



O my Son, I advise you First Sermon

All praises are due to Allah, the unique in Perfection and Majesty. Glorified is He, the Great, the Most High. He has ingrained in the hearts of parents love for their children and offspring, and He advised them in His Book, saying:

يُوصِيكُمُ اللَّهُ فِي أَوْلَادِكُمْ

**Allah instructs you concerning your children (Quran
٤:١١).**

I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, alone, without partner, and I bear witness that our master and prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad, is the servant of Allah and His messenger. O Allah, send Your blessings, and grant Your peace, and bestow Your favor upon him, his family, his companions, and all of those who follow them in goodness until the Last Day.

To Continue: O Servants of Allah: I advise you to have taqwa of Allah, for He grants and withholds from whom He wills. In being dutiful to our parents we will be from those who are blessed for indeed the righteous among children are those who are most obedient and have taqwa of Allah. This is because having taqwa of Allah is the advice of Allah to all the earlier generations and later ones, for the Lord of the worlds said:

وَلَقَدْ وَصَّيْنَا الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ أَنْ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ

And We had certainly instructed those who were given the Scripture before you and you [O Muslims] to fear Allah (Quran ٤:١٣١).

So the need to have embodiment of taqwa is the most precious advice a parent can give to their child. Hence we see the greatest of the Sahaba like Umar ibn al-Khattab, may Allah be pleased with him, advising his son saying: 'O my son, have taqwa of Allah, for whoever has taqwa of Allah, He protects him, and whoever relies upon Him, He is sufficient for him. So, make taqwa the foundation of your heart and precision of your sight'.

O Worshippers: Children are the flower of their parents lives, the delight of their eyes, and the fruits of their hearts. They see in them the extension of their own existence and the future of their days. They invest their energy, knowledge and the essence of their experiences for them, so they can benefit and learn from their positives and mistakes. One of the wise men used to say to his children: 'O my children, I provide you with my essence,' meaning, through advice I give you the essence of my life and the essence of the benefits of my life, so you too can benefit. No one is more eager to benefit their children than their father and mother, and no one is more compassionate towards their children than them, and there is no one on earth who is more pleased than the parents when their children excel in their lives.

O Fathers: Giving sincere advice to our children is to follow the example of the best of creation, for such advice filled the homes of the Prophets, and it has been echoed by the scholars and wise men. Hence we see the Prophet Noah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) advising his

son with the advice of a concerned, loving father, saying to him: **يَا بُنَيَّ إِنِّي أَوْصِيكَ**

O my son, I advise you. [Ahmad]

And we also see the Prophet Ibrahim (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) giving words of advice to his children, in words that Allah has preserved for generations,

saying: **وَوَصَّىٰ بِهَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ بَنِيهِ وَيَعْقُوبَ يَا بُنَيَّ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَىٰ لَكُمْ الدِّينَ فَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ**

And Abraham instructed his sons [to do the same] and [so did] Jacob, [saying], "O my sons, indeed Allah has chosen for you this religion, so do not die except while you are Muslims (Quran: ٢:١٣٢).

And do not forget what Luqman the wise (may Allah be pleased with him) said to his son while advising him:

يَا بُنَيَّ أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَانْهَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَاصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا أَصَابَكَ ۖ إِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ مِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ

O my son, establish prayer, enjoin what is right, forbid what is wrong, and be patient over what befalls you.

Indeed, [all] that is of the matters [requiring] determination. (Quran: ٣١:١٧).

So Luqman advised his son to have faith in his Lord, refine his character, and be kind and patient with others in the face of difficulties. Similarly, our master and Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was keen to give advice to his descendants, hence he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said to his daughter Fatimah (may Allah be pleased with her)

with words full of love and mercy: مَا يَمْنَعُكَ أَنْ تَسْمَعِي مَا

أَوْصِيكَ بِهِ

**What prevents you from listening to what I advise you?
(Sunnan Kubra)**

Then he advised her with the best of this world and the Hereafter. So this is the tradition and way of the believing servants of Allah as the Lord of the worlds said: ثُمَّ كَانَ مِنَ

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْمَرْحَمَةِ * أُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ
الْمَيْمَنَةِ

And they are those who have believed and advised each other to patience and advised each other to compassion.

Those are the companions of the right (Quran ٩٠:١٧-١٨).

May Allah make me and you amongst them. O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you (Quran ٤:٥٩). I say this and I ask Allah for forgiveness for me and for you ,so seek His forgiveness for He is the most forgiving, most merciful.

Second Sermon

All praise is due to Allah who has bestowed upon us children and offsprings, what a great gift and blessing that is! Peace and blessings be upon the best of creations, the mercy of Allah to mankind, upon his family, his companions, and those who follow their path of righteousness.

O you who love your children and are concerned for their well-being: Indeed, advising one's children is an Arab

tradition and an Islamic value that instills beneficial values and comprehensive wisdom in the souls of children. Its brilliance never fades, its fruits never cease, and its light never dims. Its rope extends from generation to generation, carried by fathers from ancestors and inherited by children from their fathers. Therefore, remember, O fathers and mothers, and adhere to the advice of your fathers and spread their essence to your own children, seeking the guidance of your Lord. Advise them to obey their Lord, maintain family ties, show kindness to others, adhere to noble customs and values, and remain loyal to their homeland and its leadership.

Let your advice be adorned with the sweetest of words, formulated with the finest of expressions. Pour upon it the essence of your love and embellish it with the fragrance of your affection. Invest suitable times and appropriate moments to convey it, for indeed the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to utilize his proximity to both the young and the old, engaging with them and imparting his guidance to them in the best of ways, as in the story of Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) when the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah

be upon him) said to him: **يَا غُلَامُ إِنِّي أُعَلِّمُكَ كَلِمَاتٍ**

O young boy, I will teach you some words. (Tirmidhi)

Just as he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) would prelude his advice with words of tenderness, closeness, compassion, and affection. For it was narrated that Mu'adh ibn Jabal (may Allah be pleased with him)

said: The Messenger of Allah took hold of my hand one day and said to me: **يَا مُعَاذُ، وَاللَّهِ إِنِّي لِأُحِبُّكَ**

O Mu'adh, by Allah, I love you.

I said: By my father and mother, I love you too. He said:

يَا مُعَاذُ؛ إِنِّي أُوصِيكَ

O Mu'adh, I advise you (Abu Dawud).

And O children, pay attention to the advice of your parents and those who stand in the place of your parents, such as your uncles or aunts, for indeed, an uncle is like a second father. Their advice are precious gems that benefit both in youth and in old age. Know that the advice of our rulers is also dear to our hearts, for they have a broad vision, great experience, and are knowledgeable about our interests and welfare. Preserve and recall their advice in your hearts, and invest it wisely, for it is a treasure for you. Time reveals the importance of all advice given to you, and the sincere advice of a person is something that should surely be received in full: **كَشَجَرَةٍ طَيِّبَةٍ أَصْلُهَا ثَابِتٌ وَفَرْعُهَا فِي السَّمَاءِ***

تُؤْتِي أَكْلَهَا كُلَّ حِينٍ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهَا

Like a goodly tree, its root set firm, and its branches reaching into the sky. It brings forth its fruit at all times, by its Lord's leave (Quran, ١٤:٢٤-٢٥).

May Allah send His blessings and peace upon our master and Prophet Muhammad, upon his family and all his companions. May Allah be pleased with the rightly guided caliphs and all the noble companions. O Allah, grant safety, stability, progress, and prosperity to the United Arab Emirates. May your mercy and peace encompass the

world. Grant success to the President of the country, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, his deputies, his brothers, and the rulers of the Emirates, as well as his trustworthy Crown Prince, in what you love and approve.

O Allah, protect our children, and show us through their success what pleases our eyes. Help us guide them well.

O Allah, have mercy on Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Rashid, the founding leaders, Sheikh Maktoum, and Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, and admit them to Your vast gardens of paradise through Your favor. Embrace the martyrs of the nation with Your mercy and forgiveness.

O Allah, have mercy on the Muslims, the Muslim women, the believers, and the believing women, both the living and the dead.

O servants of Allah, remember Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, and He will remember you. Give thanks to Him for His blessings, and He will increase you. And establish prayer.