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Corresponding to:

The Father of Mankind: Adam (upon him be peace)

The First Khutbah

All praises are for Allah. The True and Ultimate Creator of all. The One who informs us in His noble Book that: It is He who produced you from one soul [Qur'an: 7:9]. 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 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. Who said: "All of humanity are the children of Adam, and Adam was [created] from earth." 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:

O children of Adam, if there come to you messengers from among you relating to you My verses, then whoever fears Allah and reforms - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve. [Qur'an: ""]

O People: Allah states:

[So mention] when your Lord said to the angels, "Indeed, I am going to create a human being from clay. So when I have proportioned him and breathed into him of My [created] soul, then fall down to him in prostration. [Qur'an: "A: "\-\Y\]

So Allah informed the Angels that He will create mankind. He thus commanded them to prostrate to Man once he was created. The narrations state that when He made Adam and breathed into him his spirit, Adam sneezed, after which he praised Allah through His permission. So the first thing that Adam uttered was the praise of Allah, thus he was enveloped with the mercy of Allah as it was said to him: May the Mercy of Allah be upon you O Adam. Then he was commanded by Allah to spread peace amongst the Angels, so Allah said (as narrated in Hadith Qudsi): Go to those angels - to that gathering of them sitting -and say: "Peace be upon You, and the Mercy of Allah." Then he returned to his Lord. And He said: 'This is your greeting and the greeting of your children among each other.'

So Peace was the very first thing Adam was taught, peace be upon him. Peace is thus from the things that Allah loves, which is why it is from one of His Names. And is also why He has called for it in the heavens and the earth. The Prophet (peace be upon him) is reported to have said: إِنَّ السَّلَامَ السَّهُ مِنْ أَسْمَاءِ اللَّهُ فِي الْأَرْض، فَأَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى، وَضَعَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الْأَرْض، فَأَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ

As-Salam (peace) is one of the Names of Allah Almighty which Allah has placed in the earth.

Therefore give the greeting among yourselves. So Peace is the means by which love spreads amongst mankind. And peace is the means by which people enter Paradise, as the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said:

لَا تَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا، وَلَا تُؤْمِنُوا حَتَّى تَحَابُّوا، أَوَلَا أَوْلَا تُدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ حَتَّى تَحَابُنْتُمْ؟ أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ أَذُلُّكُمْ عَلَى شَيْءٍ إِذَا فَعَلْتُمُوهُ تَحَابَنْتُمْ؟ أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ

You shall not enter Paradise so long as you do not affirm belief and you will not believe as long as you do not love one another. Should I not direct you to a thing which, if you do, will foster love amongst you: spread peace amongst you.

O Servants of Allah:

Indeed Allah taught Adam the 'Names', all of them, for He states:

And He taught Adam the Names - all of them. Then He showed them to the angels and said, "Inform Me of the Names of these, if you are truthful." This was in order to make clear for them the honour of Adam. And how much he was given preference over other creation with regards to the Knowledge he was taught, by which he was distinguished. So knowledge is the greatest of that which a person can gather, being the means by which civilization is built, and the means by which true happiness can be achieved, in this world and to attain the permanent bliss of the hereafter. Then Allah created from Adam his mate from his own self. About this, Allah says: اللَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَجَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا لِيَسْكُنَ إِلَيْهَا لِيَسْكُنَ إِلَيْهَا لَيْسَاكُنَ إِلَيْهَا لَيْسَالُكُنَ إِلَيْهَا لَيْسَاكُنَ إِلَيْهَا لَيْسَاكُونَ إِلَيْهَا لَهُ لَيْسَالُهُ لَيْ إِلَيْهَا لَيْسُولُونَا لَيْسَاكُنَ إِلَيْهَا لَيْسُولُونَا لَيْسَالُهُ لَيْسُلُونُ لِلْهُ لَيْسُولُونَا لَيْسُلُونَا لَيْسُلُونَا لَيْسُلُونَا لَيْسُولُونَا لَيْسُلُونُ لِلْهُ لَيْسُولُونَا لَيْسُلُونَا لَيْسُلُونَا لَيْسُلُونَا لَيْسُولُونَا لَيْسُلُونَا لَيْسُلُونَا لَيْسُلُونَا لَيْسُلُونَا لَيْسُلُونَا لَيْسُولُونَا لَيْسُلُونَا لَيْسُلُونَ

It is He who created you from one soul and created from it its mate that he might dwell in security with her. [Qur'an: Y: YA9]

Hence Adam inclines towards her, gains his contentment with her. This being the Fitrah (primordial state) that Allah has given mankind to be patterned upon, following on from the time of their forefather Adam, (peace be upon him). Allah then made Adam and his wife to abide in Paradise, about which Allah says:

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وَقُلْنَا يَا آدَمُ اسْكُنْ أَنْتَ وَزَوْجُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَكُلَا مِنْهَا رَغَدًا حَيْثُ شَعْتُما وَلَا تَقْرَبَا هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةَ فَتَكُونَا مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

And We said, "O Adam, dwell, you and your wife, in Paradise and eat therefrom in [ease and] abundance from wherever you will. But do not approach this tree, lest you be among the wrongdoers." [Qur'an: Y: Yo]

So the 'tree' became a test, whereby Adam who be tested with regards to his spiritual resolve and his patience and determination to persevere with piety and devotions towards Allah. This was by Allah giving him permission to eat from all the fruits of Paradise, except the fruit of this one tree. But Iblis (Satan) beautified this tree for Adam, and then Iblis swore an oath and spoke to Adam and wife:

وَقَالَ مَا نَهَاكُمَا رَبُّكُمَا عَنْ هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةِ إِلَّا أَنْ تَكُونَا مَلَكَيْنِ أَوْ تَكُونَا مَلَكَيْنِ أَوْ تَكُونَا مِنَ النَّاصِحِينَ تَكُونَا مِنَ النَّاصِحِينَ

He said, "Your Lord did not forbid you this tree except that you become angels or become of the immortal." And he swore [by Allah] to them, "Indeed, I am to you from among the sincere advisors." [Qur'an: '': ''.- '']

Then Adam forgot the covenant he had with Allah, about which Allah says:

وَلَقَدْ عَهِدْنَا إِلَى آدَمَ مِنْ قَبْلُ فَنَسِيَ وَلَمْ نَجِدْ لَهُ عَزْمًا

And We had already taken a promise from Adam before, but he forgot; and We found not in him determination. [Qur'an: Y: Yo]

Hasan al-Basri (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "I swear by Allah, Adam did not sin or actively disobey Allah at all, except by the way of forgetfulness." Despite this, he was full of regret for what he did, and was recognizing and accepting of his shortcoming before Allah, hence he sought forgiveness and repentance. Through this he returned back to grace of Allah, and was from those who were repentant. Both him and his wife said:

رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنْفُسَنَا وَإِنْ لَمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

They said, "Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers." [Qur'an: V: YT]

So Allah responded to his request, and hence He turned towards him and guided him, hence Allah states: ثُمَّ اجْتَبَاهُ رَبُّهُ فَتَابَ عَلَيْهِ وَهَدَى

Then his Lord chose him and turned to him in forgiveness and guided [him].

[Qur'an: ٢٠: ١٢٢]

And this in turn serves as a model and example by which Allah turns towards every sincere repentant when they repent from their sin. Just as the way our forefather Adam (peace be upon him) did, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) stated:

All children of Adam (i.e. all human beings) make mistakes, but the best of those who make mistakes are the repentant.

O Mankind:

Indeed all of us are from the children of Adam, as the Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

O Mankind: Indeed Your Lord is One. Indeed Your Father is One. Indeed there is no preference of an Arab over a non-Arab, and none for a non-Arab over an Arab. Nor for the fair over the dark, nor for the dark over the fair, except by the degree of God-Consciousness.

So whilst the diversity of humanity multiplied, this in turn calls them to live together and accept each other. For at the end of the day, they all come back to Adam, peace be upon him, and there remains no preference of one of them over the other, except with God-Consciousness, and embodying best of conduct to others. Indeed Allah has selected the children of Adam with nobility, and given them preference over all other creation. For He says about them:

وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ وَحَمَلْنَاهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِنَ الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَفَضَّلْنَاهُمْ عَلَى كَثِيرٍ مِمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا تَفْضِيلًا

And We have certainly honored the children of Adam and carried them on the land and sea and provided for them of the good things and preferred them over much of what We have created, with [definite] preference.

[Qur'an: \\':\'.]

Likewise in the life (Seerah) of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) there are many examples of how to honour mankind, wherein he would honour people, irrespective of their race, religion, colour and lineage.

So O Allah: Make us from those who take admonition from the story of your Prophet Adam. And bless us all with devotion and piety towards You, piety towards Your Messenger Muhammad . 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: £:09] 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. 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:

Indeed Allah created Adam (peace be upon him) and his children, in order that He be worshipped. For He

And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me. [Qur'an: on one of the content o

Just as he had entrusted them with stewardship of the earth and the building of civilisation therein. So Allah

In other words He has placed you in the earth in order that you settle therein, that you create and develop beautiful civilizations by investing in all the good that lies therein. It is thus in order to ascertain this noble cause, that there needs to be mutual aid and reciprocity amongst human beings, such that they together can complete and bring about civilizations. This so that we can be enablers of peace to spread throughout the earth, such that all of humanity can attain the ultimate true happiness (through realizing their knowledge of Allah) that they are seeking. In that regard, there lies in the story of Adam (peace be upon him) much wisdom that we can learn. Wisdom such as praising Allah and being grateful for His blessings, spreading peace amongst

ourselves, drawing closer to Allah through the acquisition of knowledge and knowing the rank of our spouses. Alongside this there are many other noble values we can discern by studying the life of the Prophets, which we can then inculcate into our children.

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, indeed Sheikh Sultan bin Zayed Al Nahyan's appointed time has come to be in Your assembly. We ask You to have mercy on him with an enveloping Mercy. Bless him with Your forgiveness and redemption. Give him ease, leniency and Your clemency, and Your safeguarding of his family after him. And raise him to the highest ranks of Paradise (the Illiyyin). And shelter him with Your compassion and care, for You are the Most-Merciful of the Merciful.

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, have mercy on the righteous martyrs, and admit them into Paradise, under which rivers flow. And bless their families with the reward for those who are patient, for You are the most gracious of the gracious.

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.

We ask You, O Allah, the Lord of all domains, to continue blessing the UAE with Your blessings, Your grace and Your bounties. Bless it in its goodness and its people. And make it always a place of true happiness and contentment, ever increasing in goodness.

O Allah, You are the most Merciful of the Merciful. You are the Forgiving, the Clement and the Noble. Please forgive us and have mercy upon us all. We ask You to forgive all of the Muslims, both the men and

women, the living and dead. To guide us, and to give us our provision in the best of ways, to give us wellbeing, and to enable us to be steadfast on the way of piety and to bless us with the way of success in our worship.

O Allah, bless us with Your mercy, Your redemptive forgiveness and make us not from those who are ungrateful. O Allah, bless us with an encompassing blessing, giving us both the blessings of the Heavens, and making us firm with the blessings of the earth. 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.