



## Fulfilling our Trust

### First Khutbah

All praise is due to Allah, the Great and Exalted. The One who presented the trust of bearing witness to His Oneness to the heavens, the earth, and the mountains, but they declined to bear it, whereas mankind accepted to bear it. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship, except Allah, alone, without any partners, and I bear witness that our master and Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad, is His servant and messenger. He fulfilled the trust and conveyed the message to all of humanity, serving as an exemplar for all of us to emulate. O Allah, bless him, grant Your peace and blessings upon him, his family, his companions, and all of those who follow them in the best of ways until the Last Day.

**To Continue:** As for what follows, fear Allah, your Lord, and fulfill your trust. By doing so, your status will rise, and your position will be elevated. Allah, the Almighty, says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَجْعَل لَكُمْ فُرْقَانًا وَيُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ

سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

**"O you who have believed, if you fear Allah, He will grant you a criterion and will remove from you your misdeeds and forgive you. And Allah is the possessor of great bounty."**

(Quran ٨:٢٩)

**O Believers:** Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, says:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا

**"Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due." (Quran, ٤:٥٨)**

The matter of trust is of great significance. Our Lord, glorified be He, has commanded its fulfillment and warned against betrayal. He says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَخُونُوا اللَّهَ  
وَالرَّسُولَ وَتَخُونُوا أَمَانَاتِكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

**"O you who have believed, do not betray Allah and the Messenger or betray your trusts while you know [the consequence]." (Quran, ٨:٢٧)**

Whoever fulfills it in this world is among the successful, praised by the Lord of the worlds, as He says:

وَمَنْ أَوْفَىٰ بِمَا عَاهَدَ عَلَيْهِ اللَّهُ فَمِيسُوتِيهِ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا

**"And whoever fulfills that which he has promised Allah - He will give him a great reward." (Quran, ٤٨:١٠)**

And whoever fails to fulfill their trusts it in this world is among the losers. Abdullah ibn Mas'ud, may Allah be pleased with him, said: On the Day of Judgment, a person will be brought forward and it will be said to him, "Fulfill your trust." He will respond, "O Lord, how can I do so when the world has already passed away?" His trust will then be presented to him in the form it had on the day it was entrusted to him. He will pursue its tracks until he seizes it (on a path), then he will carry it on his shoulders. Just when he thinks he has successfully left (the path), it will slip away from his shoulders. This indicates the effects of not fulfilling one's trust namely the lost opportunity will be felt in the next world too, and it is for this reason, because of the gravity of betraying trust, the Prophet ﷺ used to seek refuge from it, saying:

أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْخِيَانَةِ، فَإِنَّهَا بئَسَتْ الْبَطَانَةُ

**"I seek refuge in You from treachery, for it is indeed a miserable hidden trait." [Abu Dawud]**

It is also for this reason, that he ﷺ would often connect faith in Allah with the fulfilment of our trusts, as Anas ibn Malik, may Allah be pleased with him, reported that the Prophet ﷺ never addressed us without saying:

لَا إِيمَانَ لِمَنْ لَا أَمَانَةَ لَهُ، وَلَا دِينَ لِمَنْ لَا عَهْدَ لَهُ

**"There is no faith for the one who has not trustworthy, and there is no religion for the one who does not keep to his oath." [Ahmad]**

Thus, the believer is one who by the very definition of their being a believer should not break their promises or act treacherously in the things that they have agreed upon in contracts or other agreements. Hence, the Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنَّ الْأَمَانَةَ نَزَلَتْ فِي جَذْرِ قُلُوبِ الرِّجَالِ

**"Indeed, [the ability to be honest and fulfill] trust descended into the roots [core] of the hearts of [faithful] men," [Bukhari and Muslim]**

This indicates that the ability to fulfill trust, is something that is gifted by Allah, and is ingrained in our innate true nature. The problem is many people have corrupted that innate nature, instead of manifesting their innate integrity, they have given themselves to the egoic way of narcissism, lying and tricking and deceiving those around them, but in reality they are only deceiving themselves. Such people cannot be called true men, as they lack the true nature of manliness. This is why Sayyudina, Umar ibn al-Khattab, may Allah be pleased with him, once addressed the people, saying:

مَنْ أَدَّى الْأَمَانَةَ، وَكَفَّ عَنْ أَعْرَاضِ النَّاسِ؛ فَهُوَ الرَّجُلُ

**"The man who fulfills his trust and refrains from meddling in the affairs of others is the true man."**

[Bukhari and Muslim]

**Servants of Allah:** The reality and importance of fulfilling our trusts is a vast topic, and its scope is wide. It encompasses everything that Allah, the Most-High, has entrusted to us as humans, be it in words or actions, in matters of both religion and worldly affairs. So, the worship we have been tasked to perform is a trust, and the believer is obligated to safeguard it and be sincere to Allah in its performance. Abdullah ibn Mas'ud, may Allah be pleased with him, said:

الصَّلَاةُ أَمَانَةٌ، وَالْوُضُوءُ أَمَانَةٌ، وَالْوَزْنُ أَمَانَةٌ، وَالْكَيْلُ أَمَانَةٌ، وَأَعْظَمُ

ذَلِكَ: الْوَدَائِعُ

**"Prayer is a trust, ablution is a trust, weighing the scales are a trust, and applying right measures are a trust. The greatest of these is the deposits".** [Shua'b al-iman]

Likewise, the families we have is a trust, and it is incumbent upon a person to take care of their family and to fulfill their responsibilities with regards to their rights. The Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَائِلٌ كُلِّ رَاعٍ عَمَّا اسْتَرْعَاهُ، أَحْفَظَ أَمْ ضَيَّعَ، حَتَّى يَسْأَلَ

الرَّجُلَ عَنِ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ

**"Allah will ask every caretaker about those under his care, whether he preserved or wasted this responsibility, such that a person shall be asked about his family."** [Sahih ibn

Hibban]

Similarly, the gatherings we have with people are a trust. So a person must safeguard what transpires in them, as those sitting together do so with the trust of Allah concerning matters that

bring good to them and others. So in this circumstance it is not permissible for them to reveal what the other dislikes. The

Prophet ﷺ said: **المَجَالِسُ بِالأَمَانَةِ**

**"Gatherings are trusts."** [Abu Dawud]

He also said: **إِذَا حَدَّثَ الرَّجُلُ بِالْحَدِيثِ ثُمَّ التَفَتَ؛ فَهِيَ أَمَانَةٌ**

**"When a man speaks in the gathering and then looks away, it is a trust".** [Abu Dawud]

In addition, our occupations are a trust. So, a person should strive to fulfill them and be vigilant in performing them with Allah in mind. Likewise, public funds are a trust so a person must consider them sacred and ensure they are fulfilled by being given to their rightful owners. The Prophet ﷺ said:

**أَدِّ الأَمَانَةَ إِلَى مَنْ أئْتَمَكَ**

**"Return the trust to the one who entrusted you with it."**

[Abu Dawud]

O Allah, make us custodians of our trusts, to be faithful to our commitments, sincere to our homeland. 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 الأَمْرِ 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:** To all of you who understand the value of trust and are keen to fulfill it: Indeed, the homeland is also a trust on the shoulders of those who live upon its soil, whether they be its citizens or residents. Therefore, let us be of those who when entrusted fulfill their trust as our homeland is a trust on our shoulders, and fulfilling its rights is a duty upon us.

So, whoever intends harm to the homeland has betrayed their trust towards it will be a loser. This is because our countries are a trust in our care, we should demonstrate to them our loyalty and commitment in accordance with our religion. So, to harbor ill intentions towards one's homeland entails that a person will face loss in this life and the next. Similarly, supporting and honoring the country's leadership is a trust; for the leadership are tasked with ensuring safety and security, and someone who is not grateful for these blessing and the ability to partake in such security, is ultimately being ungrateful to the True Giver who has enabled these blessings through the means of such leadership. Similarly, our trust with regards to the homeland, entails we honor the role of our ancestors and forefathers towards this land, in that they founded it with their effort and built its civilization with the sweat of their brows. They united their hearts on its soil, and collaborated their efforts towards its progress. Hence, whoever safeguards the trust of the homeland and remains loyal to its leadership, in ensuring they adhere to preserving the blessings of the homeland is ultimately

preserving life. For security in one's homeland, stability in one's everyday livelihood are essentials to life itself.

From the responsibilities towards the homeland, o servants of Allah, is to dedicate ourselves to its service, prioritize its stability and prosperity, exert efforts for its advancement, and reject any extremist thoughts that destroy rather than build, divide rather than unite. So, we should remember the trust of the homeland in our words and actions. Instill this in our children, teach them that unity is strength, and division is destruction. Let us be sincere in our supplications to our Lord, following the way of the Prophets, saying:

رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ آمِنًا

'O Lord, make this homeland secure'. (Quran, ١٤:٣٥)

Let every individual be cautious of betrayal of their trusts, for whoever betrays their trusts, Allah will expose him in this world and on the Day of Judgment. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

إِذَا جَمَعَ اللَّهُ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، يُرْفَعُ لِكُلِّ غَادِرٍ لِيَوَاءٍ،

فَقِيلَ: هَذِهِ غَدْرَةُ فُلَانٍ بِنِ فُلَانٍ

**'When Allah gathers the first and the last of people on the Day of Judgment, a banner will be raised for every person guilty of breach of trust, and it will be announced that this is the treachery of so and so, son of so and so (to attract the attention of people to his guilt). [Muslim]**

O Allah safeguard this nation, and all of the nations and homelands of the believers. O Allah bring to them peace, stability, and protect them from their enemies and those seeking their destruction. You are sufficient as a Protector, and to You we turn in sincere supplication. O Allah, make us always the means of peace, remove hypocrisy and love of this ephemeral

world from our hearts, make us of those who spread peace and who prevent oppression and wrongdoing so that peace can remain.

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.