



The Peace of Laylatul Qadr The First Khutbah

All praises are for Allah who has blessed us with the blessing of Night of Power (Laylatul Qadr), who multiplied therein the rewards of goodness. 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, as Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ
تَتَّقُونَ

O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous –

[Qur'an: ٢:٢١]

O Believers: Indeed, Laylatul Qadr is a great bounty from Allah and its goodness is vast, for Allah has described it with Baraka itself when He says: **إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ**

Indeed, We sent the Qur'an down during the Night of Decree. [Qur'an: ٩٧:١]

This is because of what descends therein on the night from Baraka, and the great reward and goodness stored then. For

on this night the Angels descend with mercy and peace.

Allah says: **تَنْزِلُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ**

The angels and the Spirit descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter. [Qur'an: 97:4]

In other words, they descend from every heaven, and with them will be Jibril (may Allah be pleased with him). So, they descend unto Earth, saying Ameen to the supplication of the people. Every time they meet a believer, man or woman, they convey their salaams to them, continuing this until they reach Fajr. **سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّى مَطَلَعِ الْفَجْرِ**

Peace there is until the emergence of dawn.

[Qur'an: 97:5]

This is a night of peace, and peace is a great attribute, one that brings about a tranquil spirit. Peace is the first thing the Prophet Adam (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was instructed to engage in Paradise, for the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

«خَلَقَ اللَّهُ آدَمَ... ثُمَّ قَالَ: اذْهَبْ فَسَلِّمْ عَلَيَّ أَوْلِيَّكَ النَّفَرِ مِنْ

الْمَلَائِكَةِ، فَاسْتَمِعَ مَا يُحْيُونَكَ، تَحِيَّتِكَ وَتَحِيَّةَ ذُرِّيَّتِكَ، فَقَالَ السَّلَامُ

عَلَيْكُمْ، فَقَالُوا: السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ»

"Allah created Adam... When He created him, He said to him, "Go and greet that group of angels, and listen to their reply, for it will be your greeting (salutation) and the greeting (salutations) of your offspring. So, Adam said (to the angels), As-Salaamu Alaykum (i.e. Peace be

upon you). The Angels said, "As-Salaamu Alayka wa Rahmatu-llahi" (i.e. May Peace and Allah's Mercy be upon you)." [Bukhari and Muslim]

On Laylatul Qadr this peace becomes spread across the Earth, as a means of Allah's pure and noble blessing unto them, a peace sent forth from a merciful Lord. So, let us instill this value for peace into our hearts and the hearts of our families and wider society. Let us also strive in our supplication and our prayer, let us strive in our piety towards our parents and relatives, strive in our recitation of Qur'an, strive in our charity, for all of these deeds will increase the reward and help us attain unto peace. O Allah make us from those who benefit on the Laylatul Qadr, so make us from those who pray, recite and supplicate on that night. I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most-forgiving, most-merciful.

The Second Khutbah

All praises are for Allah, and may peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah who was an example of goodly conduct to those who fast. And may peace and blessings be upon his family and companions, and whomsoever follows them in the best of ways.

Slaves of Allah: From that which allows the slave to draw near to Allah on these days is to hasten to give the Zakat al-Fitr, which has been obligated by Allah and His Messenger to be paid as the equivalent of one Sa' (four double handfuls) of food, grain or dried fruit for each

member of the family. Traditionally it would be a measure of the staple crops of the region but Scholars have said it is permissible to pay its financial equivalent which is about ٧٠ AED per person. A person should pay it on behalf of themselves and those in one's responsibility. So this has to be paid for every member of the family, old or young, and should be given to the poor before the Eid Salaat (Whilst its last time to be paid is by the beginning of the Eid Salaat, the practice of the Sahaba was to give it out at least a day or two before the Salaat, as its intent is that no one be hungry on that day). One can pay it by giving it to the poor oneself, or to registered and authorized charities who can collect and distribute such funds on one's behalf, such as the Emirates Red Crescent or the UAE Zakat Fund and the like.

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.