



And speak words of appropriate justice

The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, the Most-Merciful, the Most-Compassionate, Who: "**Created man, [And] taught him speech** [Qur'an: 55:3-4]". I bear witness there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no partner in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. O Allah send your peace, blessings and grace upon our Sayyid, our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) and upon all his family, companions and those who follow them.

O Slaves of Allah:

I advise you and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, as Allah says: **O you who have believed, fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice.** [Qur'an: 33:70]

So in this noble verse Allah commands us to hold fast to speech that is just. This is engaging words that are always best and kind, being good and appropriate, of that which brings about benefit to a person in this world and the next. From the greatest of just speech is that a person should increase his dhikr and remembrance of Allah, seeking to engage in this in all his times and states, as Allah says: **O you who have believed, remember Allah with much remembrance** [Qur'an: 33:41]. Likewise from just speech

is that a person holds fast to sincerity and truthfulness in his speech as a way of responding to the Divine call: **O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are true** [Qur'an: 9:119]. Someone who persists upon such sincerity can hope to be written with Allah as being from the 'truthful ones' (The Siddiqueen), as the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) is reported to have said: **And the man who continues to speak the truth and endeavors to tell the truth is eventually recorded as truthful with Allah** [Bukhari and Muslim]. Such a person can also hope the Paradise of Bliss, as the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) is reported to have said: **"Guarantee for me six things from yourself, and I shall guarantee for you Paradise"**, he then mentioned the first of them: **"Be truthful whenever you speak** [Imam Ahmad]." Also from just speech is that which corrects wrong thought, or that which enters happiness and joy into the hearts from beautiful words, as Allah says: **And speak to people good [words]** [Qur'an: 2:83]. In other words be gentle, soft, in your speech to the people, irrespective of the differences between them of ethnicity and religions, for this is what aids mutual societal relations and allows for affinity in society, being a means to enter Paradise. As the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: **"Protect yourselves from the Fire even with half a date, and if you cannot find that, then with a good word.** [Bukhari and Muslim]."

So: O Allah bless us with the ability to always engage in just and beautiful speech, through which we draw near to You, and which will benefit us on the day we stand before You. I say this, and seek your forgiveness for myself and

for you, so seek His forgiveness, indeed He is the most forgiving, most merciful.

The Second Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, to the degree of praise His majesty deserves. And may peace and blessings be upon our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, and upon all those who follow his guidance afterwards. I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, and to engage in much just speech, such that you attain the mercy of Allah and be victorious by realizing the peace in yourselves. As the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: **May Allah have mercy on a slave who when he spoke attained reward, or remained silent, so was saved.**

And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon the best of those who had a good opinion of Allah, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. May Allah send His peace and blessings upon him, upon his family, his companions, all of them. O Allah we ask You for sincerity in our speech, and a heart that is in reverential awe of You, and that You make our words that bear witness in our favor, not against us. O Allah we ask You to raise from and remove from the entire world this plague, You are the one who answers the supplications of the distressed.

O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates. and guide them to all that is good and what pleases You. 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. We ask you to admit them into Paradise by Your grace.

O Allah have mercy on the martyrs, and grant their families with patience and a great reward. And have mercy, our Lord, upon our fathers and mothers, and upon whoever has a right upon us. And continue perpetuating blessings and bounties upon the UAE. O Allah, confer upon us Your blessings and do not make us from those who despair. O Allah, bless us, bless us, bless us. O Allah: Give us in this life that which is beautiful and in the next life that which is beautiful, and save us from the fire. Stand up for prayer.