



## The Crown of Blessings

### The First Khutbah

Praise be to Allah, the Generous and Benevolent, who has bestowed upon us abundant blessings. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship but Allah alone, with no partner, and I bear witness that our master and Prophet is Sayyiduna Muhammad, the servant and messenger of Allah. O Allah, bestow your blessings, peace, and grace upon him, his family, his companions, and those who follow him.

**To Continue:** As for what follows, I advise you, the servants of Allah, to observe taqwa diligently. Strive to attain it, invest your blessings in maintaining it, and illuminate your path with its light. May Allah preserve His blessings upon you and increase them, as He says:

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا \* وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ

**"And whoever fears Allah - He will make for him a way out and provide for him from where he does not expect."**

(Quran, ٦٥:٢-٣)

**O Believers:** Allah, the Most-High, says,

وَإِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصُوهَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

**"And if you should count the favors of Allah, you could not enumerate them. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."**

(Quran, ١٦:١٨).

He also says, وَأَسْبَغَ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَهُ ظَاهِرَةً وَبَاطِنَةً

**"And He has bestowed upon you His favors, both apparent and hidden." (Quran, ٣١:٢٠).**

The blessings of Allah upon us are continuous, and His bounties are abundant, beyond the capacity of mere enumeration or investigation. Among the greatest of blessings are health and stability for Abdullah ibn Mas'ud, may Allah be pleased with him, said, "**Blessings include security and health.**" In fact, they are the crown of all blessings. As a poet said:

"The health of a person and his security are the crown for all our blessings, so have gratitude.

Security brings peace of mind, and health brings vitality to our bodies, this is the right attitude."

Indeed, safety is the security that the Prophet Ibrahim (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) invoked when he said,

رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ آمِنًا

"My Lord, make this city secure." (Quran, ١٤:٣٥).

Concerning health and well-being, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) mentioned:

فَإِنَّ النَّاسَ لَمْ يُعْطَوْا بَعْدَ الْيَقِينِ شَيْئًا خَيْرًا مِنَ الْعَافِيَةِ

"People are not given anything after certainty better than health." [Tirmidhi]

This is because there is no comfort, happiness, or well-being in life without health, and no complete health without stability. They are the means to the joy of life, and with them, the blessings of this world are perfected. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to supplicate every day,

اللَّهُمَّ عَافِنِي فِي بَدَنِي

"O Allah, grant me health in my body." [Adab al-Mufrad]

There is no rest or happiness in life without health. So, in the shadow of the blessings of health and security, a person can worship Allah, advance in knowledge, take care of his family, contribute to his community, serve his country, and thus gather

the goodness of both this world and the Hereafter. Hence, the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: **مَنْ أَصْبَحَ مِنْكُمْ آمِنًا فِي سِرِّهِ، مُعَافَى فِي جَسَدِهِ، عِنْدَهُ قُوَّةٌ يَوْمَهُ؛ فَكَأَنَّمَا حِيزَتْ لَهُ الدُّنْيَا**

**“Whoever among you wakes up safe in his flock, healthy in his body, has the sustenance for his day; it is as if the world had come into his possession.”** [Adab al-Mufrad]

In light of the blessings of health and safety a person can worship Allah, advance in their knowledge, take care of their family and family, develop their society, and serve their country, and in this way they can bring together the good of this world and the hereafter. O Allah, grant us good health, well-being, reassurance and stability, and grant us success in obeying You, the obedience of Your Messenger Muhammad, and the obedience of those whom You have commanded us to obey, as per Your saying: "O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you". I say these words, and I seek forgiveness from Allah for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness, for He is the Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

## **The Second Khutbah**

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, who has made remembrance a path for the seekers and their way to succeed in the gardens of delight. Peace and blessings be upon our master and Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad, the Seal of the Messengers, and upon his family, his companions, and all those who follow them with excellence. I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, so have Taqwa of Him.

O grateful ones for the blessings of Allah, the continuity and increase of His blessings are tied to gratitude. For Allah, the Most-High, says, **وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ**

**"And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed: 'If you give thanks [by accepting faith], I will give you more; but if you are thankless, My punishment is severe indeed.'"**

(Quran, ١٤:٧).

The blessing of stability is indeed among the greatest of blessings, encompassing goodness. Therefore, Allah, the Most-High, mentions it and commands us to be grateful for it, saying,

**فَلْيَعْبُدُوا رَبَّ هَذَا الْبَيْتِ \* الَّذِي أَطْعَمَهُمْ مِنْ جُوعٍ وَآمَنَهُمْ مِنْ**

**خَوْفٍ**

**"So let them worship the Lord of this House, Who has fed them, [saving them] from hunger, and has made them safe, [saving them] from fear."** (Quran, ١٠٦:٣-٤).

Among the factors that enhance safety and stability is turning away from rumors and avoiding spreading false statements and news. Allah dislikes this, as the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said,

**إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَرِهَ لَكُمْ ثَلَاثًا: - وَذَكَرَ أَوْلَهَا - قِيلَ وَقَالَ**

**"Allah hates three things for you."** He mentioned the first of these things being **false talk and gossip** [Bukhari], warning against the consequences of spreading rumors. He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said,

**كَفَى بِالْمَرْءِ كَذِبًا أَنْ يُحَدِّثَ بِكُلِّ مَا سَمِعَ**

**"It is sufficient falsehood for a person to speak of everything that he hears."** [Muslim]

Similarly, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) saw a person being tortured in a dream vision, in which he asked about the sin done to deserve this, to which it was said:

إِنَّهُ رَجُلٌ كَذَّابٌ، يَكْذِبُ الْكَذْبَةَ فَتُحْمَلُ عَنْهُ فِي الْآفَاقِ

**"He was a liar and he used to tell lies, and the people would report those lies on his authority till they spread all over the world."** [Bukhari]

So, let us be conscious and have Taqwa of Allah, O servants of Allah, in what we circulate, write and say. Let every individual reflect on the blessings bestowed upon them by Allah, act in a manner pleasing to Him, preserve those blessings, and remind their family and descendants to do the same. Let us remember constantly that we are accountable for all the blessings, as Allah

says, **ثُمَّ لَتُسْأَلُنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ**

**"Then you will surely be asked that Day about the enjoyment [of favors]."** (Quran, ١٠٢:٨).

O Allah, make us among those who are grateful, protective of Your blessings. May Allah bless and grant success to the leaders of the UAE, especially Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed and his deputies, and the rulers of the Emirates. O Allah, have mercy on Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Rashid, the founding leaders, and Sheikh Maktoum. Enter them into Your spacious gardens by Your favor. O Allah, have mercy on our parents, forgive the Muslims, the living and the deceased. O Allah, send down your mercy upon us.

O believers, remember Allah the Almighty, and He will remember you.

Thank Him for His blessings, and He will increase them. Establish the prayer.