

Whoever is granted wisdom has certainly been given much good.

First Khutbah

Praise be to Allah, to whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. To Him belongs all praise in this World and the Hereafter. He is the Wise, the Acquainted. 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. For Allah, the Most-High, sent him to all people, to recite unto them His verses and inform them of His signs, teaching them the Book and wisdom, and purifying them. O Allah, bless him, grant Your peace and blessings upon him, his family, his companions, and all of those who follow him in the best of ways until the Last Day.

To Continue: As for what follows, O servants of Allah, have taqwa of Allah, whether in private or in public, and adhere to wisdom in your words and actions. Know that the essence of wisdom is to have Taqwa of your Lord, as He, the Most-High,

'And remember the favor of Allah upon you and what has been revealed to you of the Book and wisdom by which He instructs you. And fear Allah.' (Quran ': '')

O believers! Indeed, wisdom is a praiseworthy attribute and a noble characteristic, for it has been mentioned by Allah in one

hundred and nineteen places in His Book, and Allah describes Himself by this attribute as the Wise when` He says:

'Indeed, I am Allah, the Exalted in Might, the Wise.' (Quran YV: 9)

He also associates it with His glorious Book, saying:

Yasin 'By the wise Quran.' (Quran "7:7)

The prophets, among His servants, were specially bestowed with wisdom. Allah granted His friend, Abraham, and his family wisdom, as He, the Most-High, says:

'So, we gave him the Book and wisdom to the descendants of Abraham.' (Quran \ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \)

He also granted wisdom to His prophet David, saying:

'And We gave him wisdom.' (Quran ٣٨: ٢٠)

Additionally, Allah mentioned that:

And when Jesus brought clear proofs, he said, "I have come to you with wisdom". (Quran ٤٣:٦٣)

Wisdom holds a high value in our religion, for it encompasses all virtues and guides those who possess it to every form of righteousness, leading them to what is good and preventing them from all that is reprehensible. It directs them to place things in their proper context, acting and speaking as is appropriate, in the right manner and at the right time

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O servants of Allah! Whoever is granted wisdom is endowed with discernment and insight, for the wise receive their share of knowledge and awareness of how to use that knowledge, having their portion of understanding and comprehension. This is why the words of the wise become righteous, and their actions virtuous. الله يَعْلَمُونَ وَاللَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

'Say, "Are those who know equal to those who do not know?" Only they will remember [who are] people of understanding.' (Quran *9:9)

So, seeker of wisdom, strive to acquire knowledge and wisdom, for this is a light by which its people are guided to truths and foresee consequences so they can avoid falsehood. One of the wise was once asked, 'What does wisdom command?' He replied, 'It commands everything whose result is praiseworthy and prohibits everything whose harm is recognized in the consequences.' One of the wisdoms of a person is to learn before speaking, so that their actions do not precede their knowledge, and so that their tongue does not surpass their intellect. Such people choose the best words and avoid everything that leads to regret and remorse. A man came to the Prophet \square and said, 'O Messenger of Allah, teach me concise and comprehensive advice.' Among the things he advised was,

'Do not speak about what you will later apologize for.' [Sunan Ibn Majah]

The wise person says what is beneficial and of gain, who remains silent and is safe from harm. Anas ibn Malik reported that the Prophet said three times:

'May Allah have mercy on a person who speaks and gains, or remains silent and is safe.' [Sahih al-Jami'a]

Remember at all times the saying of your Lord:

'Not a word does he utter, but there is a watcher by him ready [to record it].' (Quran *: \^)

How true is the saying of the speaker:

When you intend to speak, speak with wisdom, weigh what you are about to say before you utter, and be just.

If you cannot find a wise saying to express, adorn yourself with the beauty of patience and silence, this is a trust.

So, we advise people to draw from the springs of wisdom from those who we know to be wise and who have sat with the wise, read their biographies and stories, and look into their lives and

إِنَّ مِنَ الشِّعْرِ حِكْمَةً :poems. For the Prophet said

'Indeed, there is wisdom in [some] poetry'. [Sahih al-Bukhari]

We should bear in mind that wisdom flows from those who have experienced trials, for there is no wisdom without experience. A wise person is one who is deliberate and does not rush, who is patient and deliberate, who has aspirations without ignorance. Such people refrain from involvement in what does not concern them, and occupy themselves with what benefits them, acting according to the saying of the Prophet who stated:

From the goodness of a person's Islam is leaving that which does not concern them'. [Muwatta Malik]

So, Parents should embody wisdom in their homes and with their children, considering their feelings, balancing requirements, and adopting the best approach. Likewise, educators should comprehend wisdom in their teaching and upbringing, understand their minds, recognize their abilities, and excel in them. For employees, there needs to be an embodiment of wisdom in practice in tasks and interactions. Likewise, everyday people should abide by wisdom in their interactions, in their transactions, even in driving our vehicles, with commitment, patience, and avoiding recklessness. So we ask Allah that He enable us to remember wisdom in all aspects of our life, in our thoughts, actions, 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:

O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. (Qur'an: £:09)

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 worshippers! The people of wisdom have affirmed that wisdom brings its possessor good reputation and a favorable mention for it brings happiness and safety. Due to the greatness of wisdom, Allah has made it obligatory upon those to whom it is given to be grateful. وَلَقَدُ آتَيْنَا لُقُمَانَ الْحِكْمَةَ أَنِ اشْكُرْ لِلَّهِ

"And We had certainly given Luqman wisdom [and said], "Be grateful to Allah". (Quran: ٣١:١٢)

For the profound impact of wisdom, the Prophet invoked Allah to teach wisdom to Abdullah ibn Abbas, saying:

"O Allah, teach him wisdom." [Sahih al-Bukhari]

The possessor of wisdom is praised for his judicious stances. He is affable and people love him with him loving them in return. They express gratitude for his advice, being enlightened by his insight and find joy in his opinions. In this manner, the wise person is a key to goodness, being a deterrent to evil, being someone who is optimistic, and generous, being part of the solution and not part of the problem. The blessing of wise leadership, O servants of Allah, is something that the people of the United Arab Emirates have enjoyed since the era of its founder, Sheikh Zayed, and his wise fellow leaders. They established a unique union and achieved prosperity, goodness, and generosity. The leaders who succeeded them continued this legacy of wisdom and benevolence, benefiting not only themselves but also humanity. May Allah reward them abundantly.

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.