



## Charity pleases the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him)

### The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. 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, Sayyiduna Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with Taqwa, for Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ

**O you who have believed, fear Allah. And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow - and fear Allah [Qur'an: 59:18]**

**Slaves of Allah:** The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was once sitting with his companions one day, when some people came to him, being needy of money and someone to show care to them. So the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) showed clemency to their state, and was empathetic to their situation, so he encouraged his companions to give charity and spend upon them. The people then began to give charity until there came to be a great amount of food, clothes and wealth placed before the Prophet (peace and

blessings of Allah be upon him). So his face became illuminated and he was overjoyed by the response of the companions in their giving and sacrificing for the sake of Allah for those in need. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) saw that as a good example that should be emulated so he said: "If anyone establishes a good sunnah in Islam he will have a reward for it and the equivalent of the reward of those who act upon it after him [Sahih Muslim]".

So giving charity and wealth is a Sunnah that has been established until the Day of Judgment, through it the virtue of moral assistance and aid is realized, as well as mutual mercy brought about. These are the virtues which the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) encouraged us to have, clarifying its reward:

مَنْ فَرَّجَ عَنْ أَخِيهِ كُرْبَةً مِنْ كُرْبِ الدُّنْيَا؛ فَرَّجَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ كُرْبَةً مِنْ كُرْبِ الْآخِرَةِ، وَمَنْ سَتَرَ أَخَاهُ سَتَرَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ، وَاللَّهُ فِي عَوْنِ الْعَبْدِ مَا كَانَ الْعَبْدُ فِي عَوْنِ أَخِيهِ

**“If anyone relieves a Muslim believer from one of the hardships of this worldly life, Allah will relieve him of one of the hardships of the Day of Resurrection. If anyone makes it easy for the one who is indebted to him (while finding it difficult to repay), Allah will make it easy for him in this worldly life and in the Hereafter, and if anyone conceals the faults of a Muslim, Allah will conceal his faults in this world and in the Hereafter. Allah helps His slave as long as he helps his brother.”**

[Muslim]

From what it means to conceal one's brother's faults, includes to clothe him with what defends him against the harshness of the cold, and to provide him what makes him warm. Here we are in the winter, and there are people in this world shivering from the intensity of the cold, waiting for someone to alleviate its impact them, and hopeful for their mercy, so that God shall descend His mercy upon those merciful to them. As the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

ارْحَمُوا مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ؛ يَرْحَمَكُم مَّنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ

**Be merciful on the earth, and you will be shown mercy from Who is above the heavens. [Tirmidhi]**

So O Allah make us from those who are generous with what you have blessed them with, and make light their difficulties. Enter happiness into their hearts and joy in their selves.

I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness, He is the most-forgiving.

## The Second Khutbah

All praises are for Allah alone, and may peace and blessings be upon our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, and upon all those who follow his guidance afterwards.

### Slaves of Allah:

The Red Crescent has initiated its Winter Aid Campaign with the slogan: "Your giving is their warmth". This campaign focuses on providing winter clothing and other basic materials that help provide protection for those affected by the harshness of the cold. Its aid covers a large number of countries, so let us share in this support by donating to Emirates Red Crescent, aiding the needy. For it is acts such as these that pleases our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and increases our reward, becoming a means by which we can enter paradise, as recompense for good that was done. May we be of those about whom Allah says:

مُتَكِّئِينَ فِيهَا عَلَى الْأَرَائِكِ لَا يَرَوْنَ فِيهَا شَمْسًا وَلَا زَمْهَرِيرًا

[They will be] reclining therein on adorned couches.

They will not see therein any [burning] sun or  
[freezing] cold. [Qur'an: 76:13]

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 make us from those who provide aid to Your slaves in this world, for You shall come to their aid through Your care on the Day of Judgment. O Allah we ask You to raise from us 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.