



The Soul is a Solemn Trust and Drugs are a Destructive Vice

First Sermon

All Praise be to Allah, Who created the soul (nafs) and fashioned it upright, and clarified for it the causes of its true guidance. 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 Master and Prophet, Muhammad – is the Servant and Messenger of Allah, who said: «اللَّهُمَّ آتِ نَفْسِي تَقْوَاهَا، وَزَكِّهَا أَنْتَ خَيْرٌ مِنْ زَكَاةِهَا، أَنْتَ وَلِيُّهَا وَمَوْلَاهَا»

“O Allah, grant my soul protection against evil and purify it, for You are the best One to purify it, You are its Guardian and Lord.”

O Allah send Your salutations, peace and blessings upon our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, all of his family and companions, and whomsoever follows their guidance till the Day of Judgment.

To proceed: I advise you and myself to embody consciousness fear (taqwa) of Allah. Allah Almighty says:

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

(Have fear of a day when you shall be returned to Allah, then every person shall be recompensed, in full, what he has earned, and they shall not be wronged.)

O Muslims: Allah Almighty created the human soul and conferred upon it dignity and honour, breathed into it from His Spirit, made His Angels prostrate to it and mentions it in more than two-hundred and ninety places in His Noble Book. Of the things that point to its elevated status and exalted position is that Allah swears by it, saying:

(وَنَفْسٍ وَمَا سَوَّاهَا)

(and by the soul and He Who fashioned it upright)

That is to say, He created it upright and steadfast according to the primordial disposition and elucidated for it the path of good and benevolence so it may follow its ways and clarified for it the path of evil and malevolence so it may avoid its pithfalls. Concerning this, Allah Most High says:

(فَأَلْهَمَهَا فُجُورَهَا وَتَقْوَاهَا)

(and inspired it with knowledge of what is evil and protection against evil)

Allah Almighty further reiterates the preservation and protection of the self and commands us to take care of it and safeguard it from all that which is harmful, detrimental and

destructive to it. Allah Most High says: **وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا النَّفْسَ**

الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ ذَلِكُمْ وَصَاكُم بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ

(and do not take a life (literally, soul and self) whom Allah has given sanctity, except by way of justice and law. This He has enjoined upon you, so that you may understand.)

Thus it is that preservation of the life of the soul is one of the Ultimate Purposes (maqasid) which Allah Most High has sent His Divine Books to realize and His Noble Messengers to emphasize, all out of mercy and compassion for His servants. Allah Almighty says:

وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا

(Do not take your own lives (literally, souls), for Allah has been Most Merciful to you.)

Hence, Allah has prohibited all that is harmful and injurious to His servants and detrimental and destructive to their lives. Substance abuse is amongst the most dangerous and

hazardous of things prohibited by Allah because it destroys the self and spirit which Allah Almighty has dignified and honoured after it has wrecked the body, destroyed the brain cells, ruined minds and intellects, wasted money, robbed people of their happiness, shattered families rendering them dysfunctional, such that the life of the drug addict becomes one of suffering and misery. How many a soul who embarked on taking drugs under the pretext of experimenting with them and feeling bored and idle or by way of invitation from a bad friend, not caring much about their bad and evil consequences and painful and tormenting effects, and is then unable to escape from the clutches of substance abuse, so much so that the number of drug users worldwide for this year alone has reached two-hundred and seventy-one million people. In fact, the lives lost to drug addiction are more than those lost to wars, where this year alone drugs killed around six-hundred thousand people, just as the last five years have witnessed the death of all those who used and consumed narcotic drugs for non-medical reasons. Drugs are a fatal poison that delivers a death-blow to the self, destroys it and terminates its life. Allah Almighty has warned every person who embarks upon taking his own life

through poison or other means, saying: **وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ**

عُدْوَانًا وَظُلْمًا فَسَوْفَ نُصَلِّيهِ نَارًا وَكَانَ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرًا

(Whoever does that out of transgression and wrongfulness, We shall cast him into the Fire. This is an easy thing for Allah.)

That is to say, whoever causes and brings about his own demise by using that which Allah Almighty has prohibited, transgressing the bounds therein, acting wrongfully in its use and abuse, knowing full well that it is prohibited, and continuing in its consumption: **فَسَوْفَ نُصَلِّيهِ نَارًا**)

(We shall cast him into the Fire).

Indeed, this is huge threat and stern warning for every soul-bearing individual to refrain from all prohibited things that cast their perpetrators into Fire of Hell, which include:

Drugs which cause users immense harm, cast them into a living hell and eventually take their lives. The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) explained the final end of the soul who terminated its life through drugs and similar substances, saying: **«مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسَهُ بِسُمٍّ، فَسُمُّهُ بِيَدِهِ،**

يَتَحَسَّاهُ فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ، خَالِدًا مُخَلَّدًا فِيهَا أَبَدًا»

(“whoever kills himself with poison, then his poison will be in his hand, to continually take it in the Fire of Jahannam, dwelling in that state eternally.”)

O Servants of Allah: the human soul and psyche experiences happiness when it is pleased and at peace, which is contrary to the mental and psychological state of the drug addict, who is always suffering from anxiety, depression, fatigue, stress and inner turmoil. Terrorist organizations were quick to perceive the dangers of drugs and thus sent this dangerous weapon to stable countries and safe communities which endeavor to realize prosperity, wealth and happiness for their people, to the extent that drugs have become one of the biggest global threats and source huge worry and concern for international communities and global societies. Hence, the UAE joins the international community in addressing the issues facing it and strives hard and tirelessly to realize global stability. It also calls upon anyone who has information about dubious and suspicious activities to notify the appropriate authorities in this regard. This is because protecting young generations and making them aware of the dangers and hazards of drugs and their bad and evil consequences is a huge responsibility which the entire society should take part in carrying, particularly

parents, brothers and sisters, relatives, teachers and educators, because they spent long periods of time with their children and students at home and at school. The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) says:

«أَلَا كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ، وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ»

“Alas! Each one of you is a guardian, and each one of you is responsible for his charge”

Let us work together in carrying this responsibility, for it is connected to our young generations and the future of our country.

O Allah grant our souls protection against evil and purify them, for You are the best One to purify them, protect our children, our sons and daughters, bless our young generations, and enable us all to be obedient to You and obedient to Your Trustworthy Messenger, Muhammad. and obedient to those whom You have commanded us to be obedient to in Your Holy Book when You said, and You are the Truest of Speakers:

(O you who believe, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.)

I say this speech of mine, and I seek Allah’s Forgiveness for me and for you, so seek His Forgiveness, for He is the All-Forgiving and the All-Merciful.

Second Sermon

All Praise be to Allah, Praise as given by those who show gratitude to His Bounties and Blessings and yearning for His Mercy and Generosity. 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 Master and Prophet, Muhammad – is the Servant and Messenger of Allah. O Allah send Your salutations, peace and blessings upon our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, all of his family and companions, and whomsoever follows them in benevolence till the Day of Judgment.

I advise you and myself to embody a consciousness fear (taqwa) of Allah.

O Worshippers: Let those who use drugs know that doors of repentance and mercy are open for those who repent, ask their Lord's Forgiveness and return to Him, for Allah Most

High says: (وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ سُوءًا أَوْ يَظْلِمْ نَفْسَهُ ثُمَّ يَسْتَغْفِرِ اللَّهَ

يَجِدِ اللَّهَ غُفُورًا رَحِيمًا)

(If any one does evil or wrongs his own soul but afterwards seeks Allah's forgiveness, he will find Allah Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.)

Victory to him who strives to purify his soul by beautifying its character, refining its behaviour and urging it to obey its Lord as well as performing abundant works of righteousness and drawing closer to Allah Most High through all kinds of devotional acts, and thereby attaining happiness and success.

Allah Almighty says: (قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا)

(Successful is the one who purifies it (i.e. his soul)).

And with this, let us send our peace and blessings upon the Seal of the Prophets and Messengers, as the Lord of the Worlds has commanded us to do, for He says in His Noble Book: **(Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet: O you who believe! Send a prayers of blessing to him and prayers of peace and salutations to him in abundance.)**

O Allah: Bestow Your peace and blessings upon our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, his family and all of his companions. O Allah: Be pleased with the Righteous Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali, and with all the noble companions. **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 ask You to grant success to the Vice-President, the**

Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates.

O You Who Hears and Answers prayers and Who raises and elevates people in ranks, forgive the Muslim men and Muslim women, the believing men and believing women, those of them who are alive and those who have passed on.

O Allah: Bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the other late UAE Sheikhs who have passed on to Your mercy. O Allah: We ask you to admit them into Paradise by Your grace. O Allah, Continue to shower on the UAE Your Blessings, Generosity and Bounteousness, and bless its wealth and resources and its people and let it always live in happiness, and let it always increase in everything that is good.

O Allah: Have mercy on the honorable martyrs of our nation and coalition forces of the righteous, and enter them unto paradise with the elect.

O Allah: Bestow upon their families the reward of those who are patient, through Your immense generosity. O most generous of the generous.

O Allah: Give aid to the Arab Coalition Forces, and spread peace and security throughout the lands of the Muslims, and the entirety of the world.

O Allah: Send us down rain and do not make us from those who despair.

O Allah, send down upon us abundant, wholesome rain, productive, plentiful and all encompassing.

O Allah, grant us rain from the blessings and bounties of the skies, and cultivate for us from the blessings and bounties of the earth.

O Allah: Give us in this life what is good; and in the next life what is good, and save us from the fire.

And enter us into paradise with the righteous. O most noble and most forgiving.

O Servants of Allah: Remember Allah and He will remember you. Thank Him for His blessings, He will increase you therein.

So stand up for prayer.