



And rejoice with Paradise

The First Khutbah

All praises are for Allah. Who removes the faults of His believing slaves. Who forgives them and enters them into a Paradise of endless bliss. Indeed He is the Benevolent, Most-Merciful. 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. The Mercy of Allah and His Blessing, His Gift and Boon. 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:

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 Muslims: Allah says: إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ

اسْتَقَامُوا تَتَنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَلَّا تَخَافُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا

Indeed, those who have said, "Our Lord is Allah " and then remained on a right course - the angels will descend upon them, [saying], "Do not fear and do not grieve but receive good tidings of Paradise, which you were promised. [Qur'an: ٤١:٣٠]

In this noble verse Allah promises His servants who truly believe in Him. Those who held firm to their piety of Him, who followed the guidance of His Messengers and Prophets. Those who fulfilled their obligations, and performed deeds of righteousness, and were good to the people. He promises them that the Angels shall descend upon them towards the end of their life, giving them glad tidings and bringing them contentment. Hence they shall not fear with regards to what awaits from the affair of

the Hereafter. Nor will they be saddened by what remains of their affair of the world, concerning their children, family and wealth. For Allah will take care of them in that regard with the Angels saying:

وَأَبَشِّرُوا بِالْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي كُنْتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ * نَحْنُ أَوْلِيَاؤُكُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا

And receive good tidings of Paradise, which you were promised. We [Angels] were your allies in the worldly life [Qur'an: ٤١:٣٠-٣١]

The Angels used to ask for reward for them and supplicate for them, and by the command of Allah they used to protect them. **And [they will be in similar manner] in the Hereafter.** For just as they were in the world, similarly the Angels shall be with them in the hereafter, giving them intimate companionship. Wherein the Angels [by the command of Allah] shall give them trust and faith at times of fear, and aid them to traverse the Straight Path. They shall aid them in arriving at the Paradise of endless Bliss. Hence the Angels shall greet and meet them on the Day of Resurrection, meeting them with glad tidings and love. Meeting them with joy and happiness, about which Allah

informs us concerning the believers: لَا يَحْزَنُهُمُ الْفَزَعُ

الْأَكْبَرُ وَتَتَلَقَّاهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ هَذَا يَوْمُكُمْ الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ

They will not be grieved by the greatest terror, and the angels will meet them, [saying], "This is your Day which you have been promised.

[Qur'an: ٢١:١٠٣]

Then the Angels shall go with them in a procession of honour. To stand alongside them before the presence of the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. Allah says about this:

يَوْمَ نَحْشُرُ الْمُتَّقِينَ إِلَى الرَّحْمَنِ وَفْدًا

On the Day We will gather the righteous to the Most Merciful as a delegation [Qur'an: ١٩:٨٥]

So they will see the people, and they will have gathered for their accountability. About this the

Prophet said: إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَجْمَعُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ فِي

صَعِيدٍ وَاحِدٍ، فَيَسْمِعُهُمُ الدَّاعِيَ، وَيَنْفِذُهُمُ الْبَصَرَ

On the Day of Resurrection Allah will gather all the first and the last (people) in one plain, and the voice of the announcer will reach all of them, and one will be able to see them all.

[Bukhari and Muslim]

In other words, one who looks upon them will encompass them all, and nothing of their affair will be hidden from Him.

O Servants of Allah: The people on that day shall be standing before their Lord, Allah. They will be addressed and then taken to account for everything they did, be it little or large, done rarely or frequent. About this Allah says:

وَنَضَعُ الْمَوَازِينَ الْقِسْطَ لِيَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ فَلَا تُظْلَمُ نَفْسٌ شَيْئًا وَإِنْ
كَانَ مِثْقَالَ حَبَّةٍ مِنْ خَرْدَلٍ أَتَيْنَا بِهَا وَكَفَى بِنَا حَاسِبِينَ

And We place the scales of justice for the Day of Resurrection, so no soul will be treated unjustly at all. And if there is [even] the weight of a mustard seed, We will bring it forth. And sufficient are We as bringer to account.

[Qur'an: ٢١:٤٧]

But when the true believer is presented and put forth before His lord, his account shall be one taken lightly and with ease. He will be brought near to his Lord, and will be enveloped with Allah's concealing and intimate care, being forgiven by His pure grace and gentleness. As the Messenger of Allah is reported to have said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُدْنِي الْمُؤْمِنَ، فَيَضَعُ عَلَيْهِ كَنَفَهُ وَيَسْتُرُهُ، فَيَقُولُ:
 أَتَعْرِفُ ذَنْبَ كَذَا، أَتَعْرِفُ ذَنْبَ كَذَا؟ فَيَقُولُ: نَعَمْ أَيُّ رَبِّ،
 حَتَّى إِذَا قَرَّرَهُ بِذُنُوبِهِ، وَرَأَى فِي نَفْسِهِ أَنَّهُ هَلَكَ، قَالَ: سَتَرْتَهَا
 عَلَيْكَ فِي الدُّنْيَا، وَأَنَا أَغْفِرُهَا لَكَ الْيَوْمَ، فَيُعْطَى كِتَابَ حَسَنَاتِهِ

Indeed Allah shall bring a believer unto Him and shelter him with His Screen and ask him: “Did you commit such-and-such sins?” He will say: “Yes, my Lord.” Allah will keep on asking him till he will confess all his sins and will think that he is ruined. Allah will say: “I did shielded your sins in the world and I forgive them for you on this Day”, and then he will be given the book of his good deeds. [Bukhari and Muslim]

So the true believer will rejoice with a tremendous rejoicing, and will become happy with a true happiness, never feeling sorrow thereafter ever. And there will be from the believers those for whom their statements of faith (La ilaha il Allah Muhammadan Rasul Allah) shall intercede on their behalf. So they shall enter Paradise thereby, about one such person the Prophet is reported to have said:

يُصَاحُّ بِرَجُلٍ مِنْ أُمَّتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَلَى رُؤُوسِ الْخَلَائِقِ، فَيُنشَرُ
عَلَيْهِ تِسْعَةٌ وَتِسْعُونَ سِجِلًّا، كُلُّ سِجِلٍّ مَدَّ الْبَصَرِ، ثُمَّ يَقُولُ اللَّهُ
عَزَّ وَجَلَّ: هَلْ تُنْكِرُ مِنْ هَذَا شَيْئًا؟ فَيَقُولُ: لَا يَا رَبِّ. فَيَقُولُ:
أَظَلَمْتُكَ كَتَبْتِي الْحَافِظُونَ؟ فَيَقُولُ: لَا يَا رَبِّ، ثُمَّ يَقُولُ: أَلَاكَ
عُذْرٌ؟ أَلَاكَ حَسَنَةٌ؟ فَيَهَابُ الرَّجُلُ، فَيَقُولُ: لَا. فَيَقُولُ: بَلَى،
إِنَّ لَكَ عِنْدَنَا حَسَنَاتٍ، وَإِنَّهُ لَا ظُلْمَ عَلَيْكَ الْيَوْمَ، فَتُخْرَجُ لَهُ
بِطَاقَةٌ، فِيهَا: أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ،
قَالَ: فَيَقُولُ: يَا رَبِّ، مَا هَذِهِ الْبِطَاقَةُ مَعَ هَذِهِ السِّجِلَّاتِ.
فَيَقُولُ: إِنَّكَ لَا تُظْلَمُ. فَتُوضَعُ السِّجِلَّاتُ فِي كِفَّةٍ وَالْبِطَاقَةُ فِي
كِفَّةٍ، فَطَاشَتِ السِّجِلَّاتُ، وَثَقَلَتِ الْبِطَاقَةُ، فَلَا يَثْقُلُ مَعَ اسْمِ
اللَّهِ شَيْءٌ

“A man from my nation will be called before all of creation on the Day of Resurrection, and ninety-nine scrolls will be spread out for him, each one extending as far as the eye can see. Then Allah will say: “Do you deny anything of this?” He will say: “No, O Lord.” He will say: “Have My recording scribes been unfair to you?” He will say: “No, O Lord.” Then He will say: “Do you have any excuse? Do you have any

good deeds?” The man will be terrified and will say: “No.” (Allah) will say: “Indeed, you have good deeds with Us, and you will not be treated unjustly this Day.” Then a [small] parchment will be brought out on which is written Ash-hadu an la ilaha illallah wa anna Muhammadan ‘abduhu wa rasuluhu (I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah, and that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger).

He will say: “O Lord, what is this [small] parchment [when] compared with these [huge] scrolls?” He will say: “You will not be oppressed.” Then the scrolls will be placed in one side of the Scale and the parchment the other. And the scrolls will be thrown up (i.e. be lighter on the Scale) and the parchment will weigh heavier. For nothing can be weighty when compared with the Name of Allah.

[Sahih Tirmidhi]

Then the believers shall head forth unto Paradise in groups, all by the grace and mercy of Allah, the Majestic, the One who forgives. They, the believers, shall in turn be of those who forgave each other, and their hearts attained unto a felicity and purity thereby. Love and an openhearted acceptance had come to exist between them, about which Allah

says: **وَنَزَعْنَا مَا فِي صُدُورِهِمْ مِنْ غَلٍّ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهِمُ الْأَنْهَارُ وَقَالُوا الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِهَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لِنَهْتَدِيَ لَوْلَا أَنْ هَدَانَا اللَّهُ لَقَدْ جَاءَتْ رَسُولٌ رَبِّنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَنُودُوا أَنْ تِلْكُمْ الْجَنَّةَ أُورِثْتُمُوهَا بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ**

And We will have removed whatever is within their breasts of resentment, [while] flowing beneath them are rivers. And they will say, "Praise to Allah , who has guided us to this. And we would never have been guided if Allah had not guided us. Certainly the messengers of our Lord had come with the truth. And they will be called, "This is Paradise, which you have been made to inherit for what you used to do.

[Qur'an: 7: 43]

And when they will be given permission to enter Paradise, Allah will call each one of them to their abode therein. About this, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ is reported to have said: **وَالَّذِي نَفْسُ مُحَمَّدٍ بِيَدِهِ، لِأَحَدِهِمْ أَهْدَى بِمَنْزِلِهِ فِي الْجَنَّةِ مِنْهُ بِمَنْزِلِهِ كَانَ فِي الدُّنْيَا**

By Him in Whose Hand Muhammad's soul is, every one of them [believers who enter Paradise] will know his dwelling in Paradise better than he knew his dwelling in this world. [Bukhari]

So O Allah: Make us from your true believing servants, and enter us through Your mercy into your blessed Paradise. And bless us all with devotion and piety towards You, piety towards Your Messenger Muhammad ﷺ. And piety towards those You have ordered us to show piety towards in Your manifest Book, when You said: **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. For Him is all beautiful praise, and all worthy acclaim. 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:

When Allah gives His permission for the people of Paradise to enter therein. And when every believer shall enter unto their abode therein. Then it is reported that when a man who is of the least of the ranks of people of Paradise shall come upon his abode, and stand at its door. He would be given to think as if he does not deserve a place therein [because of its immensity and grandeur]: **So it will be said to him: “Enter unto Paradise.” And he would say: O my Lord! how (should I enter) while the people have settled in their apartments and taken their shares (portions)? It would be said to him: Would you be pleased if there be for you like the kingdom of a king amongst the kings of the world? He would say: I am pleased my Lord. He (Allah) would say: For you is that, and the like of that, and the like of that, and like of that [five times]. The man shall say at the fifth time: “I am well pleased my Lord”. Whereupon He (Allah) would say: “It is for you and ten times the like of it. And for you is what your self desires and what your eye enjoys”. The**

man would then say: “I am well pleased, my Lord.”

So if this is the least of the ranks of the people of Paradise, then what of those who is of the highest? So let us and every believer be avid in seeking the pleasure of his Lord, may His name be sanctified. Let us seek to attain and make real in us the attributes of the people of Paradise, that Allah has mentioned in His Book. His mentioning:

هَذَا مَا تُوْعَدُونَ لِكُلِّ أَوَّابٍ حَفِيظٍ * مَنْ خَشِيَ الرَّحْمَنَ بِالْغَيْبِ
وَجَاءَ بِقَلْبٍ مُنِيبٍ * ادْخُلُوهَا بِسَلَامٍ ذَلِكَ يَوْمُ الْخُلُودِ * لَهُمْ مَا
يَشَاءُونَ فِيهَا وَلَدَيْنَا مَزِيدٌ

This is what you were promised - for every returner [to Allah] in sincere repentance, and keeper [of His covenant]. Who feared the Most Merciful unseen and came with a heart returning [in sincere repentance]. Enter it in peace. This is the Day of Eternity. They will have whatever they wish therein, and with Us is more.

[Qur'an: ٥٠:٣٢-٣٥]

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.**