



Surah al-Rahman

First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah Lord of all the worlds. The Most Merciful, Most Compassionate. The One who has sent down to us His noble Book. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad, is the slave of Allah and His Messenger. O Allah, send Your peace and blessings upon him and upon whomsoever follows him in guidance until the Last Day

To Continue: I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the Taqwa of Allah and the reading of His book. Allah says:

وَهَذَا كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ مُبَارَكٌ فَاتَّبِعُوهُ وَاتَّقُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ

And this [Qur'an] is a Book We have revealed [which is] blessed, so follow it and fear Allah that you may receive mercy. [Qur'an: ٦:١٥٥]

O Believers: Indeed, the Surah al-Rahman is from the most precious of Surahs within the Quran. It was revealed in Madina al-Munawwarah, and contains within it the Name of Allah that indicates His all-encompassing Mercy. Allah says at the outset

of this Surah: الرَّحْمَنُ * عَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ * خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ * عَلَّمَهُ الْبَيَانَ

The Most Merciful. He Taught the Qur'an, created man, [and] taught him eloquence. [Qur'an: ٥٥:١-٤]

In beginning in this manner, Allah is informing us that the descending of revelation, the facilitation of its understanding and memorization are from the gifts of Allah. This gift includes the creation of human beings and their ability to learn or articulate what they have learnt, which includes the ability to acquire and convey knowledge. Following on from this



reminder in Surah al-Rahman Allah informs us that He made the Sun and the Moon to orbit with precise calculations:

الشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ بِحُسْبَانٍ

The sun and the moon [move] by precise calculation. Qur'an: ٥٥:٥]

Recognition of this allows us to understand Allah's omnipotence. For this reason Allah informs us that He facilitated the earth for His creatures, by spreading on it a variety of good things, such as an assortment of fruits:

وَالْأَرْضَ وَضَعَهَا لِلْأَنَامِ * فِيهَا فَاكِهَةٌ وَالنَّخْلُ ذَاتُ الْأَكْمَامِ * وَالْحَبُّ ذُو الْعَصْفِ وَالرَّيْحَانُ

And the earth He laid [out] for the creatures. Therein is fruit and palm trees having sheaths [of dates]. And grain having husks and scented plants. [Qur'an: ٥٥:١٠-١٢]

How many are the blessings given to mankind and what great contentment shall come to a person who invests these blessings in the way of spiritual excellence and beautiful conduct (Ihsan). Such people attain unto the Ihsan promised by Allah:

هَلْ جَزَاءُ الْإِحْسَانِ إِلَّا الْإِحْسَانُ

Is the reward for good [anything] but good? [Qur'an: ٥٥:٦٠]

So, whoever holds firm unto the Book of his Lord, adhering to piety and Taqwa, being of beautiful character to creation, aiding them and making thing easy for them, and relieving them of their distress shall succeed. This success requires that we be present to a reverential awe and fear of Allah wherein such a person is one who ultimately succeeds with attaining unto the



two 'Gardens of Paradise' that Allah has prepared for those who draw near to Him. For He says: **وَلَمَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ جَنَّاتٍ**

But for he who has feared the position of his Lord are two gardens – [Qur'an: ٥٥:٤٦]

About these 'Gardens' the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said: **جَنَّاتٍ مِنْ فِضَّةٍ آتِيَتْهُمَا وَمَا**

فِيهِمَا، وَجَنَّاتٍ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ آتِيَتْهُمَا وَمَا فِيهِمْ

(There will be) two Paradises of silver and all the utensils and whatever is therein (will be of silver); and two Paradises of gold and its utensils and whatever therein (will be of gold)... [Bukhari and Muslim]

O Allah bless us with Your paradise and aid us in expressing gratitude to You for Your blessings and beautiful conduct (Ihsan) to your creation. And accept all of us for Your obedience and obedience towards your Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), and obedience towards those You have ordered us to show obedience towards, in accordance with Your saying:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ

O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. [Qur'an: ٤:٥٩]

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

Second Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah the One. And may peace and blessings be upon our Sayyid, Sayyiduna Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and upon all of his companions. I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the Taqwa of Allah.



O Believers: Surah Rahman begins with the Name of Allah, *Al-Rahman*, it then proceeds to discuss various manifestations of His mercy, detailing the wonders of His creation and Omnipotent power. The Surah concludes by praising this generous Divinity.

Hence Allah says: تَبَارَكَ اسْمُ رَبِّكَ ذِي الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

Blessed is the name of your Lord, Owner of Majesty and Honor. [Qur'an: ٥٥:٧٨]

This concluding verse indicates the immensity of Allah's nobility. Our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) advised us to hold fast to the Name of Allah *al-Jalil* in our supplications, so he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: أَلْظُوا بِيَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

“Be constant [in our supplication] with: ‘O Possessor of Majesty and Honor (Ya Dhal-Jalali wal-Ikram).’” [Tirmidhi] So O Allah, O Possessor of Majesty and Honor, send Your peace and blessings on the best of creation, the one who said:

مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ وَاحِدَةً؛ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَشْرًا

If anyone invokes blessing on me once, God will bless him ten times. [Muslim]

O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon the Prophet, 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. And have



mercy, our Lord, upon our fathers and mothers, and upon whoever has a right upon us. Please continue sending Your blessings and bounties upon this nation the UAE, and upon all the Muslims and the entire Ummah wheresoever they may be. O Allah, confer upon us Your blessings upon us and do not make us from those who despair. O Allah: aid us, help us, and bless us. O Allah: bless us in this life with that which is good and in the next life that which is good, and save us from the hellfire. Believers, remember Allah and He will remember you, forget Him not, lest you be forgotten. Let us align ourselves towards Him sincerely, and align our hearts. So, stand up for prayer.

