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From the wisdom of Sayyiduna Umar ibn al Khattab

First Khutba

All praises are due to Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad, is His Messenger. So O Allah send your peace and blessings upon him and upon his noble family and companions. And upon whomsoever follows them in the best of ways till the Last Day.

To continue: O slaves of Allah, be conscious of

Allah **وَيَنْجِي اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا بِمَفَازَتِهِمْ لَا يَمَسُّهُمُ السُّوءُ وَلَا**

هُم يَحْزَنُونَ

And Allah will save those who feared Him by their attainment, no evil will touch them, nor will they grieve.

O Believers:

In the year ١٨ A.H (After Hijrah), Sayyiduna Umar left for Sham (the Levant). So he met Abu Abaydah ibn al-Jarrah and his companions and Abu Abaydah informed him that an epidemic illness had befallen the Levant. Hence Umar returned alongside those with him, which caused Abu Abaydah to say to him: Are you fleeing from the decree of Allah? And

Sayyid Umar responded: “Yes. [But] We are fleeing from the decree of Allah – to the decree of Allah”. So Abdul Rahman ibn Awf said, I heard the Messenger of Allah say: إِذَا سَمِعْتُمْ بِهِ بِأَرْضٍ فَلَا تَقْدَمُوا

عَلَيْهِ، وَإِذَا وَقَعَ بِأَرْضٍ وَأَنْتُمْ بِهَا فَلَا تَخْرُجُوا فِرَارًا مِنْهُ

If you hear that it (plague) has broken out in a land, do not go to it; but if it breaks out in a land where you are present, do not go out escaping from it.

O Muslims: This is what is known as isolation or quarantine for preventative health purposes. So when Umar returned and did not enter the Levant, he acted in accordance with this Hadith. Essentially he took the means whilst placing his trust in Allah, testifying to the truth of the Messenger of Allah. For a man said to the Prophet: “O Messenger of Allah: Should I tie [my animal] and then trust in Allah or should I leave the animals to roam free and [simply] trust in Allah. The Messenger of Allah said: **Tie it [the animal, i.e. take the means] and trust in Allah.**

In similar manner, in following the guidance of the Prophet, and adhering to his wisdom, and in the spirit of preserving human life: The UAE government has adopted various means to ensure societal health. So the procedures for the protection

of those traveling have been intensified by doing medical examinations at the airports, and then keeping some travelers in quarantine at home until their safety from the disease can be confirmed. Whereas in the event of them being afflicted by the disease, they will be isolated in specialist health facilities, until they recover and heal.

These procedures require cooperation and assistance by all. So we ask Allah that He protect us from all plague and sickness. And that He bless us all with devotion to Him, and devotion towards whom He has ordered us to show devotion towards by stating:

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, the most merciful.

Second Khutba

All praises are for Allah, the One, and may peace and blessings be upon His Prophet after whom there is no other. And may peace and blessings be upon his family, companions and whomsoever follows

them in his guidance till the Last Day. I advise you with the observance of the Taqwa of Allah, and in safeguarding your health by adhering with and implementing the advice of the Ministry of Health (concerning coronavirus). Work with these instructions, for they constitute the means that aid health. Adopt them throughout your interactions with family members and with wider society.

O Muslims: I am going to make supplication, so say “Ameen”. For He does not alter His decree except through supplication and Allah is too generous that He be asked by a slave raising his hands and He return the slave back dissapointed in Him (with his supplication not granted). So O Allah, most Majestic, most Noble, send your peace and blessings on the best of creation, Sayyiduna Muhammad, and upon his family and noble companions. And be pleased with with Righteous Caliphs and with all the noble companions. O Allah we turn to Your Name through which nothing is harmed in the earth and the heavens. And we ask that we not be afflicted through disease or calamity, or that any illness or epidemic may befall us. O Allah: hear this supplication, for we ask you for constancy of well-being, and for all of the people in the world around us. O Allah: preserve through Your preservation those who are well, and give

comfort to those who are sick. And aid and protect the doctors and nurses, as well as co-workers and volunteers, and all those who are involved in the medical examinations in all ports of entry, whether they be the land, sea or airports. For they are hastening in being on the front line in protecting the harm from reaching others.

O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince. And to his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates, guide them to all that is good that you love. O Allah: bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Maktoum, and the late UAE Sheikhs who have passed on to the mercy of their Lord. And grant them from your abundant grace and bless them with entry unto Your Paradise. O Allah, continue blessing the UAE with Your blessings, generosity and grace through your nobility. O most Noble of the Noble. O our Lord, give us the best in this world, and the best in the hereafter. And free us from the punishment of the hellfire, and enter us into Your paradise, in the company of the righteous. For You are the most-noble, most-forgiving.

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

He will increase you therein. And establish
(inwardly and outwardly) the prayer.