



Safeguarding our Blessings

First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah who says:

وَأِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصُوهَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

And if you should count the favors of Allah, you could not enumerate them. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful. [Qur'an: ١٦:١٨]

I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the uniquely One, who has no partners in His oneness. 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, as Allah says:

نَحْنُ نَرْزُقُكَ وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلتَّقْوَى

We provide for you, and the [best] outcome is for [those of] righteousness. [Qur'an: ٢٠:١٣٢]

O Believers: Indeed, the blessings of Allah that He has provided for us are many, for his gifts are abundant. As

Allah says: وَمَا بِكُمْ مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ فَمِنَ اللَّهِ

And whatever you have of favor - it is from Allah.
[Qur'an: ١٦:٥٣]



From the greatest of these blessings and provision is the blessings of water and food by which He extends His favors to people. For such means are the foundation of lives and allows for them to continue and endure. Allah the Mighty and Sublime says:

فَلْيَنْظُرِ الْإِنْسَانُ إِلَى طَعَامِهِ * أَنَا صَبَبْنَا الْمَاءَ صَبًّا * ثُمَّ شَقَقْنَا
 الْأَرْضَ شَقًّا * فَأَنْبَتْنَا فِيهَا حَبًّا * وَعَبْنَا وَقَضْبًا * وَزَيْتُونًا وَنَخْلًا *
 وَحَدَائِقَ غُلْبًا * وَفَاكِهَةً وَأَبًّا * مَتَاعًا لَكُمْ وَلِأَنْعَامِكُمْ

Then let mankind look at his food - How We poured down water in torrents. Then We broke open the earth, splitting [it with sprouts], and caused to grow within it grain. And grapes and herbage. And olive and palm trees. And gardens of dense shrubbery. And fruit and grass- [As] enjoyment for you and your grazing livestock. [Qur'an: ٨٠: ٢٤-٣٢]

So, let us show gratitude to Allah for the blessings of food and water by preserving them and safeguarding them for future generations. This means we develop its resources, provide it for those in need, and avoid extravagance with regards to its usage. As Allah says:

وَكُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ

And eat and drink, but be not excessive. Indeed, He likes not those who commit excess. [Qur'an: ٧: ٣١]

Remembers of the blessings and favors of Allah:

From the outward blessings upon people is the blessings of safety and security, for through it a person can attain happiness and civilizations can progress. Allah says about



some of His slaves: **فَلْيَعْبُدُوا رَبَّ هَذَا الْبَيْتِ * الَّذِي أَطْعَمَهُمْ**

مِنْ جُوعٍ وَآمَنَهُمْ مِنْ خَوْفٍ

For the accustomed security of the Quraysh - Their accustomed security [in] the caravan of winter and summer- Let them worship the Lord of this House- Who has fed them, [saving them] from hunger and made them safe, [saving them] from fear. [Qur'an: ١٠٦:١-٤]

So, let us esteem these blessings with the esteem they deserve, and let us strive in expressing our gratitude, asking Allah that He keep these blessings with us. So, O Allah we pray that you accept all of us for Your obedience and bless us with obedience towards Your Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), and obedience towards those whom 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 those grateful for the blessings of Allah:

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

said: **مَنْ أَصْبَحَ مِنْكُمْ مُعَافَى فِي جَسَدِهِ، آمِنًا فِي سِرْبِهِ، عِنْدَهُ**

قُوَّةٌ يَوْمَهُ؛ فَكَأَنَّمَا حِيزَتْ لَهُ الدُّنْيَا

Whoever among you wakes up physically healthy, feeling safe and secure within himself, with food for the day, it is as if he acquired the whole world. [Ibn Majah]

In other words, whosoever has blessings, wellbeing and health in their body, contentment in their hearts, comfort in their lives, they have been given of the most expansive of blessings. So, the obligation upon all of us is that we seek to preserve these blessings through gratitude to Allah and supplication for those who are the means by which this is provided to us. We should inculcate this in our children so the blessings can continue, for Allah increases His blessings on the one who is grateful. As Allah says:

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ

And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, 'If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor].

[Qur'an: ١٤:٧]

So, O Allah for You is all praise, and all gratitude. You have given us food and nourished us, given us water and drink and quenched us. All of this has happened without any effort or ability from us. You have blessed us with the blessings of stability, safety and security. So, O Allah,



please continue for us this blessings, and bless us in it, and increase us in it.

And with this we ask You O Allah that You send Your prayers and blessings upon all of the Prophets and Messengers, especially on the seal of them, our master, our Prophet, Sayyiduna 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 Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan 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 which is good and what pleases You. O Allah, bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed 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 those martyred for Your sake, and grant them intercession for their people, and grant their families patience and a great reward. And have mercy, our Lord, upon all of the believers, the living and the dead.

Believers, remember Allah and He will remember you, forget Him not, lest you be forgotten. Be grateful for your blessings and you will be increased therein. So, stand up for prayer.

