



On choosing the righteous companion

The First Khutbah

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْغَفَّارِ، أَمَرْنَا بِصُحْبَةِ الصَّادِقِينَ الْأَخْيَارِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، الْقَائِلِ لِنَبِيِّهِ ﷺ: (إِنَّ رَبَّكَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ تَقُومُ أَدْنَى مِنْ ثُلثِي اللَّيْلِ وَنِصْفَهُ وَثُلُثَهُ وَطَائِفَةٌ مِنَ الَّذِينَ مَعَكَ وَاللَّهُ يُقَدِّرُ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ). وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ سَارَ عَلَى هَدْيِهِمْ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ: فَأَوْصِيكُمْ عِبَادَ اللَّهِ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، قَالَ سُبْحَانَهُ: (يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ).

All praise be to Allah, the All-Mighty and the All-Forgiving. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy to be worshipped but Allah, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger.

Allah (Glory be to Him) said:

(Indeed, your Lord knows, [O Muhammad], that you stand [in prayer] almost two thirds of the night or half of it or a third of it, and [so do]

a group of those with you. And Allah determines [the extent of] the night and the day).

May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure blessed family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

As to what follows, I urge you, O servants of Allah, and myself to be aware that you are asked to obey Him the Most High, for He loves His obedient servants. The Almighty says: (O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are true).

أَيُّهَا الْمُصَلُّونَ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى أَمَرَ الْإِنْسَانَ بِالْإِحْسَانِ إِلَى صَاحِبِهِ فَقَالَ
سُبْحَانَهُ: (وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالْجَنبِ).

O Worshippers, Allah has commanded us to do good with our companions, He The Almighty said: (And the companion at your side).

وَالصَّاحِبُ هُوَ مَنْ يُرَافِقُ الْإِنْسَانَ فِي سَفَرِهِ أَوْ حَضْرِهِ أَوْ يُشَارِكُهُ فِي مَسِيرِهِ أَوْ مَنْزِلِهِ،
أَوْ مَطْعَمِهِ وَمَشْرَبِهِ أَوْ يَسْتَضِيئُهُ فِي دَارِهِ، أَوْ يُجَالِسُهُ رَجَاءَ نَفْعِهِ.

The companion is the one who accompanies the man in any of his conditions or actions, in his traveling or staying, sharing him in his walking or resting, his food and drink, Or who is a guest and visitor...

وَالصُّحْبَةُ مِنَ الْقِيَمِ الْإِنْسَانِيَّةِ النَّبِيلَةِ؛ الَّتِي وَرَدَتْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْكَرِيمِ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ تِسْعِينَ مَرَّةً، دَالَّةً عَلَى مُرَافَقَةِ الشَّيْءِ وَمُلازِمَتِهِ، أَوْ مُوَافَقَتِهِ وَمُلاءَمَتِهِ.

Companionship is one of noble human values, it is mentioned in the Quran more than ninety times, in contexts indicating companionship, and convenience. From its meanings: to be good with the companion, and from the greatest cases of it: good relation with the parents, Allah said: (and accompany them in [this] world with appropriate kindness). That means to accompany your parents well, and be obedient to them, and always do good to them.

وَمِنْ مَعَانِيهَا: مُصَاحَبَةُ الْإِنْسَانِ لِلْإِنْسَانِ، وَمُعَامَلَتُهُ بِالْبِرِّ وَالْإِحْسَانِ، وَإِنَّ مِنْ أَعْظَمِ أَنْوَاعِهَا: مُصَاحَبَةَ الْوَالِدَيْنِ، قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: (وَصَاحِبُهُمَا فِي الدُّنْيَا مَعْرُوفًا). أَي: صَاحِبٌ وَالِدَيْكَ صُحْبَةً حَسَنَةً. وَذَلِكَ بِطَاعَتِهِمَا وَبِرِّهِمَا، وَدَوَامِ الصَّلَةِ لَهُمَا،

فَعَنَّ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ؛ فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، مَنْ أَحَقُّ النَّاسِ بِحَسَنِ صَحَابَتِي؟ قَالَ: «أُمُّكَ». قَالَ: ثُمَّ مَنْ؟ قَالَ: «ثُمَّ أُمَّكَ». قَالَ: ثُمَّ مَنْ؟ قَالَ: «ثُمَّ أَبُوك».

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: A person came to Messenger of Allah and asked, "Who among people is most deserving of my fine treatment?" He said, "Your mother". He again asked, "Who next?" "Your mother", the Prophet replied again. He asked, "Who next?" He (the Prophet) said again, "Your mother." He again asked, "Then who?" Thereupon he said, "Then your father."

وَقَدْ سَمَّى الْقُرْآنُ الْكَرِيمُ الزَّوْجَةَ "صَاحِبَةً" فِي قَوْلِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ: (وَصَاحِبَتِهِ وَبَنِيهِ).
وَذَلِكَ لِأَنَّ زَوْجَهَا يُلَازِمُهَا، وَيَأْتِسُ بِهَا، وَيَسْكُنُ إِلَيْهَا،

The Quran described the wife as a “companion” because her husband accompanies her most of his times, and finds happiness with her. Allah said: (And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquillity in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy).

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: (وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً).

وَأَنَّ مِنْ حُسْنِ الصُّحْبَةِ بَيْنَ الزَّوْجَيْنِ؛ الإِشَادَةُ بِالْحَسَنَاتِ، وَالتَّعَاضِي عَنِ الزَّلَّاتِ، وَالتَّحَاوُرَ لِحُلِّ الْمَشْكَلَاتِ، وَالتَّعَامُلَ بِالْفَضْلِ وَالْمَكْرَمَاتِ، عَمَلًا بِقَوْلِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى: (وَلَا تَنْسُوا الْفَضْلَ بَيْنَكُمْ).

Good cohabitation between spouses requires: praising what is good, overlooking what is negative, solving problems by dialogue between them. As Allah said: (And do not forget graciousness between you).

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ: إِنَّ الْعَلَاقَةَ بَيْنَ الْأَصْحَابِ مِنَ الْعَلَاقَاتِ الْإِنْسَانِيَّةِ الْمَتِينَةِ، وَمِنْ أَهَمِّ مَا تُبْنَى عَلَيْهِ: الْحَوَارُ وَالِاحْتِرَامُ، فَقَدْ أوردَ لَنَا الْقُرْآنُ الْكَرِيمُ قِصَّةَ صَاحِبَيْنِ وَقَعَ بَيْنَهُمَا اخْتِلَافٌ فِي الرَّأْيِ، وَتَبَايُنٌ فِي السُّلُوكِ، فَسَادَتْ بَيْنَهُمَا لُغَةُ الْحَوَارِ، كَمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: (فَقَالَ لِصَاحِبِهِ وَهُوَ يُحَاوِرُهُ أَنَا أَكْثَرُ مِنْكَ مَالًا وَأَعَزُّ نَفَرًا).

Servants of Allah: the relationship between companions is one of the strongest human relationships, and one of the most important pillars on which it is built: respect and dialogue. In the Holy Qur'an we read the story of the two companions, and there was a difference of opinion

between them, and there was a difference in behaviour, but the language of dialogue was used between them, as Allah said: (so he said to his companion while he was conversing with him, "I am greater than you in wealth and mightier in [numbers of] men.).

فَهَذَا الرَّجُلُ اسْتَعْلَى عَلَى صَاحِبِهِ، وَمَنْ يَعْتَرِفُ بِفَضْلِ رَبِّهِ؛ فَمَا كَانَ مِنْ صَاحِبِهِ
 الْآخَرَ إِلَّا أَنْ قَابَلَ ذَلِكَ الْإِسْتِعْلَاءَ بِأَسْلُوبٍ رَاقٍ مُهَذَّبٍ، وَبَيَّنَّ لَهُ خَطَأَ تَفْكِيرِهِ،
 وَفَسَادَ تَقْدِيرِهِ، وَأَقَامَ لَهُ الْأَدِلَّةَ الْعَقْلِيَّةَ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ بِوَحْدَانِيَّةِ اللَّهِ خَالِقِهِ، وَذَكَرَهُ
 بِوَاجِبِ شُكْرِهِ، وَدَعَاهُ إِلَى مَا فِيهِ الْخَيْرُ لَهُ فِي دُنْيَاهُ وَآخِرَتِهِ، كَمَا قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى
 لِسَانِهِ: (لَكِنَّا هُوَ اللَّهُ رَبِّي وَلَا أُشْرِكُ بِرَبِّي أَحَدًا* وَلَوْلَا إِذْ دَخَلْتَ جَنَّتَكَ قُلْتَ مَا
 شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ).

This man was arrogant to his friend, and he denied the virtue of his Lord, but the other companion faced this arrogance in a polite manner, he showed him how his thinking was wrong, and he gave him evidence of the Oneness of Allah, his Creator, and reminded him of the duty to thank Allah, and invited him to what is good for him in this world and the Hereafter, as Allah said in that story: (But as

for me, He is Allah, my Lord, and I do not associate with my Lord anyone. (۳۹) And why did you, when you entered your garden, not say, 'What Allah willed [has occurred]; there is no power except in Allah '.
Kahf: ۳۸-۳۹.

وَهَكَذَا تَكُونُ الْعَلَاقَةُ بَيْنَ الْأَصْحَابِ، مَبْنِيَّةٌ عَلَى الْكَلِمَةِ الطَّيِّبَةِ، وَالِدَّلَالَةُ عَلَى الْخَيْرِ؛
فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ ائْتَدَحَ الْأَصْحَابَ الَّذِينَ يَفْعَلُونَ ذَلِكَ فَقَالَ سُبْحَانَهُ: (لَهُ
أَصْحَابٌ يَدْعُونَهُ إِلَى الْهُدَى ائْتِنَا). أَي: ائْتِنَا إِلَى طَرِيقِ الْبِرِّ وَالْخَيْرِ.

Thus, the relationship must be between friends, based on the good word and guidance to what is good, Allah has praised companions who do so, He said: (he has companions inviting him to guidance, [calling], 'Come to us.') . i.e. (come to the path of good and guidance)

وَقَدْ هَدَى رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ أَصْحَابَهُ إِلَى الصِّرَاطِ الْمُسْتَقِيمِ، وَدَلَّهُمْ عَلَى طَرِيقِ سَعَادَتِهِمْ
وَفَوَّزَهُمْ بِجَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ، فَأَمَّنُوا بِهِ، وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ مَعَهُ، فَكَانُوا مِنْ
الْمُفْلِحِينَ، وَأَنْتَى عَلَيْهِمْ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ بِقَوْلِهِ: (وَالسَّابِقُونَ الْأُولُونَ مِنَ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ
وَالْأَنْصَارِ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ
جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ).

And so did the Messenger of Allah –peace be upon him– He guided his companions to the straight path. He guided them to the path of happiness and Paradise, and they believed in him and followed the path of light to which he called them. Allah praised them by saying in his holy book: (And the first forerunners [in the faith] among the Muhajireen (those who accompanied the Prophet Muhammad in his holy migration from Mecca to Medina) and the Ansar (the emigrants’ hosts in Medina) and those who followed them with good conduct – Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him, and He has prepared for them gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the great attainment.)

وَمِنْ أَحْصَ أَصْحَابِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ سَيِّدَنَا أَبُو بَكْرٍ الصِّدِّيقُ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، الَّذِي ذَكَرَ اللَّهُ صُحْبَتَهُ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْكَرِيمِ، وَأَتَى عَلَيَّهَا بِقَوْلِهِ: (ثَانِي اثْنَيْنِ إِذْ هُمَا فِي الْعَارِ إِذْ يَقُولُ لِصَاحِبِهِ لَا تَحْزَنْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَنَا فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَيْهِ). وَذَلِكَ حِينَ صَحِبَهُ فِي طَرِيقِ الْهَجْرَةِ، فَعَنْ عَائِشَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا: أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ أَتَى أَبَا بَكْرٍ فَقَالَ: قَدْ أُذِنَ لِي فِي الْخُرُوجِ. فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، الصُّحْبَةَ. فَقَالَ ﷺ:

«الصُّحْبَةُ». وَقَدْ أَتَى ﷺ عَلَى صَاحِبِهِ الصَّدِيقِ فَقَالَ: «إِنَّ مِنْ أَمْنِ النَّاسِ عَلَيَّ فِي صُحْبَتِهِ وَمَالِهِ أَبَا بَكْرٍ، وَلَوْ كُنْتُ مُتَّخِذًا خَلِيلًا غَيْرَ رَبِّي لَاتَّخَذْتُ أَبَا بَكْرٍ».

And the most special among the companions of the Prophet PBUH. Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with him, Allah mentioned him in the Qur'an as a companion, Allah praised him by saying: (... as one of two, when they were in the cave and he said to his companion, "Do not grieve; indeed, Allah is with us." And Allah sent down his tranquility upon him.) . In a mention to his companionship of the Prophet in the way of migration.

Narrated Aisha: The Prophet said to Abu Bakr: I have been given permission to migrate. Abu Bakr said: Shall I accompany you?! Allah's Messenger said, Yes.

The Prophet praised his companion Abu Bakr. He said: "No doubt, I am indebted to Abu Bakr more than to anybody else regarding both his companionship and his wealth".

أَيُّهَا الْأَوْفِيَاءُ لِأَصْحَابِهِمْ: إِنَّ الصَّاحِبَ الصَّادِقَ يَحْرِصُ عَلَى الْإِنْتِفَاعِ مِنْ عِلْمِ صَاحِبِهِ، فَقَدْ ذَكَرَ الْقُرْآنُ الْكَرِيمُ قِصَّةَ سَيِّدِنَا مُوسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ، حِينَ صَاحَبَ الْعَبْدَ الصَّالِحَ، فَاسْتَفَادَ مِنْ عِلْمِهِ، وَتَعَلَّمَ مِنْ صُحْبَتِهِ الصَّبْرَ وَالتَّوْبَةَ، وَالكَثِيرَ مِنَ الْحِكْمِ وَالْأَدَابِ، قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: (قَالَ لَهُ مُوسَى هَلْ أَتَّبِعُكَ عَلَى أَنْ تُعَلِّمَنِي مِمَّا عُلِّمْتَ رُشْدًا).

O you who are loyal to their companions,
The true companion is keen to take advantage of the knowledge of his friend. We read in the story of Moses, who accompanied the good servant, that Moses benefited from this company, and learned through it a lot of wisdom and patience. Allah said: (Moses said to him, "May I follow you on [the condition] that you teach me from what you have been taught of sound judgement?).

قَالَ الْعُلَمَاءُ: فِي هَذِهِ الْآيَةِ فَضْلُ اسْتِشْمَارِ الصَّاحِبِ فِي طَلَبِ الْإِزْدِيَادِ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ، وَاعْتِنَامِ لِقَاءِ الْفَضْلَاءِ وَالْعُلَمَاءِ لِلْإِنْتِفَاعِ مِنْهُمْ، وَنَيْلِ خَيْرِ مَا عِنْدَهُمْ، قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: «خَيْرُ الْأَصْحَابِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ خَيْرُهُمْ لِصَاحِبِهِ». أَي: أَكْثَرُهُمْ نَفْعًا لِصَاحِبِهِ وَإِحْسَانًا إِلَيْهِ.

The scholars said: In this verse, we learn to invest companions in order to increase our knowledge, and

to take advantage of the meeting of the virtuous and the scholars to benefit from them. The prophet said, "The best of companions with Allah is the one who is best to his companions".

وَالْإِحْسَانُ إِلَى الصَّاحِبِ يَشْمَلُ كُلَّ أَوْجِهٍ الْحَيْرِ؛ مِنْ ابْتِسَامَةٍ وَهَدِيَّةٍ، وَصَبْرٍ عَلَى الْأَذْيَةِ، وَوَفَاءٍ بِالْعَهْدِ، وَسَائِرِ مَكَارِمِ الْأَخْلَاقِ، قَالَ أَحَدُ الْعُلَمَاءِ: الْعَاقِلُ لَا يُصَاحِبُ إِلَّا ذَا فَضْلٍ فِي الرَّأْيِ وَالدِّينِ وَالْعِلْمِ وَالْأَخْلَاقِ، فَهُوَ الَّذِي يَدُلُّهُ عَلَى الْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ، الَّتِي تَجْعَلُهُ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ، الَّذِينَ يُكْرِمُهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى بِدُخُولِهَا، فَيَصَاحِبُونَهَا مُصَاحَبَةً اسْتِحْقَاقٍ، كَمَا قَالَ سُبْحَانَهُ: (وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ)

Doing good to the companion includes all kinds of good, from a smile, a gift, patience on harm, fulfillment of the covenant. A scholar once said: “A wise man only accompanies one who has opinion, religion, knowledge and morals”, who guides him to the good deeds that make him of the companions of Paradise, whom Allah Almighty honours by entering into Paradise. Allah said: (But they who believe and do righteous deeds – those are the companions of Paradise; they will abide therein eternally).

قَالَ اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنَا لِأَصْحَابِنَا مِنْ خَيْرِ الْأَصْحَابِ، وَأَنْعِمْ عَلَيْنَا بِمُرَافَقَةِ أَهْلِ النَّهْيِ وَالْأَلْبَابِ، وَوَفِّقْنَا لِطَاعَتِكَ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَطَاعَةَ رَسُولِكَ مُحَمَّدٍ الْأَمِينِ ﷺ، وَطَاعَةَ مَنْ أَمَرْنَا بِطَاعَتِهِ فِي كِتَابِكَ الْمُبِينِ، حِينَ قُلْتَ وَأَنْتَ أَصْدَقُ الْقَائِلِينَ: (يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ).

Oh Allah, make us of the best companions to their companions. and honor us in the company of wise people.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

الخطبة الثانية

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا كَمَا أَمَرَ، وَأَشْكُرُهُ فَإِنَّهُ سُبْحَانَهُ يَجْزِي مَنْ شَكَرَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولَهُ، قَالَهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى التَّابِعِينَ لَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَوْصِيكُمْ عِبَادَ اللَّهِ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ.

The Second Khutbah

All praise is due to Allah. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad,

his pure family, companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

I urge you, O Servants of Allah, and myself to be aware that you are asked to obey Him, the Most High and Exalted.

أَيُّهَا الْمُصَلُّونَ: يَقُولُ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: «مَثَلُ الْجَلِيسِ الصَّالِحِ وَالْجَلِيسِ السَّوِّءِ، كَمَثَلِ صَاحِبِ الْمِسْكِ وَكَبِيرِ الْحَدَّادِ، لَا يَعْدَمُكَ مِنْ صَاحِبِ الْمِسْكِ إِذَا تَشْتَرِيهِ، أَوْ تَجِدُ رِيحَهُ، وَكَبِيرِ الْحَدَّادِ يُحْرِقُ بَدَنَكَ، أَوْ ثَوْبَكَ، أَوْ تَجِدُ مِنْهُ رِيحًا خَبِيثَةً».

O Worshippers, the Prophet Muhammad PBUH said: “The example of a good companion (who sits with you) in comparison with a bad one, is like that of the musk seller and the blacksmith's bellows (or furnace); from the first you would either buy musk or enjoy its good smell while the bellows would either burn your clothes or your house, or you get a bad nasty smell thereof.”

فَفِي هَذَا الْحَدِيثِ الشَّرِيفِ؛ يَبِينُ لَنَا النَّبِيُّ ﷺ أَهْمِيَّةَ اخْتِيَارِ الصَّاحِبِ الطَّيِّبِ، الَّذِي يُفِيدُ صَاحِبَهُ، وَيُكْسِبُهُ مِنْ صِفَاتِهِ الْجَمِيلَةِ، وَأَخْلَاقِهِ الْحَسَنَةِ، وَيُحَذِّرُنَا عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ

وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ الصَّاحِبِ السَّيِّئِ، فَإِنَّ لِلصَّاحِبِ تَأْثِيرًا عَلَى صَاحِبِهِ، قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: «الرَّجُلُ عَلَى دِينِ خَلِيلِهِ، فَلْيَنْظُرْ أَحَدُكُمْ مَنْ يُخَالِلُ».

In this Hadith; the Prophet shows us the importance of choosing the good companion, which benefits his companion, and grants him from the beautiful manners, and He warns us of the bad companion, because he has bad influence. The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "A man follows the religion (i.e. ways and manners) of his intimate friend. So, each of you should carefully consider whom he takes as his intimate friend". So, let us make sure to accompany good friends, let us advise our children to do so. The righteous companions will intercede for their companions on the Day of Resurrection and they will say: "Our Lord, they used to pray with us and fast with us, and perform Hajj with us".

فَلْنَحْرِصْ عَلَى مُصَاحِبَةِ الْأَخْيَارِ فِي حَيَاتِنَا، وَلْنُوَصِّ بِذَلِكَ بَنَاتِنَا وَأَبْنَاءَنَا، فَإِنَّ الْأَصْحَابَ الصَّالِحِينَ يَشْفَعُونَ لِأَصْحَابِهِمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَيَقُولُونَ: «رَبَّنَا، كَانُوا يَصُومُونَ مَعَنَا، وَيُصَلُّونَ، وَيُحْجُونَ». فَيَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ.

هَذَا وَصَلُوا وَسَلَّمُوا عَلَى خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالْمُرْسَلِينَ، كَمَا أَمَرَ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ، فَقَالَ فِي كِتَابِهِ الْمُبِينِ: (إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا). اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ: أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ وَعُثْمَانَ وَعَلِيٍّ، وَعَنْ سَائِرِ الصَّحَابَةِ الْأَكْرَمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا خَيْرَ مَنْ سُئِلَ، وَيَا أَجْوَدَ مَنْ أُعْطِيَ، وَيَا أَكْرَمَ مَنْ عَفَا، وَأَعْظَمَ مَنْ غَفِرَ؛ نَسْأَلُكَ مِنَ الْخَيْرَاتِ أَوْفَرَهَا، وَمِنَ الْعُلُومِ أَنْفَعَهَا، وَمِنَ الْأَخْلَاقِ أَكْمَلَهَا، وَنَسْأَلُكَ السَّعَادَةَ فِي الدُّنْيَا، وَالْفَوْزَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ.

اللَّهُمَّ وَفَّقْ رَئِيسَ الدَّوْلَةِ الشَّيْخَ خَلِيفَةَ بْنِ زَايِدٍ لِمَا تُحِبُّهُ وَتَرْضَاهُ، وَاشْمَلْ بِتَوْفِيقِكَ نَائِبَهُ وَوَلِيَّ عَهْدِهِ الْأَمِينَ، وَإِخْوَانَهُ حُكَّامَ الْإِمَارَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ يَا سَمِيعَ الدَّعَوَاتِ، يَا رَفِيعَ الدَّرَجَاتِ، اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْ الشَّيْخَ زَايِدَ وَالشَّيْخَ مَكْتُومَ وَشُيُوخَ الْإِمَارَاتِ الَّذِينَ انْتَقَلُوا إِلَى رِضْوَانِكَ، وَأَدْخِلْهُمْ بِفَضْلِكَ فَسِيحَ جَنَّاتِكَ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِّمْ عَلَى دَوْلَةِ الْإِمَارَاتِ نِعْمَكَ، وَجُودَكَ وَفَضْلَكَ، وَبَارِكْ فِي خَيْرَاتِهَا وَأَهْلِهَا، وَاجْعَلْهَا دَائِمًا فِي سَعَادَةٍ، وَمِنَ الْخَيْرِ فِي زِيَادَةٍ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِوَالِدِينَا وَلِمَنْ لَهٗ حَقٌّ عَلَيْنَا، وَعَافِنَا فِي أَسْمَانِنَا، وَأَسْمَاعِنَا وَأَبْصَارِنَا، وَبَارِكْ فِي أَهْلِينَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا، وَفِي كُلِّ مَا رَزَقْتَنَا، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ، رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ.

اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْ شُهَدَاءَ الْوَطَنِ وَقُوَاتِ التَّحَالُفِ الْأَبْرَارِ، وَأَدْخِلْهُمْ الْجَنَّةَ مَعَ الْأَخْيَارِ، وَاجْزِ أَهْلِيهِمْ جَزَاءَ الصَّابِرِينَ؛ بِكَرَمِكَ يَا أَكْرَمَ الْأَكْرَمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ قُوَاتِ التَّحَالِفِ الْعَرَبِيِّ، وَاَنْشُرِ الْاِسْتِقْرَارَ وَالسَّلَامَ فِي بُلْدَانِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ،
وَالْعَالَمِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا الْعَيْثَ وَلَا تَجْعَلْنَا مِنَ الْقَانِطِينَ، اللَّهُمَّ اغْنِنَا غِنًى مُغْنِيًا هَنِئًا وَاسِعًا
شَامِلًا، اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا مِنْ بَرَكَاتِ السَّمَاءِ، وَأَنْبِتْ لَنَا مِنْ بَرَكَاتِ الْأَرْضِ.
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً، وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً، وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ، وَأَدْخِلْنَا الْجَنَّةَ مَعَ
الْأَبْرَارِ، يَا عَزِيزُ يَا عَفَّارُ.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ: اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ. وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ.

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.

We ask You, Allah, the best who is supplicated, All-Giving, All-Pardoning All-Forgiving to bestow upon us the abundant goodness and beneficial knowledge and best of morals. We ask You to confer upon us happiness in this worldly life and victory in the hereafter.

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.

We ask You, O Allah, the Lord of all domains, to continue blessing the UAE with stability, welfare, increase in its bounties, knowledge, civilisation, 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 success to the Arab coalition forces and spread peace and security amongst all the Muslim nations, and the entirety of the world.

O Allah: Confer upon us Your blessings and do not make us from those who despair. O Allah: Bless us. Bless us with your blessings that are of gladness, comprehensive and encompassing. O Allah: Bless us with the blessings of the heavens, and cultivate and enable for us 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.**