



Ramadan: A Month of the Qur'an and Giving The First Khutba

All praises are due to Allah, the Possessor of Jalal (Divine Majesty and Rigor) and Nobility. The One who has favored us to partake of this blessed month of Ramadan. He has encouraged us to spend therein and to recite and contemplate the Qur'an. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the uniquely one who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger, may the peace and blessings upon him and upon whomsoever follows them in guidance until the Last Day.

To Continue: I advise you O slaves of Allah and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, for He says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous – [Qur'an: ٢:١٨٣]

O Believers: Indeed, the month of Ramadan is the month of the Qur'an, as Allah says:

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ

The month of Ramadhan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion.

[Qur'an: ٢:١٨٥]

And in the nights of Ramadan, the Angel Jibril used to meet the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and teach him the Qur'an. So, in this evidence on the increased importance of studying and reciting the Qur'an in this month. So, it is of the best forms of worship to do in this month and amongst the deeds that carry the greatest reward. For this reason, the Sahaba, the Tabi'un (generation after them), the scholars and the righteous would especially increase their reciting the Qur'an when the month of Ramadan would come in, and they would give it a greater portion of their time when it came to studying it, and reflecting upon its verses.

They ponder its meanings to realize its goals, taking on a high standard of character, from sincerity, as a trust, such as mercy, modesty, piety and joining relations, tolerance, mutual love and affection, and supporting each other with goodness. All of these characteristics could be said to be the character of the Qur'an, which is the guidance of our noble Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Sa'd Bin Hisham narrates that he asked Aisha, the mother of the believers: Inform me about the character of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). She said: Do you not read the Qur'an. I said: Yes, of course. She said: "The character of the Prophet was the Qur'an." So whoever reads the Qur'an and acts in accordance with its lofty character, they are from the people of Allah about whom the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon

him) is reported to have said: Indeed Allah has his people from creation. They said: "And who are they O Messenger of Allah? He said: "The people of Allah are the people of the Qur'an and His elect. (al-Nisai)"

So how beautiful would it be for us to invest our time in these blessed times, wherein we engage in the recitation of the Qur'an, and urge our children to the same. So let us envelop our homes with this mercy, such that peace can descend upon us and that we can be mentioned as the righteous in the celestial company of the Angels. O Allah aid us in our fasts, our recitation of the Qur'an, please accept our deeds, O Rahman.

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

Second Khutba

All praises are for Allah, the Most Giving, the Blessed, who has honored us with the month of Ramadan. And may peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, the best of creation who fasted and prayed, best of those who recited and taught the Qur'an, and upon his family and companions, and whomsoever follows them in the best of ways.

Slaves of Allah: Allah says: **إِنَّ الدِّينَ يَتْلُونَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً يَرْجُونَ تِجَارَةً لَنْ تَبُورَ* لِيُوفِّيَهُمْ أُجُورَهُمْ وَيَزِيدَهُمْ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ إِنَّهُ غَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ**

Indeed, those who recite the Book of Allah and establish prayer and spend [in His cause] out of what We have provided them, secretly and publicly, [can] expect a profit that will never perish – [Qur'an: ٣٥:٢٩]

In this blessed verse, Allah praises His slaves who recite the Qur'an, who do much charity and goodness, out of seeking to glorify their Lord, and to bring happiness to the hearts of those in need. One of the scholars said, when Ramadan comes about, then know that it is fasting, reciting the Qur'an and feeding the poor. So here we have the food distribution campaign called "100 Million Meals" that has been initiated in these generous lands, the UAE, to contribute to overcoming the problem of hunger in the world. We also have the (Ramadan campaign) launched by the UAE Red Crescent, put forward to support the initiatives of good, and to participate in convoys of righteousness. And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon all of the Prophets and Messengers, and especially on the seal of them, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon him, and upon his family, his companions, all of them.

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. Remember Allah and He will remember you, Stand up for prayer.