



Contemplating Allah's Creation

First Khutbah

All praise is due to Allah, the Creator of the heavens and the earth. He has placed within His creation signs for those who reflect. O Allah, our Lord, to You belongs all praise. We believe in You, Your Angels, Your Books, Your Messengers, and the Last Day, the Divine Decree, both the good and the bad. We bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except You. We are pleased with You as our Lord, and Islam is our Religion. We bear witness that our Master Muhammad is Your Servant and Prophet. O Allah, bestow Your blessings, peace, and mercy upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who follow them.

As to what follows: I counsel you, O Servants of Allah, and myself to fear Allah. Allah Almighty says:

إِنَّ فِي اخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَمَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ
لآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَّقُونَ

[Qurʾān 10:6] [Verily, in the alternation of the night and the day, and in all that Allah has created in the heavens and the earth, are signs for people who fear Him.]

O Believers: Allah, the Most High, says,

أَوَلَمْ يَتَفَكَّرُوا فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا
بَيْنَهُمَا إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى

[Qurʾān ۳۰: ۸] [Do they not contemplate within themselves? Allah has not created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them except with truth and for a specified term.]

Thus, through contemplating the creation of Allah, minds are illuminated, and tongues glorify the Creator:

رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَاطِلًا سُبْحَانَكَ

[Qurʾān ۳: ۱۹۱] [O our Lord, You did not create all of this without purpose; You are

Transcendent, and High above any
imperfection. Glory be to You.]

Allah, the Almighty, has made the universe as a Visual Book that lies open and exposed to the gaze of people, in order that they may contemplate the wonders of His creation and the perfection of His handiwork. This is part of the guidance of the Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him), for it was narrated on the authority of 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him and his father) who said, 'I once stayed overnight with my aunt, Maymunah. When the last third of the night approached, he (the Prophet – may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) got up and looked at the sky and said,

(إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لآيَاتٍ
لِّأُولِي الْأَبْصَارِ)

[Qurʾān 3:190] [Indeed, in the creation of
the heavens and the earth and the

alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding.]

Glory be to the One who raised the heavens without any pillars that you see and made it into a canopy well-guarded, and invites us to contemplate this creation, for Allah Almighty says,

(أَلَمْ تَرَوْا كَيْفَ خَلَقَ اللَّهُ سَبْعَ سَمَوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا* وَجَعَلَ الْقَمَرَ فِيهِنَّ نُورًا
وَجَعَلَ الشَّمْسُ سِرَاجًا)

[Qurʾān 71:15-16] [Do you not see that Allah has created seven heavens in layers and made the moon therein a reflected light and made the sun a burning lamp?]

From that resulted the alternation of night and day, and this is a sign that astonishes minds and captivates gazes. Allah, the Almighty, says,

(وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ)

[Qurʾān 41:37] [And of His signs are the night and the day and the sun and the moon.]

Glory be to the Supremely Great Creator and exalted is the Wise Regulator and Director, Who says,

(الَّذِي جَعَلَ فِي السَّمَاءِ بُرُوجًا وَجَعَلَ فِيهَا سِرَاجًا وَقَمَرًا مُنِيرًا * وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ خِلْفَةً لِمَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَذَّكَّرَ أَوْ أَرَادَ شُكُورًا)

[Qurʾān 25:61-62] [(He) Who made in the sky constellations and placed therein a burning lamp and [also] a shining moon. And it is He Who made the night and the day in succession for whoever desires to remember or desires gratitude.]

O Allah, make us among those who reflect upon Your creation. You are exalted and high above (all imperfection), Glory be to You. What a Supremely Great Creator! Grant us success in obeying You and in obeying Your Messenger Muhammad (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him), as well as those whom You have commanded us to obey, in accordance with Your Statement,

(يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ)

(سُبْحَانَ رَبِّكَ رَبِّ الْعِزَّةِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ * وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ *
وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ)

[Qurʾān ٤:٥٩] [O you who believe, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.]

[Qurʾān ٣٧:١٨٠-١٨٢] [Exalted is your Lord, the Lord of Glory, beyond what they ascribe to Him. And peace be upon the Messengers. And praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.]

Second Sermon

All praise is due to Allah, the Supremely Great Creator, the Wise Originator. Blessings and peace be upon our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, and upon his family, companions, and those who follow them.

O Contemplating Believers Pondering the creation of Allah, Allah, the Most High, says,

(وَفِي الْأَرْضِ آيَاتٌ لِلْمُوقِنِينَ)

[Qurʾān 51:20] [And in the earth are signs for those who are certain [in faith].

So, every person who contemplates and reflects with deep insight and observes and ponders with acute hindsight would realize that Allah created the earth with inherent stability and balanced in its allocation of resources. Allah, the Almighty, says,

(وَالْأَرْضَ مَدَدْنَاهَا وَأَلْقَيْنَا فِيهَا رَوَاسِيَ وَأَنْبَتْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مَّوْزُونٍ)

[Qurʾān 19:19] [And the earth - We spread it out and set therein mountains firm and stable and produced therein all kinds of things in due balance.]

Human beings are responsible for preserving the stability of its order, the moderation of its climate, the sustainability of its reserves and assets, and the proper use and investment of its resources and treasures.

Allah has prepared and spread it out, depositing in it various blessings and resources. He sent down rain, and with it, He brought forth all kinds of fruits. Allah, the Most High, says,

(يُنْبِتُ لَكُمْ بِهِ الزَّرْعَ وَالزَّيْتُونَ وَالنَّخِيلَ وَالْأَعْنَابَ وَمِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ
إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ)

[Qurʾān ١٦:١١] [Through it, He causes crops to grow for you, and olives, date palms, grapevines, and every kind of fruit. Surely, there is a sign in this for people who reflect.] Allah also urges us to reflect on the creation of man, saying,

(وَفِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ)

[Qurʾān ٥١:٢١] [And in yourselves, will you not see]

and created us in the most perfect form and the best proportion.

(لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ)

[Qurʾān 95:4] [Indeed, We have created man in the best form and proportion.]

(فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ)

[Qurʾān ٢٣: ١٤] [Exalted is Allah, the Best of creators]

Then, contemplate the diversity of your forms, colors, tongues and languages.

Allah, the Almighty, says:

(إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لآيَاتٍ لِّلْعَالَمِينَ)

[Qurʾān 30:22] [Indeed, in that are signs for those of knowledge.]

Thus, let the believer contemplate the greatness of Allah's creation, the miraculous nature of His design, and let him ponder the aim of his existence and strive to fulfill Allah's purpose for him.

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.

O Allah: Grant success to the ruler of the UAE, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, his deputies, his brothers, and the rulers of the Emirates, and grant success to the Crown Prince in all that is beloved and pleasing to

You. O Allah, preserve the stability, progress, and prosperity of the UAE.

O Allah: Bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Rashid, the founding fathers and leaders, Sheikh Maktoum and Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed and admit them into Paradise by Your grace and encompass the country's martyrs in Your Mercy and Forgiveness.

O Allah have mercy on the Muslim men and Muslim women, those of them who are still alive and those of them who have passed on.

O Servants of Allah: Remember Allah, the Supremely Great, and He will remember you, and thank Him for His Blessings and Bounties and He will grant you even more, and the last of our call is, "Praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds". Now establish the prayer.