



How Amazing is the Affair of the Believer!

The First Khutbah

All Praise be to Allah, Lord and Cherisher of the Worlds, Who, through His Generosity and Grace, made us believers. And ordered us to be grateful for His Blessings and Bounties and to patiently endure hardship and adversity. 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 ﷺ is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. O Allah send your salutations, peace and blessings upon our Prophet, Muhammad ﷺ and upon all of his family and companions. And upon whomever acts upon their way of guidance until the Last Day.

To proceed: I advise you and myself to embody a reverential consciousness (taqwa) of Allah. For He, the Most Gloriously Transcendent, states: **يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا**

اصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

O you who have believed, persevere and endure and remain stationed and fear Allah that you may be successful. [Qur'an: ٣: ٢٠٠]

O Muslims: The Prophet ﷺ is reported to have said:

عَجَبًا لِأَمْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِ إِنَّ أَمْرَهُ كُلَّهُ خَيْرٌ، وَلَيْسَ ذَاكَ لِأَحَدٍ إِلَّا
لِلْمُؤْمِنِ، إِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ سَرَّاءٌ شَكَرَ فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ، وَإِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ
ضَرَّاءٌ صَبَرَ فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ

How Amazing is the affair of the Believer! Indeed his entire affair is good. And this is not the case with anyone except the believer; should prosperity come his way, he is grateful and that is good for him, and should adversity come his way, he patiently perseveres, and that is good for him. [Muslim]

In this noble hadith, the Prophet ﷺ explains (to us) the affair of the Believers. He explains their position and status with Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, and what He has prepared for them in terms of a great reward when they show gratitude to Him during prosperity, and when they patiently persevere during adversity. And this is not the case with anyone except the believer. They are those whose hearts are filled with firm conviction and certain belief in the existence of their Creator, belief in His (All-Encompassing) Power and (Infinite) Wisdom. As a result, these believers know that whatever good befalls them, it is from Allah Almighty. Who says وَمَا بِكُمْ مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ فَمِنَ اللَّهِ

And whatever you have of blessing - it is from Allah.

[Qur'an: ۱۶: ۵۳]

They are from those who firmly believe that:

مَا أَصَابَهُ لَمْ يَكُنْ لِيُخْطِئْهُ وَأَنْ مَا أَخْطَأَهُ لَمْ يَكُنْ لِيُصِيبْهُ

Whatever struck him was never going to miss him. And that whatever missed him, was never going to strike him. [Tirmidhi]

Thus, the believer lives his life feeling cheerful, positive, having peace of mind, finding stillness and delight in the knowledge that he is looked after and cared for by Allah.

Allah Most High says: **وَمَنْ يُؤْمِنِ بِاللَّهِ يَهْدِ قَلْبَهُ**

And whosoever believes in Allah, He guides his heart [Qur'an: ٦٤: ١١]

And so he lives in this world, feeling fortunate and happy and enters Paradise in a state of bliss. Allah

says: **إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ يَهْدِيهِمْ رَبُّهُمْ**

بِإِيمَانِهِمْ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهِمُ الْأَنْهَارُ فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ

Indeed, those who have believed and done righteous deeds - their Lord will guide them because of their faith. Beneath them rivers will flow in the Gardens of Pleasure [Qur'an: ١٠: ٠٩]

Thus such a believer will find therein a great reward and an immense compensation. For the Lord of all the

Worlds says: **وَسَوْفَ يُؤْتِي اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا**

And Allah is going to give the believers a great reward. [Qur'an: ٤: ١٤٦]

And all of this is from the fruits of faith. For this reason the Prophet ﷺ used to supplicate to his Lord saying:

اللَّهُمَّ حَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا الْإِيمَانَ وَزَيِّنْهُ فِي قُلُوبِنَا

O Allah, make faith beloved to us and beautify it in our hearts. [Adab al-Mufrad]

In other words: Ennoble us through uprightness upon faith, and give us an increase in its fruits. O You who Allah has caused to love faith, having beautified it in your hearts: give thanks to your Creator and Provider. For the believer

is the one who: **إِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ سَرَّاءٌ شَكَرَ فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ**

If good happens to him, he is grateful, and this is good for him.

Thus he thanks his Lord in times of prosperity, and gives thanks to Him for the blessings he receives. In this the believer emulates the guidance of the Prophets, as Allah informs us about the Prophet Nuh (peace be upon him)

saying: **إِنَّهُ كَانَ عَبْدًا شَكُورًا**

Indeed, he was a grateful servant. [Qur'an: ١٧:٣]

Similarly, the Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) was described by Allah as being: **شَاكِرًا لِأَنْعَمِهِ**

Grateful for His favors. [Qur'an: ١٦:١٢١]

And the Prophet Sulayman (peace be upon him) said:

**رَبِّ أَوْزَعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَى وَالِدَيَّ
وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ**

My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me, and upon my parents and to do righteousness of which You approve.
[Qur'an: ٢٧:١٩]

Likewise the seal of the Prophets, our Prophet, Sayyidina Muhammad ﷺ said: **أَفَلَا أَكُونُ عَبْدًا شَكُورًا**

Should I not be a grateful slave. [Bukhari and Muslim]
Hence the Prophet's ﷺ way was to humble himself towards his creator, saying:

اللَّهُمَّ اعْنَا عَلَى شُكْرِكَ وَذِكْرِكَ وَحُسْنِ عِبَادَتِكَ

O Allah, help me in remembering You, in giving You thanks, and worshipping You well. [Ahmad]

O slaves of Allah: We are constantly alternating between the various blessings given to us. For wherever and whatever our eyes may be directed towards, we will notice and see the tremendous bounty of Allah upon us therein. So should we not be from those believers who are grateful?

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُلُوا مِن طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِلَّهِ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ

O you who have believed, eat from the good things which We have provided for you and be grateful to Allah if it is [indeed] Him that you worship. [Qur'an: ٢: ١٧٢]

So whoever thanks his Lord, will find Allah increases him in righteousness and bounty, with blessings coming upon him, one after another. As Allah the glorious states:

نِعْمَةٌ مِّنْ عِنْدِنَا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي مَنْ شَكَرَ

As favor from us. Thus do We reward he who is grateful. [Qur'an: ٥٤: ٣٥]

So it is with gratitude that blessings are preserved and made to persist. And it is with gratitude that difficult and

disliked occurrences are repelled. And no person is barred from attaining more and an increase from Allah, unless they in turn abandon the way of gratitude. For Allah says:

لَئِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ

If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor].

[Qur'an: ١٤: ٧]

This is the reward for the believers who are grateful in this world, and in the next life, for them is a tremendous noble rank. Allah the glorious states: وَسَنَجْزِي الشَّاكِرِينَ

And we will reward the grateful. [Qur'an: ٣: ١٤٥]

O you are grateful for your blessings:

The Prophet ﷺ says about the nature of the believer:

وَإِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ ضَرَاءٌ صَبَرَ فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ

And if affliction befalls him, he endures it patiently and that is better for him.

For the believer may indeed be tested in his wealth, in his self, in his children, and in in his family. Allah the glorious

states: تَبْلَوْنَ فِي أَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ

You will surely be tested in your possessions and in yourselves. [Qur'an: ٣: ١٨٦]

Thus from wisdom is that the believer faces up to the difficulties and trials he inevitably encounters in life, with an attitude of patience. This so that he can attain, by the aid of Allah, in those very moments of difficulty, the discovery of the closeness of his Lord. As Allah the glorious states:

وَاصْبِرُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ

And be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient.

[Qur'an: ٨: ٤٦]

And from that which aids the believer in his patience, is his certainty that Allah loves him. For Allah the glorious

states: **وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الصَّابِرِينَ**

And Allah loves the patiently steadfast. [Qur'an: ٣: ١٤٦]

What also aids him in his patience, is his knowledge that Allah has only afflicted him in order to test him. That is, to test his patience, in order to raise his rank, and to increase his reward. For Allah the most glorious states:

إِنَّمَا يُوفَى الصَّابِرُونَ أَجْرَهُمْ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

Indeed, the patient will be given their reward without account. [Qur'an: ٣٩: ١٠]

So may Allah make us from the believers who are grateful and those who are patient. And may He 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. I seek the forgiveness of Allah, I seek the forgiveness of Allah.

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 ﷺ, 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 ﷺ; 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 believer, if he is blessed in the world, with an expansion of provision and abundance, blessed with the most noblest of gifts from his Lord, is then further blessed to be of the grateful. Such a believer shall find himself increased in his bounty and goodness therein,

finding his reward multiplied: فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ

So this is good for him.

And if the believer is afflicted by a calamity, and is then patient in that affliction, he will attain unto the noblest of rewards. For he is loved by those in the

heavens, and loved by Allah: فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ

So this is good for him.

Thus the believer is he who realizes that adversity is in fact a gift, and that affliction is in reality blessing (if responded to correctly). And this in turn is from the supporting nature of faith that helps bring about the psychological and spiritual stability of a person.

Enabling them to function with the balance that involves him being grateful in the face of blessings and patience in the face of adversity.

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.**