



Glorified be You, O Allah. First Khutba

All praises are due to Allah, the Lord of all the Worlds: **Whatever is in the heavens and earth is exalting Him. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.** 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. The leader of those who remember Allah, the exemplar of those who praise Allah. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon our Sayyid, our Messenger, Muhammad and upon his family and companions, all of them. And upon whomever follows their way of guidance till the Last Day.

To continue:

I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the enjoining of Taqwa.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

O you who have believed, fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice.

O Muslims:

The Lord, Most High, mentioning His esteemed essence

says: **تُسَبِّحُ لَهُ السَّمَوَاتُ السَّبْعُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ**

The seven heavens and the earth and whatever is in them exalt Him.

In other words: The heavens and earth, and everything in them of creation, glorifies Allah. We esteem His transcendence, glorify Him, honor Him and praise Him. So there is in saying ‘Subhan Allah’, praising Allah as the possessor of perfection, and esteeming His magnificence, glorifying and venerating Him. And praising him, with what He is deserving of from the greatest of attributes. Indeed glorifying Allah by saying ‘Subhan Allah’ is from the easiest forms of worship and the most honorable of worship, being the greatest of devotion. The Messenger of Allah said: **كَلِمَتَانِ خَفِيفَتَانِ عَلَى اللِّسَانِ، ثَقِيلَتَانِ فِي الْمِيزَانِ،**

حَبِيبَتَانِ إِلَى الرَّحْمَنِ: سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ، سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ

There are two expressions which are very easy for the tongue to say, but they are very heavy on the scale and very dear to The Beneficent (Al Rahman): ‘Subhan Allah wa bi Hamdihi’ and ‘Subhan Allah Al-Azim’

So ‘Subhan Allah’ is a word that is beloved to Allah which He has made pleasing to Himself, and most beloved of things to say. The Messenger of Allah said:

إِنَّ أَحَبَّ الْكَلَامِ إِلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ يَقُولَ الْعَبْدُ: سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ، وَتَبَارَكَ اسْمُكَ، وَتَعَالَى جَدُّكَ، وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ

Indeed the words most beloved to Allah are : ‘Subhanaka Allahumma wa bi hamdika’ (Glorified be Allah and to Him be praise), ‘Tabaraka ismaka’ (Blessed be your name), Exalted is Your Majesty and there is nothing of worship besides You.

The meaning of ‘**Subhanaka Allahumma**’ is: I call upon you in intimate communion O Allah with a communion that is full of love and praise, and glorifying Him as well as esteeming His transcendence. This is the affair of the entire universe and all of creation. For indeed all of it glorifies Allah with praise and honor him. As Allah says:

وَإِنْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا يُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِهِ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَفْقَهُونَ تَسْبِيحَهُمْ

And there is not a thing except that it exalts [Allah] by His praise, but you do not understand their [way of] exalting.

So from them are the honorable angels; having been made to realize the great rank of their Creator. And the greatness of their sustainer, so they glorify Him with His praise, acknowledging His knowledge. Accepting of His wisdom in His creation, saying:

سُبْحَانَكَ لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا إِلَّا مَا عَلَّمْتَنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ.

Exalted are You; we have no knowledge except what You have taught us. Indeed, it is You who is the Knowing, the Wise.

Likewise the Prophets and Messengers praise Allah. As Allah says in the words of Musa (peace and blessings be upon him):

سُبْحَانَكَ تَبَّتْ إِلَيْكَ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Exalted are You! I have repented to You, and I am the first of the believers.

And Allah says in the words of Easa (peace and blessings be upon him):

سُبْحَانَكَ مَا يَكُونُ لِي أَنْ أَقُولَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِحَقِّ

Exalted are You! It was not for me to say that to which I have no right.

And Our Prophet Muhammad used to be proficient in saying: **سُبْحَانَكَ وَبِحَمْدِكَ، أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ**

O Allah, exalted are You; praise be to You. I seek your forgiveness and turn in repentance back to You.

All responding to the call:

فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَاسْتَغْفِرْهُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا.

Then exalt [Him] with praise of your Lord and ask forgiveness of Him. Indeed, He is ever Accepting of repentance.

O You who glorify God: Indeed the word “Subhanaka” is a tremendous and magnificent statement. The believer repeats this several times and turns towards it in all of his states. As Allah says: **يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا**

كَثِيرًا * وَسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا

O you who have believed, remember Allah with much remembrance. And exalt Him morning and afternoon.

So if the believer sees anything from the immensity of creation of Allah, he ponders upon it, reflecting upon the omnipotence of its creator. He also reflects upon the creative capacity of its maker and originator; and his tongue holds fast to uttering praise of his Lord, saying:

رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَاطِلًا سُبْحَانَكَ

Our Lord, You did not create this aimlessly; exalted are You [above such a thing]

And when the believer hears the speech of his Lord, he humbles himself through his heart. Just as he humbles his limbs in front of the majesty of his Lord and glorifies Him with his tongue, as Allah says:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ إِذَا يُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ يَخِرُّونَ لِلْأَذْقَانِ
سُجَّدًا* وَيَقُولُونَ سُبْحَانَ رَبِّنَا إِنْ كَانَ وَعْدُ رَبِّنَا لَمَفْعُولًا.

Indeed, those who were given knowledge beforehand, when it is recited to them, they fall down on their faces in humble prostration. And they say: ‘Immensely Transcendent, Sanctified and Exalted is our Lord! Truly, the promise of our Lord has been fulfilled!’

That is, out of adoration and veneration to You, our Lord, on account of Your Infinite and Absolute Power. The believer also declares his Lord’s glory after the ritual ablution (wudu’), so that its great reward will be preserved for him. And that it be given to him in full on the Day of Reckoning. The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) says:

When a person after performing Wudu says: ‘Subhanaka Allahumma wa bihamdika’ and says: “There is none worthy of worship but You; and from You do I seek forgiveness and to You do I turn in repentance.” This is recorded on a piece of paper and then sealed. The seal will not be broken until the Day of Resurrection.

Tasbih has also been legislated in Salah (ritual prayer) during bowing (ruku‘) and prostration (sujud). In that this is when the believer will be closest to his Lord. It is thus then that he best engages in intimate communion with Him,

declaring His Absolute Transcendence and Sanctification. Hence Ayesha (may Allah be pleased with her) said: The Messenger of Allah used to be proficient in saying whilst in his ruku‘ and sujud:

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا وَبِحَمْدِكَ، اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي

Subhanaka Rabbana wa bihamdika, Allahum-maghfir li (Glorified be You, all praise is due to You, forgive me, O Allah)

Likewise after the believer completes his Salah, he engages in tasbih of his Lord. The Messenger of Allah said:

أَفَلَا أَعَلَّمُكُمْ شَيْئًا تُدْرِكُونَ بِهِ مَنْ سَبَقَكُمْ، وَتَسْبِقُونَ بِهِ مَنْ بَعْدَكُمْ؟ وَلَا يَكُونُ أَحَدٌ أَفْضَلَ مِنْكُمْ إِلَّا مَنْ صَنَعَ مِثْلَ مَا

صَنَعْتُمْ

Shall I not teach you something by which you will catch upon those who have preceded you, and get ahead of those who come after you, only those who do as you do being more excellent than you?

They said: Yes, Messenger of Allah. He (the Holy Prophet) said:

تُسَبِّحُونَ وَتُكَبِّرُونَ وَتُحَمِّدُونَ، ذُبِرَ كُلُّ صَلَاةٍ ثَلَاثًا وَثَلَاثِينَ مَرَّةً.

Exalt Allah, declare His Greatness, and Praise Him thirty-three times after every prayer.

O You who do the tasbih:

The believer when afflicted by hardship or calamity, hastens to do tasbih, just as the manner in which the

Prophet of Allah, Yunus (Jonah) (peace be upon him) did when he said:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

There is no deity except You; exalted are You. Indeed, I have been of the wrongdoers.

So Allah Most High responded to him and answered his prayers, and saved him from the darkness of the night, the darkness of the sea, and the darkness of the belly of the whale. Allah Almighty says:

فَاسْتَجَبْنَا لَهُ وَنَجَّيْنَاهُ مِنَ الْغَمِّ وَكَذَلِكَ نُنْجِي الْمُؤْمِنِينَ.

So We responded to him and saved him from the distress. And thus do We save the believers.

And the Prophet corroborated this meaning to his companions saying:

أَلَا أُخْبِرُكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ إِذَا نَزَلَ بِرَجُلٍ مِنْكُمْ كَرْبٌ أَوْ بَلَاءٌ مِنْ بَلَايَا الدُّنْيَا دَعَا بِهِ يُفَرِّجُ عَنْهُ؟ قَالُوا: بَلَى. فَقَالَ: دُعَاءُ ذِي النُّونِ: لَا

إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

Should I not inform you about something that, if one of you is afflicted distress or a calamity, from the calamities of this world, he supplicates therewith, the distress or calamity will be dispelled from him? They said: Indeed. So He said: The supplication of Dhul-Nun: There is no deity but You, glorified be You.

Indeed, I am among the wrongdoers

فَإِنَّهُ لَمْ يَدْعُ بِهَا رَجُلٌ مُسْلِمٌ فِي شَيْءٍ قَطُّ، إِلَّا اسْتَجَابَ اللَّهُ لَهُ

For a Muslim person does not make this supplication in any situation whatsoever, except Allah answers him.

So may You O Allah be glorified, how great is Your honor, and how glorified is Your nobility. How glorified is Your clemency, how glorified is Your mercy. O Allah make us of You from those who remember Allah and glorify You. And bless us all with your devotion, and devotion towards your Messenger Muhammad. And piety towards those You have ordered us to show piety towards in Your manifest Book, when You said, and You are the most truthful of those that speak: **يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ**

وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ

O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.

I say this and seek His forgiveness for me and for You. So seek His forgiveness, for He is the most forgiving, most merciful.

Second Khutba

All praises are for Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. We praise Him, with the praise of those who make much remembrance of Him. 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, 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 Worshippers: Indeed the believer ends his gatherings

with the words: **سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ، سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ**

وَبِحَمْدِكَ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

Glorified be Allah and to Him be praise, Glorified be You, O Allah, and to You be praise. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except You, I seek Your forgiveness and turn to You in repentance.

The Messenger of Allah said:

مَنْ قَالَهَا فِي مَجْلِسٍ ذِكْرٍ؛ كَانَتْ كَالطَّابَعِ يُطْبَعُ عَلَيْهِ، وَمَنْ قَالَهَا فِي مَجْلِسٍ لَعْوٍ؛ كَانَتْ كَفَّارَةً لَهُ

Someone who says this in an assembly held for the remembrance of Allah will find the saying seals [the gathering] just as a document is stamped with a seal. And whoever says them in a frivolous and empty gathering shall find the saying becomes an expiation for them [for the empty talk]

In another narration it is stated:

عُفِّرَ لَهُ مَا كَانَ فِي ذَلِكَ الْمَجْلِسِ

He will be forgiven for whatever was in that gathering.

So what is greater than these words, by which Allah raises people unto elevated stations and ranks. And which in turn are an expiation for shortcomings and sins. So let us in turn be avid in doing tasbih of Allah in all of our times, and let us teach our children in turn. And 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, grant your forgiveness to Sultan Qaboos bin Said and bless him with Your expansive mercy. Overlook any shortcomings of his with Your clemency. Make his abode of rest one in the Gardens of Paradise, of everlasting bliss, and reward him for all the good he did, with excellence, and an encompassing forgiveness and pardon.

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.