



## The Family is a gift from Allah

### The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, the Noble, the Bestower, the One who gives without account. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah; the Uniquely One, who has no partners in His Oneness. And I testify that our leader, our Prophet, Muhammad – is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and upon his family and upon his companions, all of them, and upon whomever acts upon their way of guidance until 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:

وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا تُرْجَعُونَ فِيهِ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ تُوَفَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَا كَسَبَتْ  
وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ

**And fear a Day when you will be returned to Allah. Then every soul will be compensated for what it earned, and they will not be treated unjustly. [Qur'an: ٢:٢٨١]**

**O Muslims:**

Allah praises the Servants of the Merciful, those who turn towards Him saying:

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

**O Our Lord, make our wives, and our offspring, the coolness of our eyes, and make us from the leaders of righteousness [Qur'an: ٢٥:٧٤]**

So they ask their Lord, the Bestower, that He bestow upon them a happy and settled family, that others may emulate them in their devoutness to Allah, and in their excellent character towards creation. Indeed the family is from the greatest of gifts from Allah to a person in his life. For Allah says to Sayyidina Ayyub:

**وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ أَهْلَهُ وَمِثْلَهُم مَّعَهُمْ رَحْمَةً مِنَّا وَذِكْرَى لَأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ**

**And We granted him his family and a like [number] with them as mercy from Us and a reminder for those of understanding. [Qur'an: ٣٨:٤٣]**

In other words, Allah honoured him with the presence of his wife and his children with him. So that he would be reunited with his family, such that his mind be content, his heart be at peace, and his self be reassured.

Indeed the wife is from the pillars of the family, being a gift from Allah. A noble bestowal from Him, whose nobility Allah brings to the attention of His slaves, by reminding them thereby, stating:

**وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا**

**Allah has made for you from yourselves, spouses.**

[Qur'an: ١٦:٧٢]"

One of the Scholars of the Qur'an said: "Truly wives are blessings upon us, for it is through the wife that the family is built, and it is through her that the life of the family settles down. She is the one who honours her husband,

raises her children, and brings joy to her family. She is the one who spreads love and mercy in her house." She is truly a treasure for whoever understands her worth, and knows her value, as the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said to Muadh ibn Jabal (may Allah have mercy on him):

يَا مُعَاذُ، قَلْبٌ شَاكِرٌ، وَلِسَانٌ ذَاكِرٌ، وَزَوْجَةٌ صَالِحَةٌ تُعِينُكَ عَلَى  
أَمْرِ دُنْيَاكَ وَدِينِكَ؛ خَيْرٌ مَا أَكْتَنَزَ النَّاسُ

**O Muadh: A grateful heart, a tongue remembering Allah, and a righteous wife who aids you in the affairs of both your religion and the world: [All of these] are the goodness that people can treasure.**

In gratitude for the blessing of having a wife, a husband should value her efforts, seeing her as beautiful in her dealings, honouring her always, in accordance and emulating the Qur'anic instruction: وَعَاشِرُوهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ

**And live with them in kindness.** [Qur'an: ٤: ١٩]

And in this regard, a husband should honour his wife, interacting with her with gentleness and kindness. The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) is reported to have said:

إِذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بِأَهْلِ بَيْتٍ خَيْرًا؛ أَدْخَلَ عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّفْقَ

**If Allah wishes to bring about good in a family, He causes them to have gentleness amongst themselves.**

[Ahmad]

For in this manner, a husband will be the best of support to his wife, in helping her facilitate the affairs of her life. In emulating the way of our Prophet, Sayyidina Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) who said:

**خَيْرُكُمْ خَيْرُكُمْ لِأَهْلِهِ، وَأَنَا خَيْرُكُمْ لِأَهْلِي**

**The best of you is the one who is best to his wife, and I am the best of you to my wives [Tirmidhi]**

**O Servants of Allah:**

Indeed children and further offspring are also gifts from Allah, as Allah says: **لِلَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يَخْلُقُ مَا**

**يَشَاءُ يَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ إِنَاثًا وَيَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ الذُّكُورَ**

**To Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth; He creates what he wills. He gives to whom He wills female [children], and He gives to whom He wills males. [Qur'an: ٤٢:٤٩]**

Indeed children and further offspring are also gifts from Allah, hence the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: **إِنَّ أَوْلَادَكُمْ هِبَةٌ لِلَّهِ لَكُمْ**

**Indeed your children are gifts from Allah to you**  
And Sayyidina Ibrahim understood the value of the blessing of having a child, hence he called upon his Lord to bestow one upon him, saying: **رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ**

**My Lord, grant me [a child] from among the righteous.**  
[Qur'an: ٣٧:١٠٠]

So Allah heard his call, and answered his supplication.  
Allah says about Sayyidina Ibrahim:

وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ إِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ

**And We gave him Isaac and Jacob in addition, and all [of them] We made righteous.** [Qur'an: ٢١:٧٢]

Similarly the Prophet Zakhariyya (peace and blessings be upon him) called upon his Lord saying:

قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي وَهَنَ الْعَظْمُ مِنِّي وَاشْتَعَلَ الرَّأْسُ شَيْبًا وَلَمْ أَكُنْ  
بِدُعَائِكَ رَبِّ شَقِيًّا\* وَإِنِّي خِفْتُ الْمَوَالِيَ مِنْ وَرَائِي وَكَانَتِ  
امْرَأَتِي عَاقِرًا فَهَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ وَلِيًّا\* يَرِثُنِي وَيَرِثُ مِنْ آلِ  
يَعْقُوبَ وَاجْعَلْهُ رَبِّ رَضِيًّا

He said, "My Lord, indeed my bones have weakened, and my head has filled with white, and never have I been in my supplication to You, my Lord, unhappy. And indeed, I fear the successors after me, and my wife has been barren, so give me from Yourself an heir. Who will inherit me and inherit from the family of Jacob.

**And make him, my Lord, pleasing [to You]."**

[Qur'an: ١٩:٤-٦]

In other words he wished for a son who would be pleasing in his character, righteous in his action. For a righteous child is obedient to his Lord, a support to his family, and an asset to his homeland. Hence the knowledgeable amongst us congratulate whoever is blessed with a child and urge them to thank Allah. So they say to them: "May Allah bless you in your gift, and may you thank the Bestower. May

Allah enable him to have a long life, and may you be blessed with his righteousness." So let whomsoever Allah has blessed with children honour this blessing and give it its due appreciation. Let him orientate himself towards the One who has bestowed this gift upon him. Just as Sayyidina Ibrahim did when he said: **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي وَهَبَ**

**لِي عَلَى الْكَبِيرِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ إِنَّ رَبِّي لَسَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ**

**Praise to Allah, who has granted to me in old age Ishmael and Isaac. Indeed, my Lord is the Hearer of supplication. [Qur'an: ١٤:٣٩]**

And whomsoever is grateful for the gift of children, should strive to beautify their upbringing and ensure they have the best of care. For the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: **الرَّجُلُ رَاعٍ فِي أَهْلِهِ وَمَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ**

**A man is the shepherd of his family and he is responsible for his flock [Bukhari]**

So let parents be proficient in supplication for their children, asking for their righteousness and care, that they adhere to obedience of Allah. And that they hold firm to prayer, wherein the duration of their lives be spent under the care of their Lord. Just as Sayyidina Ibrahim made a similar supplication saying:

**رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي مُقِيمَ الصَّلَاةِ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي رَبَّنَا وَتَقَبَّلْ دُعَاءِ**

**My Lord, make me an establisher of prayer, and from my descendants. Our Lord, and accept my supplication.**

**[Qur'an: ١٤:٤٠]**

For children are the joy of the family and the adornments of lives.

And indeed from the best of gifts is that Allah blesses a person with siblings, having brothers and sisters such that they can partake and share with them in joys, and be a means of support in the face of trials. To help one in achieving their goals. Just as Allah blessed Sayyidina Musa with his brother Sayyidina Harun, as a Prophet too. To help strengthen his mission and help him to fulfill his undertaking. As Allah says about

Sayyidina Musa: **وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ مِنْ رَحْمَتِنَا أَخَاهُ هَارُونَ نَبِيًّا**

**And We gave him out of Our mercy his brother Aaron as a prophet.** [Qur'an: ١٩:٥٣]

From the right of brotherhood and sisterhood, is that a person should never cut off relations with their siblings, keeping in touch and asking about one another. In-fact he should constantly check upon their welfare, bringing them happiness in times of difficulty. Helping to remove from them any sadness, bringing relief and expansion to their hearts, always aiding them; always being part of the solution.

So O Allah: Bless us in our children, and bring about true happiness in our homes and in families. And assist us all in the way of piety and obedience. Piety towards His trustworthy Messenger, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), and may He bless us with the ability to be dutiful towards those He has 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, Lord of all the worlds. 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 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 Muslims:**

Indeed the gifts of Allah in this world are a bestowal, that in turn brings about for the person gifted thereby in the hereafter an even greater reward. Hasan al-Basri



famously said: "Allah never confers a blessing upon a slave except that it has with it a commensurate responsibility." So whomsoever Allah blesses with a family, let him take care and preserve their bonds, striving to ensure their contentment. And let him know that such contentment itself is a great blessing from Allah, so he should thank Allah in turn. So let the husband be avid in ensuring his family is settled, and let him strive in seeking their happiness. And let the wife strive towards ensuring there are mutual bonds of affection between the members of her family. And let all of them combine to ensure there is love, gentleness, mutual encouragement, support and care. Let children honour their parents, let them show importance to their education, and fulfill their responsibilities. And let brothers and sisters honour each other, and mutually keep in touch and cooperate. Let all of this, increase our families in love, care and stability. Let this in turn strengthen our societies in cohesiveness and solidarity. 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 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.**