



## Ramadan is the Month of Blessings

### First Khutba

All praises are due to Allah who has honored us with the incoming breezes of Ramadan, and promised those who open themselves to availing these breezes with the vastness of paradise. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah alone, without any partner, the Bestower of Bounties. And I bear witness that our master and prophet Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His chosen messenger from the descendants of Adnan. O Allah, bestow your blessings and grant peace upon him, his family, his companions, and those who follow them in goodness.

**As for what follows:** I advise you, servants of Allah, and myself, to observe Taqwa, for it strengthens your faith, purifies your hearts, preserves your good deeds, elevates your ranks, and makes your fasting more righteous. It is the best provision by which we meet Allah.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ  
مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

**O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous. [Qur'an: 2:183]**

**O Believers:** At your doors is a noble guest for in this month, there is greatness. It is the best of months in the sight of Allah, honored by the descent of the Book of Allah

and by days in which fasting has been prescribed as being from the best of Allah's days, and by a night whose value is the greatest of nights, being of immense rank to Allah.

About Ramadan it has been said: فِيهِ تَفْتَحُ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَانِ،  
وَتُعْلَقُ أَبْوَابُ النَّيْرَانِ، وَتُصَفَّدُ مَرَدَّةُ الشَّيَاطِينِ

**In it, the gates of Paradise are opened, the gates of Hellfire are closed, and the devils are chained. [Fadail al Awqaat li Bayhaqi]**

In it, good deeds are multiplied, sins are forgiven, and blessings abound. So, يَا بَاغِيَ الْخَيْرِ أَقْبِلْ،

**O seeker of goodness, proceed! [Tirmidhi]**

So this is your time to make the most of, where abundant rewards are given for little deeds. Approach your Lord in worship, and strive to invest your time in His devotion, for all goodness lies before you. Embrace it, for the month of fasting has come with its blessings and its breezes. Welcome it warmly, and ask Allah for the completion and perfection of its goodness, following the example of your Prophet when he saw its crescent saying: اللَّهُمَّ أَهْلَهُ عَلَيْنَا

بِالْيَمْنِ وَالْإِيمَانِ، وَالسَّلَامَةِ وَالْإِسْلَامِ، رَبِّي وَرَبُّكَ اللَّهُ

**O Allah, let this crescent appear on us with security and faith, with safety and Islam. My Lord and your Lord is Allah. [Musnad Ahmad]**

O Servants of Allah, seize the nights of this great month and its days, for its days are numbered and its nights are limited, but they are filled with mercy. The one who is deprived is the one who reaches the days of Ramadan and

other days without being forgiven. Once, the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) ascended the pulpit and when he placed his foot on the second step, he said, "Ameen." When he finished his sermon and descended, he said, **إِنَّ جِبْرِيلَ اسْتَقْبَلَنِي حِينَ وَضَعْتُ رِجْلِي عَلَى الدَّرَجَةِ الثَّانِيَةِ، فَقَالَ: مَنْ أَدْرَكَ شَهْرَ رَمَضَانَ فَلَمْ يُغْفَرَ لَهُ فَأَبْعَدَهُ اللَّهُ، قُلْ: آمِينَ، فَقُلْتُ: آمِينَ**

**Gabriel came to me when I placed my foot on the second step and said, 'Whoever reaches the month of Ramadan and does not have his sins forgiven, may Allah distance him. Say Ameen. So I said: Ameen. [Al Adab al Mufrad]**

Ramadan is the month of forgiveness. Whoever attains it and takes advantage of it, forgiveness will be granted to them. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said,

**مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا؛ غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ**

**Whoever fasts Ramadan out of faith and in the hope of reward, their previous sins will be forgiven. [Bukhari and Muslim]**

The meaning of fasting with faith and hope of reward means to affirm the obligations of the fast, to honour its sanctity, to have certainty in the promise of our Lord pertaining to seeking its reward, and hoping to attain to its gifts. So, we should increase our determination to perform prayers on time and to stand in prayer throughout all the nights of Ramadan, as through that our past sins may be

forgiven. Our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

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**Whoever stands [in prayer] during Ramadan out of faith and in the hope of reward, their previous sins will be forgiven. [Bukhari and Muslim]**

For those who pay their Zakat in the month of Ramadan, they should hasten to give their Zakat to those who deserve it, so that they may enter into the mercy of the Lord of the worlds, who says in praise of His believing servants:

وَيَقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَيُطِيعُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ أُولَئِكَ  
سَيَرْحَمُهُمُ اللَّهُ

**And they establish prayer and give zakah and obey Allah and His Messenger. Those will be the ones whom Allah will bless with mercy. [Qur'an: 9:71]**

Another thing to do is to give charity every day, even if it is with a small amount, for

**A dirham may precede a hundred thousand dirhams. [Al-Nisai]**

Also from charity is to facilitate the breaking of the fast of a fasting person every day, even if it is with a date, for

مَنْ فَطَّرَ صَائِمًا كَانَ لَهُ مِثْلُ أَجْرِهِ، غَيْرَ أَنَّهُ لَا يَنْقُصُ مِنْ أَجْرِ  
الصَّائِمِ شَيْئًا

**whoever breaks the fast of a fasting person will receive a reward like theirs, without diminishing their own reward. [Tirmidhi]**

Adhere to the Table Spread of the Quran in the month of the Quran; recite it, listen to it, ponder upon it, accompany it, and do not abandon it. Let it be a season of increase in faith for you and a Ramadan that has the best of endings. Indeed, among your happiness, and for the goodness of your success, is to allocate time for your families, gathering with them for Iftar and Suhoor, filling their hearts with joy and happiness. This will bring blessings upon you, your families, and your homes. Your beloved Prophet said:

اجْتَمِعُوا عَلَى طَعَامِكُمْ، وَادْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ، يُبَارِكْ لَكُمْ فِيهِ

**Gather around your food, mention the name of Allah, and He will bless you in it. [Abu Dawud]**

So, O Allah, bless us in what remains of Sha'ban, allow us to reach Ramadan, and aid us in fasting and standing in prayer. 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 you, so seek forgiveness from Allah for He is the most forgiving and the most merciful.

## **Second Khutba**

All praises be to Allah who has ordained prayer as a connection and a means of supplication, and made it a light and salvation for the believers. And may peace and blessings be upon his Prophet and chosen one, our master Muhammad, and upon his family, companions, and those who follow his guidance until the Last Day.

O ones longing for the month of Ramadan: Indeed, Ramadan is a month abundant in blessings and goodness,

magnifying favours and blessings. Therefore, the fasting person should be grateful to his Lord, safeguarding His blessings, acting upon His words:

وَكُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ

**Eat and drink, but be not excessive. Indeed, He likes not those who commit excess. [Qur'an: 7:31]**

Ramadan is an opportunity to realize the value of blessings. The fasting person feels thirsty while water is in front of them, and their hunger intensifies while food is available to them. Thus, they realize the needs of the needy and the suffering of the poor and the destitute, extending a helping hand to them, spending from their wealth upon them, and being moderate in their eating and drinking, following the guidance of their Prophet who said:

بِحَسْبِ ابْنِ آدَمَ أَكْلَاتٌ يُقْمَنُ صَلْبَهُ، فَإِنْ كَانَ لَا مَحَالَهٖ؛  
فَثَلْثٌ لِّطَعَامِهِ وَثَلْثٌ لِّشْرَابِهِ وَثَلْثٌ لِنَفْسِهِ

**For the son of Adam, there are but a few things that are sufficient to fill his stomach. If he must eat, then one third for his food, one third for his drink, and one third for his breath [Tirmidhi]**

Indeed, the greatest of our blessings must be preserved such as water, as it is the foundation of life and the cause of survival. For Allah says: **وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ**

**And We made from water every living thing. [Qur'an: 21:30]**

From this standpoint, the initiative termed "Mohammed Bin Zayed Water Initiative" was launched by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan - may Allah

protect him - it is a unique global initiative aimed at addressing the challenges of water scarcity through scientific methods, to mitigate this global challenge. Let us therefore be responsible in conserving water, guiding its consumption, and making this preservation a culture in our society, and a recommendation we teach to our children.

And with this we ask You O Allah 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 Sheikh 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 29:45).**  
So, stand up for prayer.