



Our Tolerant Religion

First Khutba

All praise is due to Allah Who chose the tolerant *Hanifiyah* to be our religion and equipped it with the values of leniency, ease, and mercy. I bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah the Almighty – the One Who has no associate in worship; and I bear witness that our Prophet Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. O Allah! Confer your blessings and peace upon him, and his household, companions, and followers.

O Muslims! I advise myself and you to fear Allah – your Lord; show obedience to Him, be steadfast to His worship, and praise and thank Him for His Religion; always say “**All praise is due to Allah Who guided us to this, and we would not have found the way had it not been that Allah had guided us,**” so that you would attain (the goal of) the gardens of bliss. He the Almighty says, “**And it is said to those who guard (against evil): What is it that your Lord has revealed? They say, Good. For those who do good in this world is good, and certainly the abode of the hereafter is better; and certainly most excellent is the abode of those who guard (against evil); The gardens of perpetuity ...**”

O worshippers! We are still experiencing the joy of the happy Eid – an opportunity that we should seize to recall the values and meanings of Eid and revive the principles and virtues of our tolerance-based religion.

On that, the Prophet (PBUH) says, **“The most beloved religion to Allah is *Al-Hanifiyah Al-Samhah* (i.e., the pure, easy monotheism).”** Our Lord has honored us with a religion full of sublime virtues; He the Almighty sent to us the seal of all Messengers as a mercy to all worlds. As such, mercy became the essence of our religion, the approach that should reflect in our morals, and the principle of our values. So, it is by mercy that we should deal with the elders and the young and help the poor and the needy. This is an undeniable fact, especially in consideration of the truth that our Lord has based the religious obligations upon mercy and ease **“... and (He) has not laid upon you a hardship in religion ...”** and has built Shariah rulings on ease **“Allah desires ease for you, and He does not desire for you difficulty ...”** In the same vein, the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) says, **“Indeed, this religion (of Islam) is ease ...”** So, whoever faces hardship in observing any obligatory act of worship, He the Almighty instructs him/her to expiate for it, or He alleviates the hardship so that the worshipper could observe it in an easy manner, or He even makes it no longer an obligatory upon him/her **“... a mercy from your Lord ...”** Not only that, but He the Almighty also, when laying down matters of legislation, considered people’s conditions, energies, abilities, age – be s/he old or young, and power – be s/he strong or weak.

O Allah’s Servants! To characterize with noble traits and sublime morals is one of the virtues of our religion. On that, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) says, **“I was sent**

to perfect good character.” For this reason, he (PBUH), who was praised by His Lord in His Saying **“And most surely you conform (yourself) to sublime morality”**, urged us to maintain ties of kinship, visit each other, be show hospitality to our benevolent to our neighbors, guests, be lenient to those around us, and spread happiness and peace in our societies. Indeed, our religion (of Islam) is the religion of peace, and its greeting is peace. This is evidenced by the Prophetic Hadith reading **“You shall not enter Paradise until you believe, and you have not believed until you love one another. Shall I tell you of something you can do to make you love one another? Spread the greetings of Salam (peace) amongst yourselves (i.e., between each other).”** We have recently applied and embodied these values as we celebrated them on the day of Eid. We ask Allah the Almighty to always keep us guided to show obedience to Him and to be benevolent to His creation. **“O you who believe! obey Allah and obey the Apostle and those in authority from among you ...”**

With that said, I ask Allah to forgive me and you, So ask Him for forgiveness as He is indeed the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful

Second Khutba

All praise is indeed due to Allah; and may Allah’s Blessings and Peace be upon His Prophet and Messenger, upon his household, companions, and whoever follows his guidance.

O believers!

“Persistence on the observance of acts of worship” is one of the values our pure, easy religion focuses on. We

have just said “goodbye” to the month of Ramadan – that month of righteousness, benevolence, and eagerness to show obedience to the All-Merciful. So, we should be characterized with these meanings throughout the year, continuously observe these acts of worship throughout our life, and continue doing righteous acts in fulfilment of the Prophet’s (PBUH) role model. ‘Aishah, Mother of the Believers (may Allah be pleased with her), was once asked, “How were the deeds of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH)?”, whereupon she replied, “**His deeds were regular and constant.**” He (PBUH) also says, “**The acts most pleasing to Allah are those which are done most continuously, even if they amount to little.**”

O Allah! Set right for us our religion, which is the safeguard of our affairs. And set right for us the affairs of the world where our living is therein. Decree the Hereafter to be good for us. And make this life, for us, (a source) of abundance for every good. With that said, confer blessings and peace upon your Prophet – may Allah’s Blessings and Peace be upon him, his household, and his companions. And may Allah be pleased with the Rightly-guided caliphs and all the honorable companions.

Our Lord! grant us good in this world and good in the hereafter and save us from the chastisement of the fire. hereafter
O Allah! Always keep the United Arab Emirates safe, stable, advanced, and thriving; and shower the entire world with mercy and peace.

O Allah! Guide the UAE’s president, HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed, his deputies, his brothers –

the rulers of the Emirates -, and his Crown Prince, to what You love and are pleased with.

O Allah! Have mercy on Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Rashid, the founding leaders, Sheikh Maktoum, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, and admit them with Your grace into Your vast Paradise; and shower the martyrs of the nation of the believers with Your mercy and forgiveness.

O Allah! Have mercy on the Muslims and believers – men and women alike: the living and the dead.

O Servants of Allah! Mention Allah the All-Great and the All-Majestic, so that He would mention you; and express gratitude for His Blessings so that He would increase them for you; and observe the prayer.