



Blessed Days First Sermon

Praise be to Allah, who has honored us with the blessed days, in which He has promised to multiply the rewards. Glory be to You, O Allah, our Lord, and all praise is due to You. We bear witness that there is no god but You. We are pleased with You as our Lord, with Islam as our religion, and we bear witness that our Master Muhammad is Your servant and messenger, and the seal of Your messengers. O Allah, send Your blessings, peace, and mercy upon him, his family, his companions, and those who follow him.

I counsel you, O servants of Allah, and myself, to have piety and fear of

Allah. He, the Exalted, has said: **إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ**

مُحْسِنُونَ

"Indeed, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who are doers of good" (Qur'an 16:128).

O Believers, we are on the threshold of Blessed Days filled with goodness and mercy, in which Allah multiplies the virtuous deeds and raises the ranks. They are the First Ten Days of Dhu al-Hijjah, whose virtues were mentioned by the Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him)

when he said: **«أَفْضَلُ أَيَّامِ الدُّنْيَا: أَيَّامُ الْعَشْرِ»**

"The best days of the world are the Ten Days".

Therefore, they are the greatest days of the entire world. Allah, the

Exalted, has sworn by them, saying: **(وَالْفَجْرِ، وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ)**

"By the Dawn and Ten Nights" (Qur'an 89:1-2).

'Abdullah ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him and his father) said: "The First Ten [Days] are the best of them." They have attained this status because they bring together the best and most honorable of days. Among these days is the Day of 'Arafah, the day of mercy and forgiveness, and the



Day of Eid, about which the Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: «إِنَّ أَعْظَمَ الْأَيَّامِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى يَوْمُ النَّحْرِ»

"The greatest of days in the sight of Allah is the Day of Sacrifice."

O Servants of Allah, indeed, righteous deeds in these days have the greatest reward and are a lasting provision. The Messenger of Allah (may

Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: «مَا مِنْ عَمَلٍ أَرْكَى عِنْدَ

اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ، وَلَا أَعْظَمَ أَجْرًا مِنْ خَيْرٍ يَعْمَلُهُ فِي عَشْرِ الْأَضْحَى»

"There is no deed that is more virtuous in the sight of Allah, nor greater in reward, than a good deed done during the Ten Days of Sacrifice".

These days combine various types of righteous deeds like no other, including prayers, fasting, pilgrimage, charity, and remembrance of Allah, the Most Merciful. Allah, the Exalted, says:

(وَيَذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَعْلُومَاتٍ)

"And they mention and remember the Name of Allah on Known Days" (Qur'an 22:28),

That is, during the Ten Days of Dhu al-Hijjah. The Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said:

«أَكْثَرُوا فِيهِنَّ مِنَ التَّهْلِيلِ وَالتَّكْبِيرِ وَالتَّحْمِيدِ»

"During them (i.e. during these days) do abundant 'Takbir' (saying: "Allah Akbar"), 'Tahlil' (saying: "La ilaha illallah") and 'Tahmid' (saying: "al-Hamdulillah")."

O Allah, help us to make the most of these Blessed Ten Days and grant us success in obeying You and Your Messenger, Muhammad, as well as those whom You have commanded us to obey according to 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 say these words of mine and seek forgiveness from Allah for ourselves and for you. Seek His forgiveness, for He is the Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Second Sermon

Praise be to Almighty Allah, the Bestower of favours, Who has honoured the first Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah over other times and occasions. May peace and blessings be upon our Master and Prophet Muhammad, his family, companions, and those who follow them in righteousness and benevolence.

O Believers, Indeed, one of the best ways to draw closer to Allah during these ten days is to increase in fasting, following the guidance of the Messenger, may Allah blessings and peace be upon him. It is narrated by some of the Prophet's wives:

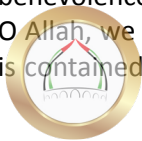
كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَصُومُ تِسْعَ ذِي الْحِجَّةِ

"that he used to fast nine days of Dhul-Hijjah."

What a triumph for those who receive these days by renewing their repentance, rectifying their intentions, purifying their hearts, and cleansing their inner selves. What a victory for those who engage in righteous deeds such as reciting the Quran, remembering Allah, the Most Merciful, giving charity, fasting, showing kindness to parents, maintaining family ties, and performing all acts of righteousness and benevolence.

May Allah send His peace, blessings, and mercy upon our Master and Prophet Muhammad, his family, companions, and all the righteous followers until the Day of Judgment. And may Allah be pleased with the rightly guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, 'Umar, 'Uthman, and 'Ali, as well as all the noble companions and their followers who uphold righteousness and benevolence until the Day of Judgment.

O Allah, we ask You for the goodness of these days, the goodness of what is contained within them, and the best of their rewards. O Allah, grant us



success in performing actions that are pleasing to You during these Blessed Days.

O Allah, protect and bless the UAE President, HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, his deputies, his brothers, the rulers of the Emirates, and his trustworthy Crown Prince, in accordance with what You love and are pleased with.

O Allah, maintain stability, progress, and prosperity for the UAE.

O Allah, have mercy on Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Rashid, the founding leaders, Sheikh Maktoum, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, and admit them to the most spacious of Your gardens by Your favor. Envelop the martyrs of the nation with Your mercy and forgiveness.

O Allah, have mercy on the Muslims, both men and women, among the living and the deceased.

O Servants of Allah, remember the Almighty, and He will remember you. Show gratitude for His blessings, and He will increase you (in bounty and blessing). Our final supplication is that all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds.

