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## **And eat of what Allah has provided for you [of what is] lawful (halal) and good**

### **The First Khutbah**

All praises are for Allah who has apportioned all livelihood and sustenance. Who has commanded us to earn a living through the halal, and to nourish ourselves through the pure and wholesome (tayyib). And I bear witness, with every facet of my being, that there is nothing worthy of absolute love, adoration and worship, except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing second in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. Being the most conscious of people with his Lord, and the most diligent in pursuing the halal in all his earnings. O Allah send your salutations, peace and blessings upon our Prophet Muhammad and upon all of his family and companions. And upon whomsoever follows them in the best of ways 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: **وَكُلُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَكُمُ اللَّهُ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا**

**وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَنْتُمْ بِهِ مُؤْمِنُونَ**

**And eat of what Allah has provided for you [which is] lawful and good. And fear Allah, in whom you are believers. [Qur'an: ٥: ٨٨]**

**O Muslims:**

Allah, the most-majestic, informs us:

**وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ رِزْقُهَا وَيَعْلَمُ مُسْتَقَرَّهَا**

**وَمُسْتَوْدَعَهَا كُلٌّ فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ**

**And there is no creature on earth except that upon Allah is its provision, and He knows its place of dwelling and storage. All of this is in a clear register. [Qur'an: ١١: ٦]**

What this verse indicates is that Allah is solely responsible for the provision of all creation, be they small or large. For indeed Allah has created the earth, and placed therein the provision of its inhabitants and their sustenance. And He has prepared for them therein what is most suitable and appropriate for them. Allah

says: **وَجَعَلْنَا لَكُمْ فِيهَا مَعَايِشَ وَمَنْ لَسْتُمْ لَهُ بِرَازِقِينَ**

**And We have made for you therein means of living and [for] those for whom you are not providers.**

[Qur'an: ١٥: ٢٠]

And Allah has blessed the earth and its sustenance, making it an abode of constant good for its inhabitants. Allah says:

وَجَعَلَ فِيهَا رَوَاسِيَ مِنْ فَوْقِهَا وَبَارَكَ فِيهَا وَقَدَّرَ فِيهَا أَقْوَاتَهَا

**And He placed on the earth firmly set mountains over its surface, and He blessed it and determined therein its sustenance.** [Qur'an: ٤١:١٠]

So Allah humbled the land and bestowed it to mankind, in order that they may utilize it in seeking their

livelihood. Allah says: هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمْ الْأَرْضَ ذُلُولًا

فَامْشُوا فِي مَنَاكِبِهَا وَكُلُوا مِنْ رِزْقِهِ وَإِلَيْهِ التَّشْوُرُ

**It is He who made the earth humbled for you - so walk among its slopes and consume of His provision - and to Him is the resurrection.** [Qur'an: ٦٧:١٥]

Indeed Allah calls upon mankind to seek the halal and pure through their earnings and living on the earth. So

Allah says: يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ كُلُوا مِمَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا

**O mankind, eat from whatever is on earth [that is] lawful and good.** [Qur'an: ٢:١٦٨]

The pure (tayyib) is that which benefits the body and which is wholeheartedly accepted by the soul. And He, the glorified and transcendent, singled out the Prophets and Messengers, peace be upon them all, with this call.

For He says: **يَا أَيُّهَا الرُّسُلُ كُلُوا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَاعْمَلُوا صَالِحًا**  
**إِنِّي بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ عَلِيمٌ**

**O Messengers, eat from the pure and work righteousness. Indeed, I, of what you do, am all-knowing.** [Qur'an: ٢٣:٥١]

Hence the Prophets, peace be upon them all, did this to the utmost degree, exerting with all of their efforts and striving with their own hands, in order that whatever they be able to earn from their sustenance, be from the halal. The Messenger of Allah said:

**مَا أَكَلَ أَحَدٌ طَعَامًا قَطُّ، خَيْرًا مِنْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ مِنْ عَمَلِ يَدِهِ، وَإِنَّ نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ دَاوُدَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ، كَانَ يَأْكُلُ مِنْ عَمَلِ يَدِهِ**

**Nobody has ever eaten better than that which they have earned by working with their own hands. And indeed, the Prophet of Allah, David, used to eat from the work (earnings) of his own hands.**

[al-Bukhari]

And when the companions asked the Messenger of Allah about the purest, most untainted and most excellent of ways in earning a living, he responded by

saying: **عَمَلُ الرَّجُلِ بِيَدِهِ، وَكُلُّ بَيْعٍ مَبْرُورٍ**

**The earnings a man has by working with his own hands, and every righteous form of trade.**

[al-Tabarani]

And this response was all-encompassing in that it includes all manner of trade, jobs and commerce. So what a person earns through his own toil from the halal, is the purest of ways he earns a living. Likewise for his children. The Prophet said:

إِنَّ أَطْيَبَ مَا أَكَلَ الرَّجُلُ مِنْ كَسْبِهِ، وَإِنَّ وَلَدَهُ مِنْ كَسْبِهِ

**The purest a man eats is that which he has earned himself, and his child (and their wealth) is from his earnings. [Tirmidhi]**

**O Servants of Allah:**

Indeed Allah has forbidden us from earning money in a manner that contravenes sacred law (the Sharia). For

He says: وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَاطِلِ

**And do not consume one another's wealth unjustly [Qur'an: ٢: ١٨٨]**

The Prophet warned us against being hasty in seeking to attain one's prescribed sustenance, such that they take it through means that are not permissible. So he

said: إِنَّ رُوحَ الْقُدُسِ نَفَثَ فِي رُوعِي: أَنْ نَفْسًا لَنْ تَمُوتَ حَتَّى

تَسْتَكْمِلَ أَجْلَهَا، وَتَسْتَوْعِبَ رِزْقَهَا، فَأَجْمِلُوا فِي الطَّلَبِ، وَلَا

يَحْمِلَنَّ أَحَدُكُمْ اسْتِبْطَاءَ الرِّزْقِ أَنْ يَطْلُبَهُ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ؛ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا

يُنَالُ مَا عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِطَاعَتِهِ

**Indeed the Holy Spirit (the Angel Gabriel) cast inspiration into my heart: That every soul shall not**

die except that its allotted time shall be completed, and it shall attain its allotted providence, so beautify your seeking. And let none of you be responsible for the delaying of their providence, in that you seek it through ways of disobedience (sin). For verily Allah does not give [to His servants] what is with Him except when there is obedience to Him.

[Hilyatul Auliya]

Likewise the Prophet advised us to leave aside that whose halal nature is doubtful, being better for a person in their worldly and religious affairs. So he said:

إِنَّ الْحَالَ بَيْنَ، وَإِنَّ الْحَرَامَ بَيْنَ، وَبَيْنَهُمَا أُمُورٌ مُشْتَبِهَاتٌ لَا يَعْلَمُهُنَّ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ النَّاسِ، فَمَنْ اتَّقَى الشُّبُهَاتِ فَقَدْ اسْتَبْرَأَ لِدِينِهِ وَعَرْضِهِ، وَمَنْ وَقَعَ فِي الشُّبُهَاتِ وَقَعَ فِي الْحَرَامِ

Indeed the halal (lawful) is clear, and the haram (unlawful) is clear and between them are matters that are doubtful (not clear); which many of the people do not know about. So whoever leaves aside such doubtful matters has indeed safeguarded his religion and his honour. And whoever falls into that which is doubtful, shall (inevitably) fall into that which is haram. [Bukhari and Muslim]

And we have in our Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad, the best of examples. For he was diligent in probing for the halal in whatever he ate and drank, never

consuming something except establishing that it was halal first. So the Prophet said:

وَاللَّهِ إِنِّي لَأَنْقَلِبُ إِلَى أَهْلِي فَأَجِدُ التَّمْرَةَ سَاقِطَةً عَلَى فِرَاشِي  
فَأَرْفَعُهَا لِأَكْلِهَا، ثُمَّ أَخْشَى أَنْ تَكُونَ صَدَقَةً فَأُلْقِيهَا

**I swear by Allah, [sometimes] I go back to my family and I find a date lying on my bed and I raise it up to eat it, but then I fear it may be from charity and I put it aside. [Muslim]**

Similarly, Anas bin Malik reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) once found a date lying on the path and said:

لَوْلَا أَنْ تَكُونَ مِنَ الصَّدَقَةِ لَأَكَلْتُهَا

**If it were not out of Sadaqa, I would have eaten it. [Muslim]**

In both cases, this was because charity was not permissible for him to consume.

In similar manner the Sahaba have put forth for us numerous examples and models we can emulate. For they used to leave aside some of the halal, out of precaution and fear of falling into the haram. For example, Ibn Umar states:

إِنِّي لِأُحِبُّ أَنْ أَدَعَ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ الْحَرَامِ سُنْرَةً مِنَ الْحَلَالِ

**Indeed I wish to place between me and between the haram, a barrier of the halal.**

It was with this attitude, that the effects of purity was felt throughout their lives and continued so even after their deaths.

So O Allah: Bless us with the halal and the pure, and bless us in whatsoever you have ordained for us as our sustenance. And assist us all in the way of piety. Piety towards Your trustworthy Messenger, Muhammad, and towards those You have commanded us to be dutiful towards. In accordance with His 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, throughout the mornings and the nights. He enters whomsoever He wishes from His righteous servants into paradise. And I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing partner in that One-ness. I bear witness that our Sayyid, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect embodiment of servanthood towards Allah and is His Messenger. O Allah: We ask you to bestow Your peace



and blessings upon our Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad; and upon his family and all of his companions. And whomsoever follows them and seeks to emulate them in the best of ways till the Last Day. I counsel you, O servants of Allah, and myself, to adhere to the taqwa of Allah (glorified be He).

### **O Muslims:**

The attitude of diligently examining into one's affairs as to whether they are halal or not, has tremendous effect and benefit. For it is the means by which one's supplications are answered, and by which one's righteous deeds are accepted. The Prophet said:

مَنْ تَصَدَّقَ بِعَدْلِ تَمْرَةٍ مِنْ كَسْبٍ طَيِّبٍ، وَلَا يَقْبَلُ اللَّهُ إِلَّا الطَّيِّبَ، فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَتَقَبَّلُهَا بِيَمِينِهِ، ثُمَّ يُرِيهَا لِصَاحِبِهَا، كَمَا يُرِي أَحَدُكُمْ فَلُوهُ حَتَّى تَكُونَ مِثْلَ الْجَبَلِ

**Whoever gives in charity the equivalent of a date from his pure earnings - and Allah only accepts that which is pure - will find that Allah will accept it with His right [i.e. with honour], then He will cause it to grow for its owner. In such a manner as if one of you were to raise up a foal until it becomes the likes of a mountain.[Bukhari]**

So whoever diligently examines and seeks unto the halal, finds its effects in their own souls, in their wealth, and in their children, for Allah blesses them in their offspring and lineage thereon. And from the fruits

of consuming the halal only, is that such consumption shall bring about ease for him on the Day of Judgement. For each of us will be asked about our wealth:

مِنْ أَيْنَ اكْتَسَبَهُ، وَفِيمَ أَنْفَقَهُ؟

**From where [in what manner] did we earn it and in what did we spend it?** [Tirmidhi]

So for the righteous there will be a supportive evidence [in the nature of their answers when questioned], and Allah will enter them unto paradise. A man once came to the Prophet and said: O Messenger of Allah: Do you see that if I were to perform the obligatory prayers. And take as haram that which is haram, taking halal that which is halal; would I enter paradise thereby? The Prophet responded: **Yes.**

So let us place esteem and honour in the hearts of our children when it comes to living a life diligently pursuing the halal. This by their preserving this attitude throughout their lives, enabling them to be both successful in this world, and to be blissful in the next. 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 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 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. 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.**