

Eid Khutbah.^(١)

Our Eid is Sincerity and Sacrifice

The First Sermon:

Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest. Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest. Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, and to Allah belongs all praise. Allah is Greatest, most Great. Praise be to Allah in abundance, and glory and praise be to Allah in the morning and the evening.

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 اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ كَبِيرًا، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَثِيرًا، وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَيَحْمَدُهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا

Allah is the Greatest as long as resolves and intentions remain sincere, and whenever efforts and acts of devotion are offered in service of the homeland.

We bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, Who loves His truthful servants. And we bear witness that our Prophet Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger, the truthful and trustworthy. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and his followers.

As for what follows: I advise you, servants of Allah, and myself to fear Allah and be mindful of Him, and to be sincere in obeying Him.

Allah Almighty says:

﴿وَابْرَاهِيمَ إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاتَّقُوهُ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ﴾

"And [mention] Abraham, when he said to his people, 'Worship Allah and fear Him. That is best for you, if you should know.'" (Al-Ankabut:

١٦).

O you who are rejoicing on this Eid: We congratulate you on your blessed Eid, and we ask Allah the Almighty to bring it back upon us, our homeland, and our leadership with extended goodness and blessings. Indeed, He is the Almighty, the Praiseworthy.

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Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest. There is no deity worthy of worship except Allah. Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, and to Allah belongs all praise.

On this radiant and blessed day, we draw lessons from the school of the Prophet of Allah, Abraham (peace be upon him), who embodied noble values and taught them to others.

﴿إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ كَانَ أُمَّةً قَانِتًا لِلَّهِ حَنِيفًا وَلَمْ يَكُ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ﴾ (النحل: ١٢٠)

"Indeed, Abraham was a comprehensive leader, devoutly obedient to Allah, inclining toward truth, and he was not of those who associate partners with Him." (Al-Nahl: ١٢٠.)

Indeed, the most magnificent quality that draws the observer's attention in his biography is the virtue of truthfulness (sincerity). It is the alignment of words with reality. Truthfulness has been mentioned in the Qur'an approximately one hundred and fifty times, highlighting its nobility and magnifying its stature. For it is the pillar and cornerstone of morality, and the firmest bond and foundation of human interactions:

﴿ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ ﴾.

"Fear Allah and be with those who are true." (At-Tawbah: ١١٩)

It is no wonder that truthfulness occupied a monumental place in the legacy of Abraham (peace be upon him), as he supplicated to his Lord, saying: ﴿ وَاجْعَلْ لِي لِسَانَ صِدْقٍ فِي الْآخِرِينَ ﴾.

"And grant me a reputation of honor (truthfulness) among later generations." (Ash-Shu'ara: ٨٤)

And Abraham (peace be upon him) was devoted to truthfulness in both his words and actions, until his Lord described him by saying:

﴿ إِنَّهُ كَانَ صِدِّيقًا نَبِيًّا ﴾.

"Indeed, he was a man of truth and a prophet." (Maryam: ٤١)



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O you who are truthful: Know that truthfulness is the shortest path to building trust, and its impact is the most enduring. Trust generates strength, and through strength, societies achieve stability and civilizations are built.

Our Founding Leaders were sincere in their intentions and united in their resolve: ﴿رَجَالٌ صَدَقُوا مَا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ عَلَيْهِ﴾.

"Men who proved true to what they pledged to Allah." (Al-Ahzab: ٢٣)

Thus, they established the nation upon truthfulness and sincerity from the very first day. Consequently, it became firmly rooted in its pillars and towering in its structure. Then, Allah blessed us with our wise leadership, who carried the responsibility with devotion, love, and credibility. As a result, the nation's structure rose high, becoming powerful and resilient at the pinnacles of glory—unyielding to adversaries, deterring every transgressor, and striking with a firm hand against anyone trying to tamper with its security or sow discord.

Therefore, "**Adhere to truthfulness,**" (A Hadith agreed upon), for it is a stance to be translated into action, a sacrifice to be offered, and a trust to be carried. It is the loftiest manifestation of a person's strength and courage, the title of their loyalty to their homeland, and the proof of their devotion to their leadership. Through truthfulness, nations live in dignity, and societies remain great. For the truthful are the guardians of nations; truth flows from their tongues, sincerity dwells in their hearts, and loyalty is evident in their actions.

Among the manifestations of truthfulness are safeguarding the secrets of your nation, defending its territories, and serving as an impregnable fortress against anyone who lies in wait to do it harm.

And among the forms of truthfulness are the loyalty and mutual affection between spouses, their proper upbringing of their children, the teacher's dedication to their message, and the employee's proficiency in their work, embodying the saying of the Prophet ﷺ: "**Indeed, Allah loves that when one of you does a deed, he does it with proficiency.**" (Narrated by Abu Ya'la)

It also manifests in every individual striving in their respective position so that the nation may continue to rise. Proportionate to a person's sincerity in their belonging, the homeland transcends from being merely a piece of land where bodies reside, to a pulse that dwells in the

very depths of hearts and souls. For truthfulness is always a means of salvation, and a nation that is truthful in its relations, principles, and stances will find that its ultimate outcome is entirely goodness and peace. ***"O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you."*** (An-Nisa: ٥٩)

I say this of mine, and I ask forgiveness from Allah for me and for you, so seek His forgiveness.

The Second Sermon:

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وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ.	اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ	اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ،

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O you who are celebrating this Eid: Indeed, among the beautiful values of Abraham (peace be upon him), whose gentle breezes blow during these days, is the virtue of sacrifice. It is the practical proof of truthfulness and its ripe fruit. For whoever is sincere in their love will bestow, and whoever is sincere in their belonging will sacrifice,

following the example of the family of Abraham (peace be upon them); they set the most magnificent examples of sacrifice and giving.

For here is Hagar (peace be upon her), who sacrificed her safety and comfort, patiently enduring a barren valley without cultivation alongside her son. She then strove between As-Safa and Al-Marwah, exerting her utmost effort, and later passed away to her Lord before seeing the full impact of her sacrifice. She did not witness her footsteps becoming a sacred ritual and an act of devotion for humanity. Yet, Allah preserved her sacrifice and kept her memory alive.

And also, Abraham (peace be upon him), he reached a tremendous height in sacrifice when, in the face of trial, he offered what was dearest to him, saying to his son:

﴿يَا بُنَيَّ إِنِّي أَرَىٰ فِي الْمَنَامِ أَنِّي أَذْبَحُكَ فَانظُرْ مَاذَا تَرَىٰ﴾

"O my son, indeed I have seen in a dream that I [must] sacrifice you, so see what you think." (As-Saffat: ١٠٢)

The son could only reciprocate his father's sacrifice with his own, offering his life in willing submission to the command of his Lord, saying: ﴿يَا أَبَتِ افْعَلْ مَا تُؤْمَرُ سَتَجِدُنِي إِن شَاءَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الصَّابِرِينَ﴾

"O my father, do as you are commanded. You will find me, if Allah wills, of the steadfast." (As-Saffat: ١٠٢)

Thus, the Qur'an immortalized the remembrance of this sacrifice, then made its legacy the sacred rite of the Udhiyah (sacrificial offering).

Such is the status of those who make sacrifices. For those who sacrificed their lives for the sake of the nation's dignity, protection, glory, and prestige—the nation has carved their names into the oasis of its honor and eternalized their sacrifices within the records of its memory. Proportionate to a person's sacrifice, their status rises before their Creator, and their standing elevates within their nation and society.

And among the greatest sacrifices are knowledge mastered, a flag raised high, generations properly nurtured, a future carefully crafted, development sustainably maintained, and a heart that beats fervently for the homeland.

Therefore, servants of Allah, perform your rituals, embody truthfulness and sacrifice in your lives, rejoice in your Eid, spread joy within your homes, and radiate happiness throughout your community.

(إن الله وملائكته يصلون على النبي يا أيها الذين آمنوا صلُّوا عليه وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.)

"Indeed, Allah and His angels bless the Prophet. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace." (Al-Ahzab: ٥٦)

O Allah, send Your peace, blessings, and grace upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, his pure wives—the Mothers of the Believers—and his honorable, blessed companions. And be pleased, **O Allah**, with Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali, and with all the most noble companions.

O Allah, protect the United Arab Emirates from all sides. O Allah, we entrust to Your safekeeping its leadership, its people, and all those who live on its land.

O Allah, protect Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, the President of the State, with Your divine protection. Be his helper and supporter, his guide and sustainer, and bless his life and his deeds. **O Allah**, grant success to him, his deputies, his brothers—the Rulers of the Emirates—and his trustworthy Crown Prince, toward all that You love and are pleased with.

O Allah, have mercy upon Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Rashid, and the Rulers of the Emirates who have passed into Your mercy, and admit them by Your grace into Your spacious Paradise. **O Allah**, encompass the martyrs of the nation with Your vast mercy, and elevate their ranks in Your Paradise. **O Allah, Ameen.**

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May your Eid be blessed and full of joy,
and we wish everyone a happy and blessed Eid.

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