# Indeed, Your Lord is Allah.

# First Khutbah

All praise is due to Allah, who has spread throughout the universe the signs of His existence and power, and established for all creation the proofs of His governance and wisdom. We praise Him as befits His perfect majesty and oneness.

We bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah alone, and we bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him, his family, his companions, and all who follow his path.

To proceed: O servants of Allah, fear Allah your Lord, and let faith in the unseen be a firm certainty in your hearts.

In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَن الرَّحِيمِ

﴿الم \* ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِلْمُتَّقِينَ \* الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ ﴾.

"Alif-Lam-Meem. This is the Book about which there is no doubt, a guidance for those conscious of Allah, who believe in the unseen, establish prayer, and spend out of what We have provided for them

O Believers, Our khutbah today is about the greatest issue addressed by the Qur'an through evidence, and proof. It is the issue of faith in the unseen.

Allah praised those who believe in the unseen and gave them glad tidings of success when He said:

"Those are upon guidance from their Lord, and it is those who are the successful $^{(\gamma)}$ ."

And the greatest aspect of faith in the unseen is faith in Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, He whom visions cannot perceive, and senses and imaginations cannot encompass. Yet, He has established His existence with the strongest evidence and irrefutable proofs, which are manifest in His marvelous and precise creation.

This is what Prophet Ibrahim, Khalilullah (peace be upon him), contemplated when he reflected upon the movements of the sun, the moon, and the stars, so that his certainty in Allah, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer, الحى القيوم would be complete:

"And thus We showed Abraham the realm of the heavens and the earth that he would be among the certain [in faith] $^{(r)}$ ."

O Believers: Human reason has unanimously agreed that every created being must have a Creator, and every manufactured thing must have a Maker, an Almighty God who brought all existence into being.

Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿ ذَلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ فَاعْبُدُوهُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَكِيلٌ ﴾

"That is Allah, your Lord; there is no deity except Him, the Creator of all things, so worship Him. And He is the Disposer of affairs over all things.(٤) "

Allah, Glorified and Exalted, has called you to reflect upon His dominion: this vast universe before you, so immense in its size, so precise in its design, so full of wisdom, bearing witness to the power of the Creator and pointing clearly to His existence.

﴿ صُنْعَ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أَتْقَنَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ ﴾ As Allah says:

"[It is] the work of Allah, who perfected all things(°)."

Do you not look at these mighty celestial bodies and their constant movement? Do they not point to the existence of a Powerful and Wise Sustainer?

﴿إِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَى عَلَى الْعَرْشِ يُغْشِي اللَّيْلَ النَّهَارَ يَطْلُبُهُ حَثِيثًا وَالشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ وَالنُّجُومَ مُسَخَّرَاتٍ بِأَمْرِهِ أَلَا لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴾.

"Indeed, your Lord is Allah, who created the heavens and earth in six days and then established Himself above the Throne. He covers the night with the day, [another night] chasing it rapidly; and [He created] the sun, the moon, and the stars, subjected by His command. Unquestionably, all creation and command belong to Him. Blessed is Allah, Lord of the worlds<sup>(\gamma)</sup>"

Do you not reflect upon the succession of the sun and the moon in their orbits, the precision of the system in their course, the alternation of night and day at their appointed times, and the perfect regulation of time in their movement?

﴿ لَا الشَّمْسُ يَنْبَغِي لَهَا أَنْ تُدْرِكَ الْقَمَرَ وَلَا اللَّيْلُ سَابِقُ Allah, the Exalted, says: ﴿ لَا الشَّمْسُ يَنْبَغِي لَهَا أَنْ تُدْرِكَ الْقَمَرَ وَلَا اللَّيْلُ سَابِقُ النَّهَارِ وَكُلُّ فِي فَلَكٍ يَسْبَحُونَ ﴾،

"It is not for the sun to overtake the moon, nor does the night outstrip the day. Each is swimming along in an orbit(Y)."

Every sound mind is struck with awe by the clouds,

"Subjugated between the heaven and the earth (A)"

These clouds carry abundant water of great weight, yet they are held suspended in the air against their natural tendency. Does this not point to the existence of a Wise Creator?

And it is sufficient for a mindful believer to observe the movement of his own hand, the harmony of his fingers, to listen to the beating of his heart, and to reflect upon the systems of his body, the functions of its organs, and the wonders of their structure and the precision of their design, so that he may realize the signs of the power of their Creator.

Can all of this exist without a divine Creator? Do you not then reason?

"And in your own selves, do you not then see?(4)"

And within the precise laws of the universe are signs of the greatness of the Creator, ﴿وَمَا يَعْقِلُهَا إِلَّا الْعَالِمُونَ

"But none will understand them except those of knowledge(۱۰)."
Indeed, believing scholars have attained profound levels of knowledge,
yet ﴿وَمَا زَادَهُمْ إِلَّا إِيمَانًا وَتَسْلِيمًا

"It only increased them in faith and submission.(\\\)"

So, reflect and contemplate upon what surrounds you, and You will discover countless signs and endless proofs of the existence of the Almighty Creator of the existence of the Almighty Creator, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise.

Allah, the Exalted, says:

"O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you<sup>(\forall \cdot)</sup>."

I say these words of mine, and I seek Allah's forgiveness for me and for you, so seek His forgiveness, for He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

### Second Khutbah:

All praise is due to Allah, the One, the Unique, the Eternal Refuge. and may peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and companions.

**To proceed**: O believers, indeed, the wisdom of Allah in His creation is a proof of His existence. If you reflect upon everything your eyes can see, you will find that each thing is created for a specific purpose and exists for a definite wisdom.

﴿ أَفَحَسِبْتُمْ أَنَّمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ عَبَثًا ﴾ :Allah, the Exalted, says

"Did you then think that We created you in vain?((r))"

Imagine if one of you entered a house and found everything neatly arranged in its proper place, would any rational mind believe that this came about by mere chance?

Do you not see that every creature is perfectly suited in size and form to its function and way of life? Blessed is He,

Every creature is born already guided to its way of living and its nature of sustenance. Glorified is Allah, ﴿ وَلَنْذِي أَعْطَى كُلُّ شَيْءٍ خَلْقَهُ ثُمَّ هَدَى

"Who gave each thing its form, then guided it.  $(^{(\circ)}$ "

Is this not clear proof of a Wise God and a Knowing Sustainer?

"Will you not then reflect?(\\\\)"

(Poetry)

Truly, the tongue of the cosmos is the most eloquent voice,

Declaring Him God, the Creator, the Fashioner of form.

For Him, every atom of existence bears witness,

That He is Allah, the Originator, the Arranger of all affairs.

So, search the depths of your hearts, and you will find faith in your Lord firmly rooted in your natural disposition (fitrah). When a believer sees something that amazes or impresses him, his innate nature speaks without reflection, glorifying his Lord.

Allah, the Exalted, says:

# ﴿ فِطْرَتَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ﴾

"[This is] the fitrah -natural disposition- of Allah upon which He has created mankind, No change should there be in the creation of Allah.

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And no matter how heedless a person is of their Lord, their innate nature (fitrah) will remind them when calamities surround them, and afflictions intensify. At that moment, the heart turns to its Lord, and the tongue cries out for help to its Creator: O Allah! ﴿ وَيُجِيبُ الْمُضْطَرَّ إِذَا دَعَاهُ ﴾

" O You who answers the distressed one when he calls upon Him

"And when adversity touches you at sea, lost are all those you invoke except for  $Him^{(19)}$ .".

Yes, you call upon Him in response to the call of faith ingrained in your innate nature. For the human soul and its deep, inner call cannot be filled except by certainty in Allah and trust in Him.

So be certain, O servants of Allah, in your faith in your Lord. Listen to the questions of your children, address their minds with clear explanations that convince, and their hearts with gentle guidance that reassures. Strengthen the faith in the unseen within their souls and direct them to

reflect upon the dominion of their Lord, so that they may be protected from doubts and whispers, safeguarded from the pitfalls of destructive thoughts, their hearts at peace with certainty, their consciousness illuminated by faith, and may they attain the Paradise of their Lord.

A man from the people of the desert came to the Prophet ﷺ and asked him: "Who created the heavens and the earth and set up the mountains?" The Prophet ﷺ replied: "Allah." Then He ﷺ taught him the pillars of Islam, and the man believed. The Prophet ﷺ said: «لَئِنْ صَدَقَ لَيَدْخُلُنَّ الْجَنَّة»

"If he is truthful, he will surely enter Paradise.(٢.)"

"Indeed, Allah and His angels send blessings upon the Prophet. O you who believe, send your prayers and salutations upon him".

(Al-Ahzab: 07)

O Allah, send Your peace, blessings, and grace upon our Prophet Muhammad, upon his family, and upon all of his companions. O Allah, be pleased with Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali, and with the rest of the noble companions.

O Allah, make us among those who believe in You sincerely, who worship You faithfully, and who are dutiful to our parents. Have mercy on them as they raised us when we were young, O Most Merciful of the merciful.

O Allah, preserve the United Arab Emirates, care for it with Your protection, and surround it with Your divine providence, O Lord of the worlds. O Allah, protect Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, the President of the State. Grant him wisdom, righteousness, and continued guidance. Bless him, his deputies, his brothers, the rulers of the Emirates, and his loyal Crown Prince, with success in all that pleases You and earns Your acceptance.

**O** Allah, have mercy on Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Rashid, and the other leaders of the Emirates who have passed on to Your mercy. Admit them, by Your grace, into the vast gardens of Paradise. Encompass the martyrs of the nation with Your mercy and forgiveness.

**O** Allah, have mercy upon the Muslim men and women, the living among them and the deceased.

Servants of Allah, remember Allah the Almighty and He will remember you; give thanks to Him for His countless blessings, and He will increase you. And establish the prayer.

<sup>(1)</sup> Al-Baqarah: 1-T.

<sup>(</sup>Y) Al-Bagarah: 0.

<sup>(</sup>T) Al-An'am: Yo.

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- (o) An-Naml: AA.
- (٦) Al-A'raf: ٥٤.
- (Y) Ya-Sin: ٤..
- (ለ) Al-Bagarah: ነጓ٤.
- (9) Adh-Dhariyat: Y1.
- (۱۰) Al-'Ankabut: ٤٣.
- (۱۱) Al-Ahzab: ۲۲.
- (۱۲) An-Nisa: 09.
- (۱۳) Al-Mu'minun: ۱۱٥.
- (۱٤) As-Sajdah: ۲.
- (10)Taha: 0..
- (١٦) Al-An'am: ٥..
- (۱۷) Ar-Rum: ٣٠.
- (۱۸) An-Naml: ٦٢.
- (۱۹) Al-Isra: ٦٧.