



## Our Summer is a Fruitful Vacation The First Sermon

All praise be to Allah, the Lord of Majesty and Honor, the disposer of days, months, and years. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, and that our Master and Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is the Messenger of Allah. O Allah, send Your peace and blessings upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who follow him.

**To continue:** I advise you, servants of Allah, and myself, to have taqwa of Allah, for He, the Exalted, says:

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

**And have taqwa of Allah; indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do (Surah Al-Hashr: ١٨).**

**O Worshippers:** In these days, our daughters and sons are entering the summer vacation, determined to make the best use of it in ways that benefit and do good to them, adhering to the advice of their Prophet ﷺ: **أَحْرِصْ عَلَى مَا يَنْفَعُكَ**

**Strive for that which benefits you (Muslim).**

They seek guidance from their fathers and mothers, who understand the importance of vacations in achieving accomplishments and the rewards gained by those who make the best use of their time and fill their leisure with goodness. This results in reaping fruitful benefits throughout the year. So, dear father, and dear mother, prepare a beneficial program and plan for your children to invest their summer, developing their skills. From the first of things you may consider encouraging them to do, is attach themselves to the

Book of their Lord by enrolling them in licensed official centres or registering them on the official platforms, so they may become people of the Qur'an, those who, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: **هُمْ أَهْلُ اللَّهِ، وَخَاصَّتُهُ**

**Are the people of Allah and His special ones (Ibn Majah).** Motivate them to improve their understanding of the Arabic language and enjoy diverse reading that benefits them in every form of knowledge or purposeful stories that refine their morals, in response to Allah's command:

**اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ**

**Read in the name of your Lord who created (Surah Al-'Alaq: 1).**

This is better than addiction to electronic games and smart devices and more beneficial than wasting time following those who undermine values and morals, and those who rob innocence and virtue, spreading nonsense and encouraging time-wasting. So as responsible parents we should hone the talents and skills of our children, enrol them in courses that enhance their abilities, and teach them sports that suit their interests. This way, they will refresh themselves, maintain their fitness, and be able to protect themselves from bullies and those who invade their privacy. We should also instil in them a sense of responsibility by assigning them life tasks and encouraging them to participate effectively and earnestly. This will benefit them in their present and future lives.

O Allah, protect our children, and make the path of obedience easy for them and us. **"O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in**

authority among you" (Surah An-Nisa: ٥٩). I say this, and I seek forgiveness from Allah for me and you.

## **The Second Sermon**

All praise be to Allah alone, and peace and blessings be upon the one after whom there is no Prophet, and upon his family, companions, and those who follow his guidance.

**O fathers and mothers:** Summer is a great opportunity for family interaction, to strengthen our relationships with our children, and to achieve closeness between us. We should converse with our children to understand their thoughts, learn what is on their minds, and instil every positive trait in their souls, following the guidance of the Prophet ﷺ who used to sit with his family before going to sleep. Summer is also an opportunity for you to closely monitor your children's behaviour, inquire about their friends and companions, and teach them that following bad companions destroys a person's life in this world and leaves them with regret on the Day of Resurrection, where they will say with sorrow:

يَا وَيْلَتَا لَيْتَنِي لَمْ أَتَّخِذْ فُلَانًا خَلِيلًا

**Oh, woe to me! I wish I had not taken so-and-so as a friend (Surah Al-Furqan: ٢٨).**

Among such companions, there are those who appear as sincere advisors but are deceitful in their thoughts and ill-intentioned, seeking nothing but harm for our sons and daughters. Therefore, let us warn our children about the danger of bad companions, as this is part of our religious and national responsibility.

O Allah, send your peace, and blessings upon our master Prophet Muhammad, upon his family, and all his companions. O Allah, be pleased with the rightly guided caliphs and all the honourable companions.

O Allah, bestow Your blessings upon us, make us grateful for Your bounty, invest our lives in obedience to You, grant happiness in our homes, and goodness upon our nation.

O Allah, grant the UAE continuous safety, stability, progress, and prosperity, and spread mercy and peace across the world.

O Allah, guide the President of the State, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, his deputies, and his brothers, the rulers of the Emirates, and his trustworthy 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 into Your spacious gardens by Your grace, and include the martyrs in Your mercy and forgiveness.

O Allah, have mercy on the Muslim men and women, the believing men and women, the living and the dead. Servants of Allah: remember Allah, and He will remember you. Thank Him for His blessings, and He will increase you. And establish the prayer.