



Concern and Care for the Family

The First Sermon

Praise be to Allah, the Generous and Benevolent, who has made among our spouses and offspring the delight of our eyes. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship but Allah alone, without any partner, the Mighty and the Most Generous. And I bear witness that our master and Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad, is the servant of Allah and His Messenger, the Seal of the Prophets. O Allah, send your peace, and bestow blessings upon him, his family, his companions, and followers.

To Continue: I advise you, servants of Allah, and myself, to adhere to the consciousness (Taqwa) of Allah, for it is the pillar of the pious and the best provision for the believers. By it, salvation is achieved on the Day of Judgement. As Allah says:

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ

"And fear Allah, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs." (Quran ٤:١).

O believers, indeed our Lord has encouraged us to establish righteous families founded upon pure nature, consisting of partners, men and women who work together for the sake of Allah. He says: وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَجَعَلَ

لَكُمْ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ بَيْنَ وَحَفْدَةً

"And Allah has made for you from your selves mates and has made for you from your mates sons and grandchildren." (Quran ١٦:٧٢).

He has urged us to spread the spirit of unity within our families, to nurture love and compassion within its members, making it a sign among His signs. He said: وَمِنْ

آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ
بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً

"And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy." (Quran ٣٠:٢١).

This is because the family is meant to serve the purpose of being a haven of mercy, an oasis of love, a garden of unity, enveloped by tranquility and filled with serenity. It is like the heart within the body and the soul within the flesh. The more its bonds are firm and its covenant is strong, the stronger the bond can become with Allah.

There is a fundamental family value that every family needs, and every household desires. Parents seek it from their children, and children seek it from their parents. It is eagerly awaited by both young and old: it is the value of care and concern and empathy for others, O servants of Allah. This is a noble conduct and a foundational principle for through such concern a home is held together, and when this is lost from a home, it leads to its destruction. So, amidst the busyness of life and its numerous obligations and the distractions of modernity, we should

ensure that care for our family is one of our foremost priorities and at the forefront of our concerns.

The leader of the nation, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, may Allah preserve him, in advice and profound words said: "Be with your families, for they are a precious gift bestowed upon us by Allah. Let not our work and responsibilities distract us from our families and children, for they are the source of joy and the fountain of happiness of our lives." O servants of Allah, the most deserving of our care in our families are our children, our daughters and sons, for they are the joys of our hearts, the delight of our eyes, and as Allah says:

زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا

the adornment of worldly life. (Quran ٣٠:٤٦).

Hence, following the example of our beloved and role model, Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. He was extremely attentive to his children and grandchildren, both verbally and emotionally, in their upbringing and behavior, showering them with affection and tenderness. He would play and laugh with them and be concerned about their affairs. Once, when he saw his grandson playing in the street, he hurried to him, opened his arms, and let his grandson run towards him and be embraced within them, while the Prophet smiled, embraced him and kissed him,

and said, **اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَحِبُّهُ فَأَحِبَّهُ**

"O Allah, I love him, so love him." [Bukhari and Muslim]

Let us follow this noble prophetic guidance, make our children laugh, and bring joy to their hearts. This is the

Sunnah of paying attention to children, to look after their hearts, and to give them love and happiness. O Servants of Allah, this Sunnah of paying attention to the hearts of others, does not stop at the stage of childhood, but extends beyond to all stages of our lives. So, it means we look after our children during the stage of early youth, during their adolescence as they become young adults, and even as their lives continues after marriage, for this would be following the guidance of the Prophets, peace and blessings of Allah be upon them all. Indeed, Ibrahim (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to undertake the hardship of traveling to visit his son Ishma'il (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to check on his well-being with his wife. Likewise, our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to visit his daughter Fatimah (may Allah be pleased with her) and inquire about her well-being with her husband. He once visited her at her home, where she complained to him about the hardships and difficulties of life, and he advised her regarding what is best for her and her household, giving her forms of remembrance through which she can connect with Allah. As a demonstration of the Prophet's care for his daughter, whenever she entered upon him, he would rise to greet her, kiss her, and seat her in his gathering. This is a demonstration of the epitome of care, its highest manifestation, brought by the Prophet of the true religion to be a guide for fathers and mothers, bringing them happiness in their families and gaining the pleasure of their Lord. O Allah, grant us success in emulating our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and role model, and make us happy in our homes with our families. Reward us with your generosity

and immense favor. Grant them success and righteousness, and bless them in their families and children, O our generous Lord, O Possessor of Great Favor, grant us success in obeying you and in obeying those you have commanded us to obey, as you have clearly stated: 'O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.' I say this and I seek forgiveness for myself and for Allah, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most forgiving and the most-Merciful

The Second Sermon

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, and may peace and blessings be upon our Master and Prophet Muhammad, the Seal of the Prophets, and upon his family, companions, and followers. O caretakers of your families: continue to prioritize the care of your daughters and sons, your families, and your homes, with moderation and balance, and beware of neglect. Have you not heard the saying of Allah the Almighty:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا

"O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire." (Quran: ٦٦:٦).

What do you think will come, O servants of Allah, about a child who does not find care in his home and lacks affection in his family? Will he not seek compensation elsewhere? He may fall into dangers, be vulnerable to bad company, and become a victim of addiction in its various forms. Therefore, hasten to the care for your children before they seek it, let your arms and hearts embrace them, and spend time with them in your gatherings. Accompany

them, befriend them, and gather with them in family sessions, where parents and grandparents come together with children and grandchildren. Teach them your noble customs and authentic social traditions, and continually supplicate for them: رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ

"Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes." (Quran: ٢٥:٧٤).

And with this we ask You to send Your blessings upon our Master and Prophet Muhammad, his family, and all his companions. And be pleased with 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.

وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ

**And the remembrance of Allah is greater, and Allah
knows what you do. (Quran ٢٩:٤٥).**

So, stand up for prayer.