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First Khutbah

Praise be to Allah, the most Merciful, the All Powerful, who has encouraged us to balance, adopting ease and moderation in our affairs. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone without any partner, and I bear witness that our master and Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad, is His servant and Messenger. O Allah, send Your peace and blessings upon him and upon 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, for it is the path to true contentment and success as Allah says:

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِ يُسْرًا

And whoever has Taqwa of Allah - He will make for him of his matter ease. [Quran: ٦٥:٤]

O Believers: Allah says: **لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا**

Allah charges no soul save to its capacity. [Quran:

٢:٢٨٦]

In other words, Allah does not cause a soul to be tasked with more that it can bear, so the soul is not constricted with difficulty or fatigue. This is from Allah's gentleness and His subtle clemency towards us, His generosity

towards us, as he is Merciful to His slaves, facilitating for us things through our religion, as He says:

يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ بِكُمُ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا يُرِيدُ بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ

Allah intends for you ease and does not intend for you hardship [Quran: ٢:١٨٥]

يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَفِّفَ عَنْكُمْ

And Allah wants to lighten for you [your difficulties] [Quran: ٤:٢٨]

So, Allah does not task us with deeds that are beyond what we can bear, and so every command to worship takes this into account, as the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah

be upon him) said: عَلَيْكُمْ مَا تَطِيقُونَ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ

Do (good) deeds which is within your capacity [Bukhari and Muslim]

It was from his guidance (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) that he was never given a choice between two affairs, except that he chose the easier of them, as long as such a choice was not a blameworthy one. So, the believer should be one who does not go extremes, and who does not task themselves with something that becomes too hard for them to persist upon and bear. Likewise, they are not those who disregard and take things too lightly causing them to waste their actions, this is the balance and moderation that allows for persistence upon good deeds, the path that was represented by the Prophet whose way was to continue to build upon and increase in good deeds.

Slaves of Allah: Indeed, the forms of balance and moderation are many, being balanced in spending, without going to excess or stinginess, as Allah says:

وَلَا تَجْعَلْ يَدَكَ مَغْلُولَةً إِلَىٰ عُنُقِكَ وَلَا تَبْسُطْهَا كُلَّ الْبَسْطِ
فَتَقْعَدَ مَلُومًا مَّحْسُورًا

And do not make your hand [as] chained to your neck or extend it completely and [thereby] become blamed and insolvent. [Quran: ١٧:٢٩]

So how happy is the one who is moderate in their expenditure, when it comes to their food and drink, their clothes and their vehicles, acting in accordance to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) who

said: **كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا وَابْسُوا وَتَصَدَّقُوا، فِي غَيْرِ إِسْرَافٍ وَلَا مَنَحِيلَةٍ**

Eat, give charity and clothe yourselves, without being extravagant, and without showing off. [Sunan an-Nasa'i]

So, there are glad tidings for those who enter into the group of servants of the Most Merciful, whom Allah has praised

by saying: **وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا أَنْفَقُوا لَمْ يُسْرِفُوا وَلَمْ يَقْتُرُوا وَكَانَ بَيْنَ**

ذَلِكَ قَوَامًا

And [they are] those who, when they spend, do so not excessively or sparingly but are ever, between that, [justly] moderate. [Quran: ٢٥:٦٧]

In other words, they are those who seek the middle path, ensuring they do not go to excesses, not burdening themselves with spending beyond what they can bear, not

showing off either through a display of luxury or ostentation. For the one who brags about what he does not have and shows that he has what he does not have, is upon falsehood as the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: **الْمُتَشَبِّعُ بِمَا لَمْ يُعْطَ كَلَابِسٌ**

ثَوْبِي زُورٌ

The one who boasts of receiving what he has not been given is like him who has put on the two garments of falsehood. [Bukhari and Muslim]

Perhaps such a person spends beyond their means because they are motivated to imitate others and keep up appearances with them. So, in his extravagance, he does not leave anything that he liked or desired without buying it. As servants of Allah we need to reflect upon this, is such a person better than one who provided for the basic needs of himself and his family, providing their essential material needs, so that he and they can live with peace of mind and heart and dedicate themselves to a life of worship?

We ask Allah to inspire us to be moderate and balanced, to be balanced in our words and deeds. And we ask You Allah that You 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.

and to enable us all to obey Him, and He obeyed Him. Muhammad is His Prophet and Messenger, may God bless him and grant him peace, and obedience to him who commanded us to obey him in his words

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: Indeed, the blessed Muslim family, is a family that is firmly upon ease and facilitation, as the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

إِنَّ مِنْ يُمْنِ الْمَرْأَةِ تَيْسِيرَ خِطْبَتِهَا، وَتَيْسِيرَ صَدَاقِهَا

Indeed from the facilitation of ease for a woman is facilitating her marriage, and facilitating ease for her dowry. [Ahmad]

Whenever marriage is built on facilitating ease then such a marriage tends to partake of blessings (baraka) and enduring affection. So, it is important that families make facilitating ease and moderation their founding principle in its approach. For whoever Allah expands upon them such

an approach, finds ease in providing for his family and household, and sees his wealth achieve baraka, without their being extravagance or excessive frugality. As Allah says: **وَمَنْ قَدَرَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقُهُ فَلْيَنْفِقْ مِمَّا آتَاهُ اللَّهُ لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا مَا آتَاهَا**

and he whose provision is restricted - let him spend from what Allah has given him. [Quran: ٦٥:٧]

So, a family that is operating with the intellect spends with moderation, wisdom, and prudence, and does not burden itself with unnecessary burdens, as the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

الْهَدْيُ الصَّالِحُ، وَالسَّمْتُ الصَّالِحُ، وَالْإِقْتِصَادُ؛ جُزْءٌ مِنْ خَمْسَةِ وَعِشْرِينَ جُزْءًا مِنَ النَّبُوءَةِ

Good demeanour, dignified good bearing and moderation are the twenty-fifth part of Prophecy.

[Sunan Abi Dawud]

So the happiest families consist of two spouses who work together to make things easy for each other and the household. The husband is kind to his wife, and does not burden her with household burdens that are beyond her capacity. Rather, he shares the responsibility between him and her, and the wife. Likewise, she does not burden her husband with more than he can bear, and does not burden him with frivolous expenditure, for their concern for each other's welfare is a sign of mutual affection and mercy, which Allah has made a sign for those who reflect. So, whenever we see married people partaking in a relationship of mutual mercy, then this should point us to the mercy of

Allah and His promise of peace, tranquility and contentment for those who follow His way, as He says:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا
وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquillity in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought.

[Qur'an: ۳۰:۲۱]

This is a family based on wisdom. A family which observes moderation and balance in its interaction, which strengthens its bonds through mutual affection, that doesn't overburden itself with the burden of debt, about which the Prophet he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

warned us saying: لَا تُخِيفُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ بَعْدَ أَمْنِهَا

Do not cause fear to come upon you after being in security

The companions (may Allah be pleased with them) asked, and how would that be O Messenger of Allah? To which he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) responded

by saying: **الَّذِينَ [Being] indebted [Ahmad]**

So, we ask that Allah facilitate for us His pleasure and that He give us the ability to embody in our lives Taqwa. 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.