



Blessings of Unity

First Khutbah

Praise be to Allah, who has made unity a mercy and the harmony of hearts a blessing. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone, with no partner, and I bear witness that our master and prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad, is His servant and messenger. May Allah's blessings and peace be upon him, his family, his companions, and whomsoever follows him in guidance until the Last Day.

To Continue: I advise you, O servants of Allah and myself, to observe Taqwa of Allah as Allah says:

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَى

And cooperate in righteousness and piety. (Quran ٥:٢)

O Believers: A great anniversary in the history of our nation is shining upon us, a cherished memory in the hearts of its children. They recall the purest pages of its history and reminisce about its most glorious achievements. It is the fifty-second anniversary of the establishment of unity, through which Allah brought together the Emirates, organizing and strengthening their bond. They became like a solid structure, each part supporting the other. This is indeed a blessing from Allah upon us, an imperative for unity He revealed to us, saying:

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا

And hold firmly to the rope of Allah, all together, and do not become divided. (Quran ٣:١٠٣)

In this noble verse, Allah commands the believers to uphold the righteousness of their affairs and the continuity of their happiness by coming together in unity and harmony. For it is through the unity of their words and the solidarity of their ranks, that they acquire strength, growth, increased benefits, and generosity. As unity and cooperation are what Allah loves and is pleased with. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْضَى لَكُمْ ثَلَاثًا - وَذَكَرَ مِنْهَا -: وَأَنْ تَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ
 اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا

Indeed, Allah is pleased with three things - one of which is that - you all hold fast to the rope of Allah, all together. [Muslim]

O celebrants of the blessing of unity, the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was keen on establishing unity and fostering hearts' harmony from the moment he arrived in the illuminated city. He aimed to build a strong homeland and a cohesive society, for a society is not honored without the unity of its components, nor is it strong without the harmony of its individuals. It does not flourish except through the collaboration of its children and their mutual assistance. Allah blesses the actions of such people, guides their path, and leads them to excellence and success.

Servants of Allah, the unity of this generous nation is the result of the determination of its founding leaders and the collaboration of its sincere children. They joined efforts in building it, and their hearts united under its shelter. Allah says:

وَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ لَوْ أَنْفَقْتَ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مَا أَلَّفْتَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَلَّفَ بَيْنَهُمْ إِنَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

And He brought together their hearts. If you had spent all that is in the earth, you could not have brought their hearts together, but Allah brought them together.

Indeed, He is Exalted in Might and Wise. (Quran ٨:٦٣)

Thus, unity became a source of goodness and blessing, a favor and mercy from Allah. It established the foundations of security and stability, opening horizons for progress and prosperity. O Allah, increase us in harmony, elevation, progress, and grant us success in obeying You. 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, I praise Him with the best of praises, for He is the One who sends down His reward on

those who listen to His speech and follow the best of it. 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: The nation has achieved great progress, reaching an advanced position among the nations through the unity of its children, the cohesion of its individuals, and the harmony of its society. It has become a model in performing good deeds and excelling in virtuous actions, leading in the highest ranks and grades of such goodness. It is our duty, in gratitude for this blessing, to thank Allah, bear responsibility for its continuity, strive in our actions, preserve the achievements of our nation, and strive for its elevation. We must adhere to the guidance of our wise leadership, which has spared no effort in strengthening the bonds of unity and seeking progress and happiness for its people. This is their acting in accordance with the saying of our Lord:

وَقُلِ اعْمَلُوا فَسَيَرَى اللَّهُ عَمَلَكُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ

And say, "Do [as you will], for Allah will see your deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and the believers."

(Quran: 9:105)

They have followed the path of the founding fathers and remained loyal to the sincere martyrs who embodied the meanings of honor and steadfastness, sacrificing for the unity of this dear nation. They exemplified unique sacrifices and defended the unity of this beloved land. Let us hold fast to the values of unity in our lives and instill them in the hearts of our sons and daughters, seeking

Allah's protection and preservation of this nation's glory, increase in its honor, and blessings on its unity. May He grant success to its leaders and bring happiness to its people.

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.