



The Values of Sustainability in the Qur'an

The First Khutbah

Praise be to Allah, the Possessor of grace and bounty, who created the universe with creativity and accuracy. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone, with no partner, and I bear witness that our master and prophet, Sayyidena 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 the Almighty says:

Indeed, in the alternation of the night and the day and [in] what Allah has created in the heavens and the earth are signs for a people who fear Allah. (Quran ١٠:٦)

O Believers: Indeed, from the grace of Allah upon His creation, and His mercy toward His servants, is that He placed on earth their sustenance, distributed their livelihood therein, and prepared for them therein a provision. all of this with the balance of wisdom and appreciation, He said:

(وَبَارِكْ فِيهَا وَقَدَّرْ فِيهَا أَقْوَاتَهَا) (فصلت: ١٠)

{and He blessed it and determined therein its [creatures'] sustenance} (Quran ٤١:١٠)

Our Lord, Glory be to Him, has guaranteed for mankind the reasons for the continuation and sustainability of life. So, when Allah Almighty sent Adam and his wife down to the earth, He said to them: **وَلَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُسْتَقَرٌّ وَمَتَاعٌ إِلَىٰ**

حِينٍ (البقرة: ٣٦).

{and you will have upon the earth a place of settlement and provision for a time}. (Quran ٢:٣٦)

That is: stability and provisions that you will enjoy until the end of this world.

And when Noah, peace be upon him, completed the construction of the ark, Allah said to him:

(احْمِلْ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجَيْنِ اثْنَيْنِ) (هود: ٤٠)

{Place on board this Ark a pair of each species} (Quran ١١:٤٠)

So Noah, peace be upon him, carried with him from every type of creature, male and female, for preserving the earth with all its components, and the continuity of the contents of its environment.

O Servants of Allah: We are entrusted with this land to protect it, preserve it, and not cause harm to its resources.

Allah Almighty said: **وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا**

(الأعراف: ٨٥)

{.. and cause not corruption upon the earth after its reformation..} (Quran ٧:٨٥)

Allah Almighty commanded us to inhabit the earth, build its civilization, and develop its resources. Allah Almighty said: (هُوَ أَنشَأَكُم مِّنَ الْأَرْضِ وَاسْتَعْمَرَكُمْ فِيهَا) (هود: ٦١)

{It was He who brought you into being from the earth and made you inhabit it} (Quran ١١:٦١)

That is: He made you its builders, extracting its bounties, and contributing to its construction. By constructing its homes, digging its wells, and paving its roads, in a way that ensures the quality of life in it, and that future generations benefit from it, in keeping with what Allah said to Noah and those with him:

(اهْبِطْ بِسَلَامٍ مِنَّا وَبَرَكَاتٍ عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَىٰ أُمَمٍ مِّمَّنْ مَعَكَ) (هود: ٤٨)

{O Noah, disembark in security from Us and blessings upon you and upon nations [descending] from those with you} (Quran ١١:٤٨).

Preserving the earth and its resources, and sustaining its resources and capabilities, is a reason for achieving security and peace, and a general blessing in the future.

O Allah, make us thankful to you, and careful about the bounties of the earth .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 ﷺ 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 مِنكُمْ

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.

The Second Khutbah

Praise be to Allah, Lord of the earth and the heavens, who has commanded us to preserve what is on earth of resources. May peace and blessings be upon our Sayyid, Sayyidina Muhammadﷺ and all of his companions. I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, so have Taqwa of Him.

O Believers: We are partners in this land, we live on it, we enjoy its bounties, and we all bear responsibility for its safety and continued stability. *like the people who get on board a ship. Some of them got seats in the upper part, and the others in the lower. When the latter needed water, they had to go up to bring water (and that troubled the others), so they said, 'Let us make a hole in our share of the ship (and get water) saving those who are above us from troubling them. So, if the people in the upper part left the others do what they had suggested, all the people of the ship would be destroyed, but if they prevented them, both parties would be safe.'* (Al-Bukhari).

The shared responsibility requires humanity to continue building and constructing, and to take care of agriculture and development, in order to preserve the quality of the soil. And the purity of the air. The Prophetﷺ said, "If the Final Hour comes while you have a shoot of a plant in your hands and it is possible to plant it before the Hour comes, you should plant it." (Al-Adab Al-Mufard)

One of the things that maintains the purity of the air is: relying on renewable energy, as it plays a major role in achieving climate balance so that the earth continues to advance, prosper, and stabilize. Our wise government is making global and local efforts to develop environmental resources and manage natural resources so that we can enjoy a healthy environment. And planet Earth remains stable, clean and sustainable.

O Allah, 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. **Oh Allah**, make us among those who preserve Your blessings and are thankful for Your grace, and remain steadfast in Your obedience. **Oh Allah**, make us hasten to do good deeds, and make us always successful in obeying You. **Oh Allah**, relieve the worries of those who are worried, and grant healing to the sick and injured. **Oh Allah**, we ask you to perpetuate the blessing of stability, progress, and prosperity for this country. **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. **'O Allah**, give us rain. **O Allah**, shower upon us abundant rain, beneficial not harmful.

اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا الْغَيْثَ، اللَّهُمَّ أَغْنِنَا، اللَّهُمَّ أَغْنِنَا، اللَّهُمَّ أَغْنِنَا.

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. **وأقم الصلاة**