



Indeed his striving will be seen First Khutba

All praises are for Allah, the Originator, to whom all things return, who does what He wills. Knower of the unseen and visible. Most honorable, Most praiseworthy. He decrees for each person their deeds, and reckons for them their striving And I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, who has no partners. And I testify that our Sayyid and Prophet Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon our Sayyid, our Messenger, Muhammad ﷺ. And upon his family and companions, all of them. And upon whoever proceeds upon their guidance till the Last Day.

To continue:

I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the enjoining of Taqwa. **وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا تُرْجَعُونَ فِيهِ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ تُوَفَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ**

مَا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ

And fear a Day when you will be returned to Allah. Then every soul will be compensated for what it earned, and they will not be treated unjustly.

O Muslims: Allah says: **وَأَنْ لَيْسَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ إِلَّا مَا سَعَى * وَأَنْ**

سَعِيهِ سَوْفَ يُرَى * ثُمَّ يُجْزَاهُ الْجَزَاءَ الْأَوْفَى

And that there is not for man except that [good] for which he strives. And that his effort is going to be seen- Then he will be recompensed for it with the fullest recompense.

In these noble verses, Allah reminds us of some core principles of this holistic religion and its essential foundations that have been mentioned in the previous heavenly books. From them is the need to strive and do good deeds, being from the most important of obligations in Islam. This is from the guidance of the Prophets and Messengers. The meaning of striving here is the doing of good deeds or displaying sincere effort for Allah.

And the striving that a person undertakes in this world is of different types, just as his deeds therein may vary too.

Allah says: **إِنَّ سَعْيَكُمْ لَشَتَّى**

Indeed, your efforts are diverse.

The greatest types of efforts are those accompanied by sincerity. Desiring nothing except the pleasure of Allah and His remembrance and worship. It is this striving with Allah that is thanked. It is these deeds which are deemed righteous wherein its doer is given a great reward.

Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

O you who believe, when [the adhan] is called for prayer on Jumu'ah [Friday], then proceed [and strive] unto the remembrance of Allah and leave aside trade. That is better for you, if you only knew.

And striving for the benefit of others is from that which magnifies the reward from Allah, and raises His remembrance. So Allah in turn preserved the remembrance of a man who sincerely desired guidance for his people and to teach them the good. So Allah says:

وَجَاءَ مِنْ أَقْصَى الْمَدِينَةِ رَجُلٌ يَسْعَى قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اتَّبِعُوا الْمُرْسَلِينَ * اتَّبِعُوا مَنْ لَا يَسْأَلُكُمْ أَجْرًا وَهُمْ مُهْتَدُونَ * وَمَا لِي لَا أَعْبُدُ الَّذِي فَطَرَنِي وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ

And there came from the farthest end of the city a man, running. He said, “O my people, follow the messengers”. Follow those who do not ask of you [any] payment, and who are [rightly] guided. And why should I not worship He who created me and to whom you will be returned?

And striving in seeking halal sustenance is from that which Allah, the most grand, exalted, is pleased with. For He instituted the striving of lady Hajar, whilst she sought water, food and other sustenance for her child and herself. He instituted her acts as a rite that one can worship Him through. Remembering she who did them and following her in her actions. The Prophet ﷺ said about her striving and hastening between Safa and Marwa:

فَذَلِكَ سَعْيُ النَّاسِ بَيْنَهُمَا

That is the striving of people between them.

Allah encourages the believer to strive in the earth seeking provision, so Allah says: **هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ ذَلُولًا**

فَامْشُوا فِي مَنَاكِبِهَا وَكُلُوا مِنْ رِزْقِهِ

It is He who made the earth tame for you - so walk among its slopes and eat of His provision

Likewise the Prophet ﷺ encouraged the believer in his seeking of provision so that he can provide enough for himself and his family. So on the authority of Ibn Umar it is narrated: A man passed by them and they were amazed by him in his disposition. So they said: If only this person was to be in the path of Allah. The Prophet ﷺ said:

**إِنْ كَانَ يَسْعَى عَلَى أَبِيهِ شَيْخِينَ كَبِيرِينَ فَهُوَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ،
وَإِنْ كَانَ يَسْعَى عَلَى صَبِيَّةٍ صِغَارٍ فَهُوَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ، وَإِنْ كَانَ
يَسْعَى عَلَى نَفْسِهِ لِيُغْنِيَهَا فَهُوَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ**

A person who strives to serve his parents when they are elderly in age, is in the path of Allah. And if he was to strive in looking after a young child then he is in the path of Allah. And if he was to strive in making himself independent of needing other people (for Allah) then he is in the path of Allah.

And from praiseworthy striving is the helping of the poor and destitute. To feed the poor, to show care to the widows and the orphans. All for the pleasure of Allah, for He says about the worship of those who spiritually excel:

وَيُطْعَمُونَ الطَّعَامَ عَلَىٰ حُبِّهِ مِسْكِينًا وَيَتِيمًا وَأَسِيرًا * إِنَّمَا نُطْعِمُكُمْ
لِوَجْهِ اللَّهِ لَا نُرِيدُ مِنْكُمْ جَزَاءً وَلَا شُكْرًا

And they give food in spite of love for it to the needy, the orphan, and the confined. [Saying], "We feed you only for the countenance of Allah. We wish not from you reward or gratitude.

Our Prophet ﷺ informed us about the reward of supporting the needs of the weak. A reward that is equal to the reward of one who fasts throughout the day and prays throughout the night.

O Servants of Allah: Allah says: وَأَنَّ سَعْيَهُ سَوْفَ يُرَىٰ

And that his effort is going to be seen-

In other words Allah will make manifest to every human being their effort, and display to him his deeds:

فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ * وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ

**So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it.
And whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it.**

So just as the deeds of a person and their effort are displayed to Allah. The people shall see it in both this life and the hereafter. Allah says:

وَقُلْ اْعْمَلُوا فَسَيَرَى اللَّهُ عَمَلَكُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَسَتُرَدُّونَ
إِلَىٰ عَالِمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

And say: "Do [as you will], for Allah will see your deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen

and the witnessed and He will inform you of what you used to do.”

And Allah says: **فَسَيَّرَى اللّٰهُ عَمَلَكُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ وَقُلْ اَعْمَلُوا**
وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَسَتُرَدُّونَ اِلَى عَالِمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا
كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

And say: Act [for Allah will see your deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and the believers].

This command is inclusive of every time of striving, effort and action, that a person is in need of, in both this world and the next. So the believer is avid to be of those whose effort is for the devotion of Allah. This so that he can obtain from Him the great tribute and immense reward, so he can get the reward complete and in full. As Allah says:

ثُمَّ يُجْزَاهُ الْجَزَاءَ الْاَوْفَى

Then he will be recompensed for it with the fullest recompense

As Allah says to His Prophet Musa:

اِنَّ السَّاعَةَ آتِيَةٌ اَكَادُ اُخْفِيهَا لِتُجْزَى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا تَسْعَى

Indeed, the Hour is coming - I almost conceal it so that every soul may be recompensed according to that for which it strives.

So no person shall find his effort was in waste, nor his striving in vain. As Allah says: **فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِنَ الصَّالِحَاتِ**

وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَا كُفْرَانَ لِسَعْيِهِ وَاِنَّا لَهُ كَاتِبُونَ

So whoever does righteous deeds while he is a believer no denial will there be for his effort, and indeed We, of it, are recorders.

So when a person shall see his striving and deeds written in his book, he shall remember them, despite having forgotten them previously. Allah says:

يَوْمَ يَتَذَكَّرُ الْإِنْسَانُ مَا سَعَى

The Day when man will remember that for which he strove.

On that Day every soul shall be recompensed for whatever it strove and gave effort for. So how great it is for one who raises his spiritual ambition, and harnesses his energy for constant effort and striving. This in the producing forth of good for the entirety of mankind, helping enable a better future for all. So O Allah enable us to strive for good, to be of those of spiritual excellence and virtue. And aid us in entering the Gardens of Paradise. And bless us all with your devotion, and devotion 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.

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 redemptive forgiveness of Allah.

Second Khutba

All praises are for Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. 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 ﷺ 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 ﷺ 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:

Anyone who desires the hereafter and seeks it, works for it. So he strives in the devotion to his Lord, and is avid in seeking the pleasure of Him. That is the believer who is true to the reward of Allah, deserving of his immense bounty for the striving he put forth. He is grateful to Allah for the deeds he did, and his reward is likewise excellent.

Allah says: وَمَنْ أَرَادَ الْآخِرَةَ وَسَعَىٰ لَهَا سَعْيَهَا وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ

فَأُولَٰئِكَ كَانَ سَعْيُهُمْ مَشْكُورًا

But whoever desires the Hereafter and exerts the effort due to it while he is a believer - it is those whose effort is ever appreciated [by Allah].

That is the Day of Judgement:

يَوْمَ تَرَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَسْعَىٰ نُورُهُمْ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ

وَبِأَيْمَانِهِمْ بُشْرَاكُمُ الْيَوْمَ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ

خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

On the Day you see the believing men and women, their light proceeding before them and on their right, [it will be said], "Your good tidings today are [of] gardens beneath which rivers flow wherein you will abide eternally. That is what is the great attainment.

So to the degree a person was ahead in striving in the world for goodness he shall be ahead in the hereafter with regard to entering unto the Gardens of paradise. So he will be pleased with the deeds he put forth, and shall see his reward for his effort. Allah says: **وَجُوهٌ يَوْمَئِذٍ نَاعِمَةٌ * لِسَعْيِهَا**

رَاضِيَةٌ * فِي جَنَّةٍ عَالِيَةٍ * لَا تَسْمَعُ فِيهَا لَاحِظَةً

But whoever desires the Hereafter and exerts the effort due to it while he is a believer - it is those whose effort is ever appreciated [by Allah].

So let us strive towards the devotion of Allah and His remembrance, seeking halal sustenance, for indeed the reward of that is great. And let us strive in the service of our parents and showing piety, and our bonds with family and relatives. And let us strive in giving benefit to our neighbours and friends. And giving aid to the poor, the widows and orphans and let us inculcate this in the hearts of our daughters and sons. With this, let us send our peace and blessings upon the seal of the Prophets and Messengers as we have been commanded to by the Lord of all the Worlds for He states in His manifest Book:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

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.

O Allah, bestow Your peace, blessings and grace upon our Master Muhammad ﷺ and upon his family and all of his companions. And be pleased with the Righteous Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali. And with all the companions O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and guide him to all that is good.

And grant success to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates. Bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Maktoum, 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 entry unto Your Paradise. O Allah, continue blessing the UAE with Your blessings, Your grace and Your bounties. And bless it in its goodness and its people. And make it always a place of true happiness. Ever increasing in goodness. O Allah, have mercy on the righteous martyrs and coalition forces, and admit them into Paradise with your elect. And bless their families with the reward for those who are patient, for You are the most gracious of the gracious. O Allah: Aid the Arab coalition forces. And spread peace and stability in the lands of the Muslims, and the entire world.

O Allah, bless us with Your blessings of the Heavens and make us not from those who are ungrateful. O Allah, bless us with an encompassing, surrounding 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. 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.

So stand up for prayer.