



Teaching Our Children The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, Lord of all existence. Who has blessed us with the blessing of children, both boys and girls. 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. I advise you and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, for Allah has said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ

Indeed, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who
[Quran: ١٦:١٢٨] **are doers of good.**

O Believers: Allah says:

وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ
بَنِينَ وَحَفَدَةً

**And Allah has made for you from yourselves mates and
has made for you from your mates children and
grandchildren [Quran: ١٦:٧٢]**

So children and grandchildren are blessings that require gratitude towards Allah. They are a gift that requires that they be raised in the best way. They are a trust that are to be protected and preserved, as the Prophet (peace and

blessings be upon him) said: **إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَائِلٌ كُلَّ رَاعٍ عَمَّا اسْتَرْعَاهُ؛ حَتَّى يَسْأَلَ الرَّجُلَ عَنْ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ**

Indeed, Allah will question every shepherd concerning their flock, He will even ask a man about the people of his house. [Ibn Hibban]

Sayyidina Umar bin Khattab once said to a man: "You are accountable concerning your son, so what did you teach him?" So from the responsibilities of parents is that they take time out to teach their children, to sit with them, to listen to what they have to say and to support them with wisdom, being kind and caring in providing them guidance. For the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) used to invest his time and sit with children in educating them, strengthening their resolve and hearts, as he is reported to have said to Ibn Abbas: **يَا غُلَامُ إِنِّي أُعَلِّمُكَ كَلِمَاتٍ، احْفَظْ**

اللَّهُ يَحْفَظُكَ، احْفَظِ اللَّهَ تَجِدَهُ تُجَاهَكَ

O boy! I will instruct you in some matters. Be watchful of Allah (Commandments of Allah), He will preserve you. Safeguard His Rights, He will be ever with you.

[Tirmidhi]

So there is a great need for us to instill these great meanings of Prophetic advice into the hearts of our children. This is so that they can act thereby in all affairs of their lives. Nowadays this advice is particularly needed because of the nature of modern technology, so when our children are with their devices, they should be conscious of

Allah's watching over them, and use these instruments in a manner that their Lord is pleased. We and they should be conscious of the saying of their Lord:

إِنَّ السَّمْعَ وَالْبَصَرَ وَالْفُؤَادَ كُلُّ أُولَئِكَ كَانَ عَنْهُ مَسْئُولًا

Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart - about all those [one] will be questioned. [Quran: ١٧:٣٦]

So from the most important principles of education is to instill into our children positive characteristics with regards to the use of the internet. This is so that they can get positive benefits and be protected from the dangers. So O Allah bless our children, and protect them from harms.

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 due to Allah, the uniquely One, and peace and blessings upon the Prophet after whom there is no other, and upon his companions and those that follow him.

O Believers: From the responsibilities of parents is that they teach their children to hold onto their religious education, and exalted human morals, and good habits and societal manners. They should have a love of their homeland, and should guard and not waste their time through improper and excessive use of the internet and devices. This includes not wasting time on social media, but to instead use the internet for beneficial research and studies, and to strive to use their time for achieving positive goals. They should aim high and have great goals, and work diligently to bring these goals to fruition, for

there is no limit to their potential. 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 raise and educate their children well, for they have been placed as a trust in our care. 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.