

He has bestowed upon you His favors First Khutbah

Praise be to Allah, who has favored His creation with His blessings and lavished them with His generosity and bounty. And I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone without partner, and I bear witness that our Prophet Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His messenger. O Allah, send blessings and peace and benedictions upon him, and upon his family and companions, and those who followed his guidance after him.

To proceed : O servants of Allah, have taqwa of Allah and obey Him, and remember His blessings and give thanks to Him, as He, glory be to Him, said:

﴿فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُشْكُرُونَ﴾
﴿so fear Allah, that you may be grateful﴾^(١)



O believers: A heart that beats, a tongue that speaks, a mind that thinks, eyes that see, ears that hear, senses that perceive, and limbs that move—what great blessings and immense favors! We live under their protection and enjoy their benefits. Have you reflected on their tremendous value? Have you realized their profound benefit? Have you pondered upon the words of the One who bestowed them. ﴿وَفِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ﴾.

"And in yourselves, do you not see?^(٢)"

Wherever a person turns their gaze and casts their sight, they will find the gifts of their Lord flowing abundantly and His favors multiplying. They cannot fully comprehend them, nor can they enumerate them: abundant provisions, pleasant homes, stable families, a secure life, wise leadership, pioneering institutions, advanced services, leading educational establishments, and rapidly evolving digital technologies.

﴿وَأِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ لَا تَحْصُوهَا﴾

"And if you try to count the blessings of Allah, you will never be able to enumerate them^(٣)."

If the tongue were to speak of them, it would fail to encompass them, and if foreheads were to bow in gratitude, they would not fulfill their due. So let us give thanks to our Lord, for He has commanded us to be grateful, saying in His divine counsel:

﴿أَنْ أَشْكُرَ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ﴾

"Be grateful to Me and to your parents.^(٤)"

Gratitude is the way of our Prophet ﷺ, who would humbly supplicate to his Lord, seeking His help in being grateful. At the conclusion of his prayer, he would say:

«اللَّهُمَّ أَعِنِّي عَلَى ذِكْرِكَ وَشُكْرِكَ»

"O Allah, help me to remember You, to be grateful to You, and to worship You well.^(٥)"



When the Prophet ﷺ was asked, "What wealth should we acquire?" He replied: «لِيَتَّخِذَ أَحَدُكُمْ قَلْبًا شَاكِرًا».

"Let one of you acquire a grateful heart.^(٦)"

Allahu Akbar! How great are the blessings of the Most Merciful, and how necessary it is for a person to show gratitude for them!

Servants of Allah, gratitude for blessings is demonstrated in three ways:

Acknowledging them.

Frequently mentioning and remembering them.

Using them in ways that please their Giver: Allah.

O our Lord, we acknowledge Your blessings and recognize Your favor, as affirmed in Your words:

﴿وَمَا بِكُمْ مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ فَمِنَ اللَّهِ﴾

"And whatever you have of favor – it is from Allah^(٧)."

We also speak of Your blessings and remember Your bounties, following Your command:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ﴾

“O you who have believed, remember the favor of Allah upon you^(٨).”

Indeed, You have granted us blessings unknown to our forefathers and never enjoyed by our ancestors. We live in comfort, with abundant sustenance, accessible services, and advanced facilities.

It is our duty to recognize the value of these blessings, use them wisely, and handle them with prudence—neither wasting nor being extravagant, as You have warned:

﴿إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ﴾

“Indeed, He does not like the wasteful^(٩).”

By doing so, we become among the grateful, those whom Allah blesses with more of His favors, fills their hearts with contentment, grants happiness in their lives, and increases their provisions.

And Allah, the Most High, says:



﴿وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ﴾

“And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, ‘If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]’^(١٠).”

O Allah, grant us the ability to be grateful to You and to act upon Your command:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ﴾

“O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.”^(١١)

I say these words of mine, and I seek forgiveness from Allah for myself and for you. So seek His forgiveness, for indeed, He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

The Second Khutbah

All praise is due to Allah, the Self-Sufficient and Most Appreciative. Exalted is He, who multiplies the rewards for the grateful. May peace and blessings be upon our Master Muhammad, the Seal of the Messengers, and upon his family, companions, and followers.

O grateful believers! One of the most profound ways to express gratitude for blessings is to use them in a manner that pleases the Bestower, making them a means of obedience rather than a tool for disobedience. Allah, the Most High, commanded Dawood, *peace be upon him*, and his family, saying: ﴿اعْمَلُوا آلَ دَاوُدَ شُكْرًا﴾
“Work, O family of Dawood, in gratitude^(١٢).”

O you whom Allah has blessed with knowledge, use it to benefit others and share it with the children of your community.

O you whom Allah has granted wealth, recognize His right over it and use it only in ways that please Him. Fulfill its zakat for the poor and needy, give charity to the weak and those in need, and dedicate part of it as an endowment seeking the pleasure of the Lord of the worlds. For:

"A servant's wealth is never decreased by charity.

(١٣)"

«مَا نَقَصَ مَالُ عَبْدٍ مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ»

O you whom Allah has blessed with good health and physical well-being, protect your limbs from what Allah has forbidden, and invest your health in His obedience and pleasure.

O you whom Allah has granted a position or job, uphold the trust you have been given, fulfill the duty you have been assigned, support your colleagues, and make things easier for those who seek your assistance. For:

"Allah is in the aid of His servant as long as the servant is in the aid of his brother.^(١٤) "

«اللَّهُ فِي عَوْنِ الْعَبْدِ مَا كَانَ الْعَبْدُ فِي عَوْنِ أَخِيهِ»

And you, who enjoy the blessings of this generous homeland and live within its safety and prosperity, appreciate this blessing as it deserves. Strive to sustain its



goodness, protect its resources, and give back to it. Pray to Allah to preserve its stability and growth and to guide its leaders to what He loves and is pleased with.

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا﴾

"Indeed, Allah and His angels send blessings upon the Prophet. O you who have believed, send blessings upon him and greet him with peace.^(١٥)"

O Allah, send Your blessings, peace, and grace upon our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family, companions, and followers.

O Allah, be pleased with Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali, and with all the noble companions.

O Allah, make us believers in You, devoted worshippers of You, grateful for Your blessings, acknowledging Your favors, and dutiful to our parents. Have mercy on them as



they raised us when we were young, O Most Merciful of the merciful.

O Allah, grant stability, progress, and prosperity to the UAE. Bestow upon us well-being, bless our sustenance, our spouses, and our children.

O Allah, guide the President of the State, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, his deputies, his brothers, the rulers of the Emirates, and his faithful Crown Prince to all that You love and are pleased with.

O Allah, have mercy on Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Rashid, and the founding leaders. Admit them, by Your grace, into the vastness of Your Paradise, and encompass the nation's martyrs with Your mercy and forgiveness. **O Allah**, have mercy on all Muslim men and women, all believing men and women, those who are alive and those who have passed away.

O Allah, grant us rain and do not make us among the despondent. **O Allah**, send us rain, O Allah, send us rain.

O Allah, send us rain.

"Our Lord, grant us good in this world and good in the Hereafter, and protect us from the punishment of the Fire." *Al-Baqarah ٢٠١.*

Servants of Allah, remember Allah, the Almighty and Majestic, and He will remember you. Be grateful for His blessings, and He will increase them for you. And establish the prayer.

(١) Al Imran ١٢٣

(٢) Adh-Dhariyat ٢١.

(٣) Ibrahim ٣٤.

(٤) Luqman. ١٤ :

(٥) Al-Adab Al-Mufrad ٦٩ .

(٦) Ahmad ٢٢٤٣٧.

(٧) An-Nahl ٥٣.

(٨) Al-Ma'idah ١١.

(٩) Al-An'am ١٤١.

(١٠) Ibrahim ٧

(١١) An-Nisa ٥٩.

(١٢) Saba' ١٣

(١٣) Al-Tirmidhi ٢٣٢٥.

(١٤) Muslim ٢٦٩٩.



٥٦. Al-Ahzab (١٥)