



The Character of the Believer

First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah the Lord of all the Worlds. Who has called the believers towards embodying the best of characters and to do noble deeds. O Allah, our Lord, to You belongs all praise. We believe in You, Your Angels, Your Divine Books, Your Messengers, in the Last Day, and in Your Divine decree, both its good and the apparent bad. We testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except You, the uniquely One, who has no partners in His one-ness. And we testify that our Sayyid, Sayyiduna Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger. So, O Allah, send Your peace and blessings upon him and upon his family, his companions and 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 to reflect upon His Book, as Allah

says **وَلَا جَزَاءَ الْآخِرَةِ خَيْرٌ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ**

And the reward of the Hereafter is better for those who believed and were fearing Allah. [Qur'an: ١٢:٥٧]

O Believers: The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) compared the believer to gold, for gold is known for its purity and its flawlessness or impeccability. This is because gold as long as it is gold, has an essence that does not change, nor does its value diminish. In similar manner is the believer, their heart is pure, their praiseworthy character is free from blemish and their



certainty if firm and sound in their Lord. Similarly, the Prophet also compared the believers to the nature of the bee, in that the bee seeks its food or nourishment from the best of sources in the form of honey, the nectar of flowers and the ripest parts of fruits, and then the bees are generous in that this nourishment fuels their flights by which they help cross pollinate flowers as they fly from one to the next. So, in similar manner, the believer is one who only consumes what is lawful, wholesome and pure, and who is generous in spreading goodness and righteousness amongst society. Hence, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

وَالَّذِي نَفْسُ مُحَمَّدٍ بِيَدِهِ؛ إِنَّ مَثَلَ الْمُؤْمِنِ
 كَمَثَلِ الْقِطْعَةِ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ، نَفَخَ عَلَيْهَا صَاحِبُهَا، فَلَمْ تَغْيَرْ، وَلَمْ
 تَغْبَرْ، وَلَمْ تَنْقُصْ، وَالَّذِي نَفْسُ مُحَمَّدٍ بِيَدِهِ؛ إِنَّ مَثَلَ الْمُؤْمِنِ
 كَمَثَلِ النَّحْلَةِ؛ أَكَلَتْ طَيِّبًا، وَوَضَعَتْ طَيِّبًا، وَوَقَعَتْ عَلَى عُودٍ،
 فَلَمْ تَكْسِرْ، وَلَمْ تُفْسِدْ

By the One in whose hand is the soul of Muhammad, the parable of the believer is that of a piece of gold. Its owner blows upon it, yet it never changes nor diminishes. [And then he said] By the One in whose hand is the soul of Muhammad, the parable of the believer is that of the bee. It consumes that which is wholesome and pure and produces that which is pure. It falls down, yet it never breaks or spoils. [Musnad

Ahmad]



So, this is the believer, they are good-natured, gentle in dealing with others, do not break people's hearts, do not hurt the feelings of others. You see such believers being distinguished by their morals amongst people, being known for their praiseworthy attributes, for their kind words, and for their beautiful actions. These are the believers who seek to act upon the words of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) who said: **وَخَالِقِ النَّاسَ بِخُلُقِي حَسَنٍ**

And behave with other people with the best of characters. [Tirmidhi]

This is why the believer has been as someone who when they speak, they speak the Truth, in accordance with what Allah says: **يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ**

O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are true. [Qur'an: ٩:١١٩]

And when the believers are given a trust, they preserve it. Likewise, when they make a promise, they are loyal to fulfilling it, being true to the words of Allah:

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَمَانَاتِهِمْ وَعَهْدِهِمْ رَاعُونَ

And they who are to their trusts and their promises attentive. [Qur'an: ٢٣:٨]

The believer is someone who is devoted to some serious undertaking and vocation, and they seek to mutually assist others, both assisting themselves and others. Acting upon the words of Allah: **وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَى**

And cooperate in righteousness and piety [Qur'an: ٥:٢]

So, O Allah make us in You believers, and bless us with devotion to You, and 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 who has encouraged us to embody the best of characters and the most wholesome and beautiful of characteristics. 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, so have Taqwa of Him.

O Believers: Indeed Allah sent forth the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) with the greatest and most noble of characters as evidenced in His saying: وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

And indeed, you are of an immense moral character. [Qur'an: ٦٨:٤]

Similarly, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) summarized his message in the words:



إِنَّمَا بُعِثْتُ لِأَتَمِّمَ مَكَارِمَ الْأَخْلَاقِ

Indeed, I was sent to perfect the nobility of character

[Adab al-Mufrad of Bukhari]

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) put forward for us the best of examples in human character, and the loftiest demonstration of interacting with other people, in fact he is the best of examples, and the most perfect template for human beings to model their character upon. Hence Allah says: لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ

حَسَنَةٌ لِمَن كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often. [Qur'an: ٣٣:٢١]

So let us be avid in characterizing ourselves with every noble characteristic, and to adorn ourselves with every beautiful character trait. This begins with those closest to us, with our families, with our spouses, with our children, and then it expands to our wider communities. Let us demonstrate this beautiful character in turn for our children to emulate and to take forward for the future generations.

And with this we ask that 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. And send



your blessings upon the righteous and rightly guided Khulafa: Sayyiduna Abu Bakr, Sayyiduna Umar, Sayyiduna Uthman and Sayyiduna Ali, and upon all of the companions and those of the righteous who come after them, may Allah be pleased with them all.

O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to the Vice-President 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.

