



## To Allah Belongs All Praise

### First Khutbah

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ،  
اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest; Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest; Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest and to Allah Belongs all Praise.

Allah is the Greatest, the Supremely Great; All Praise be to Allah in Abundance that does not abate; Glorify Allah while proclaiming His Praise, in the morning early and in the evening as it gets late.

We bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah and we bear witness that our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, is the Final of the Messengers, he who is praised in the Torah, the Gospel and the Qur'an; may Allah's Blessings, Peace and Benedictions be upon him, upon his father Ibrahim (Abraham), al-Khalil (the Friend of Allah), upon his brother, Musa (Moses), al-Kalim (the one spoken to by Allah), upon 'Isa (Jesus), the



one whom Allah has made a sign unto all the worlds, upon the family and companions of our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, and all those who follow his guidance.

**As to what follows:** I counsel you, O Servants of Allah, and myself to fear Allah and be grateful towards Him.

(فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ) Allah Almighty says:

[Q3:123] (... and fear Allah in order that you may be grateful.)

All Praise be to Allah Who prepared and arranged for us occasions for the performance of good deeds, enhanced their greatness and multiplied their reward. He has honoured us with the Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah and allowed us to experience and behold (once again) the Blessed Eid al-Adha, while enjoying safety, security and peace, and while remembering, thanking and praising our Lord. It is by praising Allah that we start our day and begin our prayers and it is by praising Allah that we commence and conclude our deeds. We praise Allah Almighty in the manner in which the Prophets, the Messengers and His Believing Servants praised Him. We remember Him in abundance and magnify His Greatness



with all magnificence. The Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) prayed one day, and a man behind him said:

رَبَّنَا وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ، حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا طَيِّبًا مُبَارَكًا فِيهِ

“O our Lord, to You belongs all praise, praise that is abundant, good and blessed”

So, the Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said:

«رَأَيْتُ بِضْعَةَ ثَلَاثِينَ مَلَكًا يَبْتَدِرُونَهَا، أَيُّهُمْ يَكْتُبُهَا أَوَّلَ»

(I saw more than thirty angels racing against one another, vying to see which of them is going to record these words first.)

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest; there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah; Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest and to Allah Belongs all Praise.

To You belongs All Praise, Our Lord, as it befits the Majesty of Your Countenance and the Magnificence of

Your Dominion. You created us perfectly and formed and shaped us beautifully, to You belongs All Praise, and to You returns All Recognition and All Acclaim. You have honoured us with a great honouring and have preferred us above many of the creatures. For You have indeed said in Your Manifest Book:

وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ وَحَمَلْنَاهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ  
وَفَضَّلْنَاهُمْ عَلَى كَثِيرٍ مِمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا تَفْضِيلًا

[Q ٧٠:٧٠] (Verily we have honoured the Children of Adam. We carry them on the land and the sea, and have made provision of good things for them, and have preferred them above many of those whom We created with a marked preference)

To You belongs All Praise, O Lord of Glory and Grace. You have blessed us with faith and perfected for us our religion. So, to You belongs All Praise for what You have given us and to You belongs All Thanks for what you have bestowed and conferred upon us. So, make us, O Allah, of those who celebrate Your Praises and thank You for the uncountable blessings and innumerable favours and for the blessing of the UAE, a country of safety, security



and stability and guide us all to show obedience to You and obedience to Your Messenger, Muhammad, and obedience to those whom You have ordered us to show obedience to in accordance with Your Statement:

(يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ)  
(O you who believe, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you)

I utter these words of mine and ask Allah to forgive you and me, so ask His Forgiveness, for indeed, He is the Oft-Forgiving, Most-Merciful.

### Second Khutbah

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ،  
اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest; Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest; Allah is the Greatest and to Allah Belongs all Praise.

All Praise be to Allah Alone and Blessings and Peace be upon him after whom there is no prophet, and upon his Family, Companions and those who follow his guidance.

**O You who celebrate the Praises of Allah:** Allah Most High says to His Prophet (may Allah's Blessings and Peace be upon him):



(إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَاكَ الْكَوْثَرَ، فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَانْحَرْ)

[Qur'an 108:1-2] (Indeed, We have granted you, [O Muhammad], al-Kawthar [the Fount of Abundance]. So, pray to your Lord and sacrifice [to Him alone].)

Drawing nearer to Allah through sacrifice during these Blessed Days is the custom and tradition of our father, Ibrahim (Abraham), (may Allah's Peace be upon him) and the guidance and way of our Prophet, Muhammad (may Allah's Blessings and Peace be upon him), for the Prophet (may Allah's Blessings and Peace be upon him) said:

«إِنَّ أَوَّلَ مَا نَبْدَأُ بِهِ فِي يَوْمِنَا هَذَا أَنْ نُصَلِّيَ ثُمَّ نَرْجِعَ فَنَنْحَرُ، فَمَنْ

فَعَلَ ذَلِكَ فَقَدْ أَصَابَ سُنَّتَنَا»

("The first thing we do on this day of ours is to pray; then we return and sacrifice. If anyone does that he has correctly followed our custom and tradition")

O Servants of Allah: Increase, during these days, your remembrance of Allah Most High, your gratitude towards Him and your Praise of Him. Let it be known that this natural and true religion of ours urges us to bring joy and happiness to ourselves and others, while upholding our values, holding fast to our morals, taking pride in our identity and heritage and being wary of everything that impacts on our sound nature and primordial disposition and our authentic customs and traditions; and by doing so, we bring about harmony, compassion, coexistence and (a culture of) mutual acquaintance.

O Allah send peace, blessings and salutations upon our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, his Family and all of his Companions. O Allah, be pleased with the Righteously Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, 'Umar, 'Uthman and 'Ali, and the rest of the most noble and honourable companions, and those who follow them in benevolence until the Day of Judgment.

**O Allah: protect the UAE, its leadership and its people, its lands and its seas, the earth below it and the sky above it, from the evil of every evil agent whose forelock You seize. Indeed, You have absolute power over everything.**

**O Allah: make the UAE a country that is safe, serene, peaceful generous and prosperous, and protect it with Your Protection, and guard it with Your Safeguarding, and confer upon it everlasting stability.**

**O Allah: continue to bestow on the UAE Your Blessings and Bounties forever more, and spread happiness amongst its people.**

**O Allah: Grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, his Deputy and his Brothers, the Rulers of the Emirates and guide them to all that is .good**

**O Allah: Bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed and the .other UAE Sheikhs who have passed on to Your mercy**



**O Allah: We ask you to admit them into Paradise by  
.Your grace**

**O Allah: Have mercy on the honorable and loyal martyrs  
of our nation and increase their reward, raise their rank  
in the Garden of Paradise and make them intercessors  
who will intercede on behalf of their families.**

O Allah have mercy on the Muslim men and Muslim women, those of them who are living and those of them who have passed on. May Allah Most bring upon you through this Eid goodness and blessings anew, and may you, every year, be in great health and good spirits. Wassalamu 'alaykum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

