



Welcoming the Blessed Ten Days First Khutba

All praises are due to Allah, the Majestic and Generous, who has preferred the ten days of Dhul-Hijjah over all other days. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, alone without partner, the Most Gracious and Beneficent. And I bear witness that our Master and Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad is the seal of the noble prophets. O Allah, send your peace and blessings upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness until the Last Day.

To continue: I advise you, servants of Allah, and myself to adhere to the Taqwa of Allah, and to seize and take advantage the upcoming ten days by performing righteous deeds and with noble words and actions, as Allah says:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ

Surely Allah is with those who shun evil and who do good.
(Qur'an: ١٦:١٢٨)

O Worshippers: The blessed ten days have come upon us, surrounding us with the fragrances of mercy they contain. During these days, Allah erases sins, multiplies good deeds, and elevates the ranks of the devout. So let us be keen on gaining the favor of our Lord, let us act upon the Prophetic advice: **افْعَلُوا الْخَيْرَ دَهْرَكُمْ، وَتَعَرَّضُوا لِنَفَحَاتِ رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ، فَإِنَّ**

لِلَّهِ نَفَحَاتٍ مِنْ رَحْمَتِهِ، يُصِيبُ بِهَا مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ

Do good throughout the time that you have, and take advantage of the moments of gentle breeze from the

mercy of Allah. Verily, Allah has moments of gentle breeze from his mercy that he sends upon whomever he wills among his servants. (al-Mu'jam al-Kabīr)

And what moments are greater in favor and higher in rank than the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah, about which the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

أَفْضَلُ أَيَّامِ الدُّنْيَا: أَيَّامُ الْعَشْرِ

The best days in the world are the days of the ten [of Dhul-Hijjah](Kashf al-astār)

Our Lord has sworn by these days, saying:

وَالْفَجْرِ * وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ

By the dawn, and the ten nights. (Qur'an: ٨٩: ١-٢)

Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) said: **"These are the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah. (Tafsir Baghawi)"**. If we reflect it is indeed a great oath by Allah, as Allah does not take oath except by that which is immense, so this should alert the wise to the significance of these days and encourage us to seize the blessings therein. Among these blessings is the Day of Arafah, the day of mercy and forgiveness, and the Day of Eid al-Adha, about which the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: **"The greatest day in the sight of Allah is the Day of Sacrifice (Yawm al-Nahr)"** And within them is **"the best day upon which the sun rises (Sahih Muslim)"** the day of Friday.

Servants of Allah: Righteous deeds during these ten days are greater in reward and recompense with Allah. For the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: **مَا مِنْ عَمَلٍ أَرْكَى عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عِزًّا وَجَلًّا، وَلَا أَعْظَمَ أَجْرًا؛**

مِنْ خَيْرٍ يَعْمَلُهُ فِي عَشْرِ الْأَضْحَى

There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah and of greater rank in reward than good deeds done in these ten days of Al-Adha [Dhul-Hijjah].

(Al-Darimi)

So good deeds in these days have greater rewards, and any acts of goodness done are more desired by Allah, and they bring one closer to winning His love. That is why the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

مَا مِنْ أَيَّامٍ الْعَمَلُ الصَّالِحُ فِيهَا أَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْأَيَّامِ

There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these days. (Bukhari)

O Allah, guide us to make the most of these ten days, and amplify for us the reward and recompense within them. "O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you". I say this and seek Allah's forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most forgiving and the most merciful.

The Second Sermon

All praise is due to Allah, the Most Gracious and Generous, who has blessed us with the opportunity to witness the ten days of Dhul-Hijjah. And peace and blessings be upon the one after whom there is no other Prophet, and upon his family and companions and those who follow his guidance.

Servants of Allah: Engage in worship during these days, and fill your time with acts of devotion. For in these days, the doors of obedience, devotion and worship are facilitated for us. Scholars have stated that the amongst the main reasons for the distinction of the ten days of Dhul-Hijjah is the combination of the major acts of worship within them, which do not come together in any other days. So we in these days prayer, fasting, Hajj, charity, and to make remembrance of the Most Merciful. Hence Allah the Exalted said:

وَيَذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَّعْلُومَاتٍ

**And mention the name of Allah on known days (Qur'an:
٢٢:٢٨)**

These days are known because of the great reward. So increase your remembrance of Allah during these days, for the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) advised us to frequently say therein **“La ilaha illallah (there is no god but Allah),” “Allahu Akbar (Allah is the Greatest),” and “Alhamdulillah (praise be to Allah) (Musnad Ahmad)”** during them. Do not neglect fasting during these days, for it was the practice of your Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to be keen on fasting them. Persist in supplication during these days, for **“Supplication is the essence of worship. (Tirmidhi)”**

Pray for yourselves, your families, your country, and its wise leadership. Send blessings and peace upon your Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). O Allah, send Your peace, blessings, and favor upon him, his family, and all his companions, and be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali, and all the noble companions. O Allah, we seek Your mercy and we call upon You. Continue Your favor upon us, bestow Your blessings upon us, accept our prayers, multiply our good deeds, forgive our sins, and elevate our ranks, O Lord of the worlds.

O Allah, accept the Hajj of the pilgrims, facilitate their rituals for them, protect them in their persons and their families, return them safely to their homeland, having forgiven their sins and accepted their striving.

O Allah, grant safety, stability, progress, and prosperity to the UAE, and spread mercy and peace throughout the world. O Allah, guide the President of the UAE, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, his deputies, and his brothers, the rulers of the

Emirates, and his faithful Crown Prince to what You love and are pleased with. O Allah, have mercy on Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Rashid, the founding leaders, Sheikh Maktoum, and Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, and admit them by Your grace into Your vast gardens. Encompass the martyrs with Your mercy and forgiveness. O Allah, have mercy on the Muslim men and women, the believing men and women, the living and the dead.