one another? Spread the greetings of Peace amongst yourselves.”** [Muslim]

He (peace and blessings be upon him) also said:

أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، أَفَشُوا السَّلَامَ، وَأَطْعِمُوا الطَّعَامَ، وَصَلُّوا الْأَرْحَامَ،  
وَصَلُّوا وَالنَّاسُ نِيَامًا؛ تَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ بِسَلَامٍ

**“O people, exchange greetings of peace, feed people, strengthen the ties of kinship, and perform the prayer when others are asleep, you will enter Paradise in peace [thereby].”** [al-Tirmidhi]

And with this, let us send our peace and blessings upon the best of mankind, to be obedient towards that which we have been commanded upon, for 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, make the UAE a place of peace, happiness and trustworthiness. A place of prosperity, pride and fraternity, make love our character, mutual tolerance our spirit, and the doing good to people our way of conduct. O Allah, spread joy in our homes, and safeguard our people and our martyrs, and honor us with Your generosity in this world and the Hereafter.

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, 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.

May Allah facilitate this Eid for you in goodness and Baraka.

Wa kulla am' wa antum bi khayr. [May you be in a state of goodness in every year we greet].

Wa salaam alaykum wa rahmatullah wa barakatuhu [And may the peace, blessings and mercy of Allah be upon you.]