



Let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow

First Khutba

Praise be to Allah, who created the souls and fashioned them. In His Book, He says: **قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا**

"He has certainly succeeded who purifies it." (Quran: ٩١:٩).

I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of being worshipped except Allah, alone, without partners, and I bear witness that our master and prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad, is the servant of Allah and His messenger. O Allah, send Your peace and abundant blessings upon him, his family, his companions, and those who follow him in the best of ways.

To continue: O worshippers of Allah, be conscious of Allah with the true taqwa that He deserves, and watch over yourselves with this Taqwa in private and in public. Know that life consists of fleeting days, for the world is a transient abode, and in the succession of its days and months, there are lessons to be learned. Likewise, in the conclusion of its years, there is space for reflection, and for us, there are examples to learn from those who came before us and lessons to impart for those who come after us. As

Allah says: **وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا تُرْجَعُونَ فِيهِ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ تُوَفَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ**

مَا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ

"So fear a Day when no soul will suffice for another soul at all, nor will compensation be accepted from it, nor will any intercession benefit it, nor will they be aided" (Quran: ٢:٤٨).

O Believers: Indeed, a person remains in goodness as long as he advises himself and takes himself to account, for base level of the soul incites to evil, and none are safe from that

except: **إِلَّا مَا رَحِمَ رَبِّي**

Except those upon whom my Lord has had mercy upon. (Quran: ١٢:٥٣).

But it is possible to ascend beyond this base level, and such elevation can only happen through self-accountability as Allah, the Exalted, says: **يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَتَنْظُرُوا**

نَفْسَ مَا قَدَّمْتُمْ لِعَدِّهِ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

"O you who have believed, fear Allah. And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow. And fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do" (Quran: ٥٩:١٨).

So the wise one is the person who observes himself and takes himself to account, reflecting on what has passed and preparing for what is to come. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

**مَا مِنْكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ إِلَّا سَيَكَلِمُهُ اللَّهُ، لَيْسَ بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَهُ تُرْجَمَانٌ،
فَيَنْظُرُ أَيَّمَنْ مِنْهُ فَلَا يَرَى إِلَّا مَا قَدَّمَ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ، وَيَنْظُرُ أَيَسْرَ مِنْهُ
فَلَا يَرَى إِلَّا مَا قَدَّمَ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ**

"There will be none among you but his Lord will talk to him, and there will be no interpreter between him and Allah. He will look to his right and see nothing but his deeds which he has sent forward, and will look to his left and see nothing but his deeds which he has sent forward." [Bukhari]

So, whoever seeks the Hereafter and strives for it, let him maintain continuous self-accountability, and persistently seek what elevates his soul and maintains its happiness. Let his trust in Allah be unwavering, and let his ambition towards excellence not waver, driven by sound will, optimism, hope in Allah, tranquillity, and righteousness. For the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

said, **الرَّبُّ مَا سَكَتَ إِلَيْهِ النَّفْسُ، وَاطْمَأَنَّ إِلَيْهِ الْقَلْبُ، وَالْإِثْمُ مَا لَمْ تَسْكُنْ إِلَيْهِ النَّفْسُ، وَلَمْ يَطْمَئِنَّ إِلَيْهِ الْقَلْبُ**

"Righteousness is that which the soul is at ease with, and the heart is tranquil with. Sin is that which causes uneasiness in the soul and turmoil in the heart".

[Ahmad]

Therefore, the happy one is the one who holds himself accountable and observes his soul to ensure its righteousness. Such a person shall be successful, and have glad tidings for Allah has written his recompense, confirmed it, and shall reward him as He says:

عِنْدَ رَبِّي فِي كِتَابٍ

[Moses] said, "The knowledge thereof is with my Lord in a record." (Quran: ٢٠: ٥٢).

O servants of Allah, the years of our lives pass and continue to unfold, and our actions are recorded in them, and our words and deeds are written.

لَا يُغَادِرُ صَغِيرَةً وَلَا كَبِيرَةً إِلَّا أَحْصَاهَا

"Every small and great thing is enumerated."

(Quran: ١٨: ٤٩).

For this reason, it is important for us to strive in performing what Allah has enjoined upon us, in accordance with His

saying: وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ مِنْ

خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ

"And establish prayer, give zakah, and whatever good you put forward for yourselves—you will find it with

Allah." (Quran: ٢: ١١٠).

And let us be good to all people, treating them with kindness, fulfilling their rights, and avoiding any injustice towards them for the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said,

مَنْ كَانَتْ لَهُ مَظْلَمَةٌ لِأَخِيهِ مِنْ عَرَضِهِ أَوْ شَيْءٍ؛ فَلْيَتَحَلَّلْهُ مِنْهُ

"Whoever has done wrong to his brother, whether concerning his honor or anything else, let him seek his pardon." [Bukhari]

O Allah, help us in observing ourselves, fulfilling the rights of others, and grant us all success in obeying You, obeying Your Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), and obeying those whom You have placed in authority over us, in accordance with Your saying: **"O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you."**

Second Khutba

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, and peace and blessings be upon our Master and Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad, the Seal of the Prophets, and upon his family, companions, and those who follow them in excellence until the Day of Judgment.

O Worshipers: Allah, the Most-High, says:

يَوْمَ تَجِدُ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ مُحْضَرًا وَمَا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ
سُوءٍ تَوَدُّ لَوْ أَنَّ بَيْنَهَا وَبَيْنَهُ أَمَدًا بَعِيدًا وَيُحَذِّرُكُمُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ
وَاللَّهُ زَعُوفٌ بِالْعِبَادِ

"On the Day every soul will find what it has done of good present [before it] and what it has done of evil, it will wish that between itself and that [evil] was a great distance. And Allah warns you of Himself, and Allah is Kind to the [His] servants" (Quran: ٣:٣٠)

In other words, Allah is merciful to His creation, desiring that they turn to Him so He may treat them kindly, and warning them about His punishment out of His compassion. He wants them to follow the straight path and uphold His religion, following His noble Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). So, let the believer hold himself accountable, reflecting on his relationship with his Lord, fearing Him, obeying Him, hoping in Him, and having Taqwa in his affairs. وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ

وَنَهَى النَّفْسَ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ * فَإِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ هِيَ الْمَأْوَىٰ

As for the one who fears the position of his Lord and restrains his soul from desires, indeed, Paradise will be [his] refuge" (Quran:٧٩:٤٠-٤١).

Let him also hold himself accountable in his relationship with his parents, being kind and respectful to them, following the command of Allah who says:

فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٌ وَلَا تَنْهَرُهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا

"And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, 'My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small'" (Quran:١٧:٢٣).

Hence, spouses should hold themselves accountable in their relationship with their children, ensuring proper upbringing. And the student should reflect upon his actions at school to improve his learning. Similarly, the teacher, with his/her students, should assess whether they have sincerely taught and guided them. Those who enjoy the blessings of this land, whether citizens or residents, should ask themselves: What contributions have they made to ensure the stability, progress, and prosperity of this nation? Each person in their respective field should assess themselves to increase their goodness, being mindful of their Creator, who is aware of both their hidden and open deeds. **وَمَا يَعْرُبُ عَنْ رَبِّكَ مِنْ مِثْقَالِ ذَرَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي**

السَّمَاءِ وَلَا أَصْغَرَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَلَا أَكْبَرَ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ

And you (Muhammad) art not occupied with any business and thou recitest not a Lecture from this (Scripture), and ye (mankind) perform no act, but We are Witness of you when ye are engaged therein. And

not an atom's weight in the earth or in the sky escapeth your Lord, nor what is less than that or greater than that, but it is (written) in a clear Book. (Quran: ١٠:٦١).

Let us supplicate: O Allah, grant our souls Taqwa of You and purify them. You are the best to purify them; You are their Protector and Master.

O Allah, forgive us for what we have done in the past and what we may do in the future, what we have concealed, and what is public knowledge. You know everything about us. You are the One who brings forward or delays matters, and You have power over all things.

O Allah, instill in us the Taqwa of You that prevents us from committing sins, the obedience to You that leads us to Your paradise, and the certainty that eases the worldly calamities upon us.

O Allah, bless us with healthy hearing, sight, and strength as long as we live, and let that be an inheritance of righteousness for us.

O Allah, grant stability, prosperity, and progress to the United Arab Emirates. Grant success to the leader, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, his deputies, his brothers, the rulers of the Emirates, and his trustworthy Crown Prince, according to Your will and satisfaction.

O Allah, have mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Rashid, the founding leaders, and in Your mercy, admit them to Your vast gardens.

O Allah, have mercy on Sheikh Maktoum, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, and, through Your grace, admit 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.