

30 Short Friday Khutbah

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Introduction

All praise is due to Allah. We praise Him, seek for His assistance and forgiveness and we seek refuge with Him from evils of our souls and our misdeeds. No one can mislead whosoever Allah guides and none can guide whosoever Allah causes to go astray.

I testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah alone. He has no partner. I also testify that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.

These short Friday khutbah was taken from Islamic affairs in Dubai . The titles of kutbah coverage different subjects like (purity , Trust , Wisdom, supplication , Family , prayer...).

I hope will be good reference for khateeb and useful for him.

And I ask Allah the Almighty for forgiveness for you and me.



1- The Purity

All praise is for Allah. We praise him, we seek his aid, and we ask for his forgiveness. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone, who has no partner, and who is the lord of the worlds. Allah loves those who turn unto him in repentance and loves those who purify themselves and blessings and peace family and Allah's righteous servants.

Oh friends I advise you to fear from Allah who said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

Oh you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear him and speak always the truth.(33:70)

Oh believers. Every Muslim keeps his purity because it's an important part of his worship, and this gives a proof for his faith existence.

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : " الطُّهُورُ شَطْرُ الْإِيمَانِ "

"Purity is half of faith"

So prayers without purification is not correct

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : " لَا تُقْبَلُ صَلَاةٌ بِغَيْرِ طُهُورٍ "

No Salat (prayer) is accepted without ablution.

Adding for that purification means cleanliness and means removing the NAJAS , for that every Muslim must clean his body and the environment near to him.

Everyday Muslim must take ablution 5 times daily and must wear his best and clean clothes لقوله تعالى " يَا بَنِي آدَمَ خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ عِنْدَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ "

Oh children of Adam! Take your adornment (by wearing your clean clothes)while praying. (7:30) It means that every Muslim used to keep his mosque and his

house in cleanliness case. In addition, Islam ordered His followers to clean their hearts from bad characters like hating the others jealousy withholding.

قال رسول الله " اللَّهُمَّ نَقِّنِي مِنَ الْخَطَايَا كَمَا يُنَقَّى الثَّوْبُ الْأَبْيَضُ مِنَ الدَّنَسِ، اللَّهُمَّ اغْسِلْ خَطَايَايَ بِالْمَاءِ وَالثَّلْجِ وَالْبَرَدِ

"

Our messenger used to pray Allah to clean him from the sins as in the case of washing the white cloth from dirt. And he prayed Allah to clean his sins with water and snow.

This means that please Allah clean me from the sins which blacken the heart as cleaning the white cloth from dirt.

This purity is a path to paradise. There is a story that we can summarize; one of the followers didn't offer more prayers or more fasting but in the same case he was pure from cheating or jealousy, and for these high characters our prophet promised this follower with paradise. These characters give a clear proof that Islam in his method is taking attention about purity.

قال تعالى " فِيهِ رَجَالٌ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ يَتَّطَهَّرُوا "

[In it are men who love to clean and purify themselves and Allah love those who make themselves clean and pure.] (9:108)

Our Lord praised Marry Allah may bless her because she kept her pureness, she avoided the bad manners and for that she deserved to be above the women of the world.

قال تعالى " وَإِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ يَا مَرْيَمُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَاكِ وَطَهَّرَكِ وَاصْطَفَاكِ عَلَى نِسَاءِ الْعَالَمِينَ "

Remember, when the angles said (Oh Marry! Verily Allah has chosen you, purified you from "polytheism and disbelief" and chose you above the women of the world). (93:42)

So every Muslim looking for Allah's love, looking for paradise, he must keep the purity of his characters.

قال تعالى " وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ سَنُدْخِلُهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا لَّهُمْ فِيهَا أَزْوَاجٌ مُطَهَّرَةٌ وَنُدْخِلُهُمْ ظِلًّا ظَلِيلًا

[But those who believe (in the oneness in Allah) and do deeds of righteousness we shall admit them to gardens under which rivers flow (paradise)](4:57)

We pray Allah to make us pure slaves and we ask him to help us to obey him and to obey whom we ordered to obey.

2-The Value of Words in Islam

All praise for Allah Who has honored man and has created him in the best of forms. Praise for Allah Who has endowed man with the ability to speak with his tongue as one of His greatest bounties. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, the only God Who has no partner. In the Divine Book, Allah says: "**See you not how Allah sets forth a parable? A goodly word like a goodly tree, whose root is firmly fixed, and its branches (reach) to the heavens (i.e. very high). It brings forth its fruits at all times, by the leave of its Lord. Allah sets forth parables for mankind in order that they may receive admonition (remember).**"(14:24-25). I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad, servant of Allah is His beloved messenger and the noblest of all mankind. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

O believers,

I remind myself first and all of you to be God-fearing and pious. I also urge all of us to obey Him, the Exalted, Who says: "**O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear Him and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger** (peace be

upon him) , **he has indeed attained the highest achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and will be admitted to Paradise.**”(33:70-71).

Allah, the Exalted, has endowed us with words we utter in order to communicate with each other, express our feelings, and reveal our intentions. The tongue is a great endowment of Allah which may be used to praise and thank Him for which one earns reward. Allah, the Exalted says:”**Have we not made for him two eyes, And a tongue and two lips?**”(90:8-9-).Nevertheless, some words may earn us the greatest reward and others may lead to the worst punishment. The tongue has either power of good or bad. Allah has ordained Muslim not to belittle the value of his words, and not to utter words of no use or have no control over his speech or his ability to foresee the repercussions of his saying. Allah, the Exalted, says:”**Not a word does he (or she) utter but there is a watcher by him ready (to record it).**”(50:18). Allah has praised the believers who refrain from vain pursuits (curiosity), gossip and backbiting. In His divine revelation, Allah says:” **and those who avoid vain talks**”(23:3).

On the other hand, utterances such as the two shahada which are the proclamation of Islam, remembering Allah, and greeting someone have their valuable impact and benefits.

O servants of Allah,

Allah has warned us of the bad effect of useless talk or that which does not concern us, because we exert both physical and mental energy to no avail and we waste our time. Indeed, scientific research has shown that talking too much and gossiping require energy that might affect both our physical and mental health. Malik bin Dinar said:” if your heart hardens, your body becomes weak, and you have little (provision), then know that you have talked about that which does not concern you.”

O believers,

We are responsible for every word we say especially when it may harm others either through gossip and backbiting or telling lies. Indeed, by uttering just one word “divorce” a man can destroy a coherent family, another careless word may infringe upon relations between friends, partners or loved ones. Marriage, divorce, financial

transactions and contracts all require verbal or written wordings. Each and every word we utter is recorded and one day we will stand accountable for this record. It has been narrated that, Muaz ibn Jabbal (may Allah have mercy on him), companion of the prophet (peace be upon him) , once asked the Messenger of Allah, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, to tell him about an act that will cause him to enter Paradise and be protected from the fire. The prophet (peace be upon him) said "Guard your tongue". Muaz ibn Jabbal asked" Shall we be questioned about our utterances?" The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:"Most people will be thrown into Hell-face down-because of the transgressions of their tongues."Another hadith highlights the same issue:"Every morning all the limbs of a person plead with his tongue:" Fear Allah for our sake, for our fate is tied to yours. If you follow the straight path so shall we. And if you go astray so shall we."

O servants of Allah,

Almighty Allah has created this great universe with one word. Allah says:"**Verily, when He intends a thing, His Command is, "be", and it is!**"(36:82). It takes few words to build, love each other and strengthen unity, those are key words that may earn us the reward of Allah and the pleasure of people, and it takes few words to destroy, spread animosity, and division earning us the wrath of Allah and the disrespect of people. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) says: "A servant unthinkingly says something pleasing to Allah Most High for which Allah raise him whole degrees. And a servant unthinkingly says something detested by Allah, Most high, for which he plunges into hell."

Communication entails a big responsibility requiring everyone of us to think and reflect on the far reaching consequences before uttering any word, especially those who are engaged in thoughts that may spread, or may impact people's life. It has been narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) was asked:"O Messenger of Allah, which of the Muslims is best?" and he said: "He who the Muslims are safe from his tongue and his hand."

May Allah bestow upon us the power to obey Him, and those He has ordained us to obey...

We implore you, O Allah, to make the Glorious Qur'an the light of our heart. We beseech you to help us recite its words and apply its rulings and follow the hadith of the Prophet (peace be upon him) .

3-The Trust

All praise is for Allah who ordered us to perform the secretariat, I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah. Our lord promised honest and secretary people with paradise as a reward for them. I bear witness that prophet Mohammad is our messenger who was the most secretariat person. Allah said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ

You who believe, fear from Allah and keep duty for him, and let everyone look for what he had sent for tomorrow.(59:18)

Keeping the trust is a super character which makes good trust among people. Allah said: إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا

Allah commands you that you should return back the trust to those whom they are due. (4:58) وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَمَانَاتِهِمْ وَعَهْدِهِمْ رَاعُونَ

Those who are faithfully true to their amanat. (70:32)

Our prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) joined between the faith and trust as he said: "the believer is the one that people feel safe of their wealth and soul with"

Muslim trust is a real indicator of faith,

قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم " لا إِيمَانَ لِمَنْ لا أمانةَ لَهُ "

"No faith for dishonest" Prophet Mohammed said

قال تعالى: " إني لَكُمْ رَسُولٌ أَمِينٌ "

"I'm a trustworthy messenger to you" (44:18) . Allah said

قال تعالى : إِنَّ خَيْرَ مَنْ اسْتَأْجَرْتَ الْقَوِيُّ الْأَمِينُ

"Verily the best for you to hire, is the strong and trustworthy"(28:26)

Allah said

Before revealing our messenger, people used to call him "the trustful".

Trust had qualified the prophet Youssef to be over the storehouse of

the land. Allah said: قال تعالى: وَقَالَ الْمَلِكُ ائْتُونِي بِهِ أَسْتَخْلِصْهُ لِنَفْسِي

"And the king said: Bring him to me that I may attach him to myself"(12:54)

O faith, the characteristic of trust was common in our messenger's life and for that Khadeeja (May Allah bless her) chose him as a husband. Oh believers, trust included many things in our life:

- Worship is trust so we must offer it in the best way.
- Children are trust so the parent must take care of them and advise them.
- Students are trust do the teacher must increase their knowledge.

- Wealth is trust so we must earn halal and spend it in the right way and pay charity and zakat.
- Job is trust so the worker must be sincere.
- Neighborhood is trust so we must respect our neighbors
- Family relations are trust so we must maintain them.

We pray for Allah to grant us and to help us keeping the trust and paying it to whom they are due.

4-The sincere love of the companions for Muhammad (peace be upon him)

First sermon

All thanks is to Allah, whom we seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allah from whatever evil our hearts conceal and from the consequences of our evil deeds. Whoever Allah grants guidance will never be led astray. Whoever He leads astray will never find guidance. I attest that none is worthy of worship except Allah, who has no partners, and that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is His servant and Messenger.

Allah, the most Exalted says, the meaning of which:

“O you who have believed, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims [in submission to Him].” (Al Iman: 102).

“O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women. And

fear Allah, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs. Indeed Allah is ever, over you, an Observer.” (Annisaa: 1).

“O you who have believed, fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice. He will [then] amend for you your deeds and forgive you your sins. And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger has certainly attained a great attainment.” (Al Ahzab: 70-71).

O Believers,

Allah, the Almighty, has linked the love for Him with the love for His Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) when He, the Most Exalted, says, meaning, **“Say, [O Muhammad], ‘if you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful’.**” (Al Imaran: 31). Our Master Muhammad (peace be upon him) pointed to the same by saying, “None of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father, his children and all mankind.” By saying this, he stressed that the believers’ admiration for him is in itself an evidence for their sincere faith in Allah, may Glory be to Him.

A further insight into loving Allah’s Apostle is to be found in the following Hadith: Umar Ibn Al Khattab said to Muhammad (peace be upon him) , "O Allah's Apostle, You are dearer to me than everything except my own self." The Prophet said, "no, by Him in Whose Hand my soul is, (you will not have complete faith) till I am dearer to you than your own self." Then Umar said to him, "However, now, by Allah, you are dearer to me than my own self." The Prophet said, "Now, O Umar, (now you are a believer).”

Dear Muslims,

Such a sense of love and respect for the Prophet (peace be upon him) had been deeply seated in his companions’ hearts and clearly reflected in their attitudes towards him. Thus by being honest in their feelings and always holding him in high esteem, they set the best example of how the love for the Prophet should be.

It was narrated that a man came to the Prophet and said to him, “O Messenger of Allah, you are more beloved to me than myself, my family and children. Sometimes, when I am at home, I remember you, and I cannot wait until I come and look at you. When I contemplate about my death and your death, I know that you will be with the Prophets when you enter Paradise. I fear that I might not see you when I enter Paradise.” The Prophet did not answer him until the verse, meaning, **“And whoever obeys Allah and the Messenger - those will be with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favour of the prophets, the steadfast affirmers of truth, the martyrs and the righteous. And excellent are those as companions,”** (Annisaa”69) was revealed to him.

Ali Ibn Abu Talib was asked about his love for the Prophet (peace be upon him) and he said, “by Allah he was dearest to me than my money, my children, my parents and cold water for a thirsty soul.”

Another story is that of Zaid Ibn Al Dathina, may Allah be pleased with him. It was reported that when he was detained by Quraish, Abu Sufyan said to him, “by Allah, Don’t you wish you were now with your folk so we have Muhammad here to cut off his head? He said, “No, by Allah I cannot even stand to see him be stung by a thorn while I am sitting with my family. Abu Sufyan said, “by Allah I have never seen before such a people who are most sincere in their love than the companions of Muhammad.”

O Servants of Allah,

When the time for Hijra (migration) came and Allah ordered the Prophet (peace be upon him) to set off for Medina, Muhammad (peace be upon him) informed Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with him. On this matter Sayda Aisha, may Allah be pleased with her, said, “that one day while we were sitting in our house at midday, someone said to Abu Bakr, "Here is Allah's Apostle, coming with his head and a part of his face covered with a cloth-covering at an hour he never used to come to us.

Abu Bakr said, "Let my father and mother be sacrificed for you, (O Prophet), an urgent matter must have brought you here at this hour.” The Prophet came and

asked the permission to enter, and he was allowed. The Prophet entered and said to Abu Bakr, "let those who are with you, go out." Abu Bakr replied, "(there is no stranger); they are your family. Let my father be sacrificed for you, O Allah's Apostle," The Prophet said, "I have been allowed to leave (Mecca)." Abu Bakr said, "I shall accompany you, O Allah's Apostle, let my father be sacrificed for you."

Sayda Aisha recalled that Abu Bakr was so happy, he wept of joy. She said also that she had never thought someone would cry out of happiness until she saw Abu Bakr did.

O Believers,

The love for Allah is the provision with which to attain the Paradise and win the privilege to be with the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his companions. Anas Ibn Malik reported that a person came to Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) and said, "when would be the Last Hour?" Thereupon he (the Holy Prophet) said, "what preparation have you made for the Last Hour?" He said, "the love of Allah and of His Messenger (is my only preparation)." Thereupon he (the Holy Prophet) said, "you would be along with one whom you love. Anas said, "nothing pleased us more after accepting Islam than the words of Allah's Apostle: you would be along with one whom you love. And Anas said, "I love Allah and His Messenger and Abu Bakr and Umar, and I hope that I would be along with them although I have not acted like them."

As a token of love for him, some of the Prophet's companions said: "the day the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) came to Medina, everything around it became illuminated. The day when he passed away, everything of Medina became dark. No sooner had we dusted off the dust from our hands after the burial of him, than we began to feel the change in our hearts." [Narrated by Anas Ibn Malik].

Invoking our Prophet's tributes, let us supplicate to Allah to bless us with the love for His Messenger and help us obey Him and those He has ordained upon us to obey pursuant to His injunctions: "**O ye who believe! Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger, and those charged with authority among you.**" (Annisa:59).

May Allah bless you and me with the ability to implement the Holy Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him). I say this and pray to Allah, the Almighty, to grant us forgiveness. Pray to Allah for forgiveness for He is the Most Forgiving and the Most Merciful.

Second sermon

Praise be to Allah. I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is His servant and messenger, who was true to his promise. May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, his companions and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

As to what follows, please obey Allah and act as per the Sunna of His Messenger (peace be upon him) as well as adhere to his morals and teachings.

O Believers,

Please send blessings on the Prophet, raise your children in the love of him, praise his virtues and hold on to his traditions. This is indeed the path of success in this life and the next for Allah, may Glory be to Him, says, the meaning of which, **“So they who have believed in him, honoured him, supported him and followed the light which was sent down with him - it is those who will be the successful.”** (Al Aaraf:157).

Dear Muslims,

Allah has commanded you an order to which He and His angels are both committed, when He says, the meaning of which is, **"Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet: O ye that believe! Send ye blessings on him, and salute him with all respect."** (Al Ahzab:56).

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "for everyone who invokes a blessing on me will receive ten blessings from Allah." May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad (peace be upon him) , his family and all his companions.

May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

O Allah, we seek Your favour to let our hearts be full of Your gratitude and keep our tongue moist with Your remembrance. May Allah bless us with good provision, accepted work, well-being in mind and body and blessed living life and progeny. O Allah guide us to know what is good, make us benefit from what we have learnt, and increase our knowledge.

O Allah, Give us piety and purify our souls. You are Master and the Lord of souls. O Sustainer, amend our intentions, grant that our spouses and our offspring be a joy to our eyes and make success be an ally to us. O Allah, give us rain and do not make us among the despondent. O Allah, relieve us, O Allah, relieve us, O Allah, relieve us.

O Allah, we implore You at this instant not to let a sin unforgiven, a distress unrelieved, an illness unhealed or a handicapped without relief, a dead without mercy or a debt unsettled. Our Lord, give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire.

5-Elders' Rights

قال تعالى (هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ عَلَقَةٍ ثُمَّ يُخْرِجُكُمْ طِفْلاً ثُمَّ لِتَبْلُغُوا أَشُدَّكُمْ ثُمَّ لَتَكُونُوا شُيُوخًا وَمِنْكُمْ مَن يَتَوَفَّى مِنْ قَبْلُ وَلَتَبْلُغُوا أَجْلاً مُّسَمًّى وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ)

“It is he who has created you from dust, then from a sperm then from a clot then brings you forth as an infant then makes you grow to reach the age of full strength and after wards to be (old men and women) though some among you die before, and that you reach an appointed term in order that you may understand”(40:67)

Oh Muslims the long age is a field for increasing goodness every old believer earns more goodness, he used to recite tasbeeh, takbeer or tahleel.

Our great Islam taught us to be thankful for the old people who sacrificed and built the history of our country.

So those old people deserved the nice reward from the society.

Our lord ordered us to take care of our parents.

وفي الحديث الشريف " بَرُّوا آبَاءَكُمْ تَبَرَّكُمْ أَبْنَاؤُكُمْ "

“If you do well to your parents your sons must do well for you in the future”

قال تعالى : (وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ إِنَّمَا يُبَلِّغُنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أُفٍّ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا)

“And your lord has decreed that you worship non but him, and that you be dutiful to your parents. If one of them or both of them attain old age in your life say not to them a word of disrespect, not shout at them but address them in terms of honor.”(17:23)

Oh Muslims we must teach our generation how to take attention with our old people to give them the first place in our meetings to listen for there talking politely, to be patient with them, and to do the best for their happiness.

6-Al hajj

قال تعالى : (الْحَجُّ أَشْهُرٌ مَّعْلُومَاتٌ فَمَنْ فَرَضَ فِيهِنَّ الْحَجَّ فَلَا رَفَثَ وَلَا فُسُوقَ وَلَا جِدَالَ فِي الْحَجِّ وَمَا تَفَعَّلُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ يَعْلَمُهُ اللَّهُ وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى وَاتَّقُونِ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ)

"The Hajj (pilgrimage): in is the well known (lunar year) months (i.e. the tenth month the eleventh month and the first ten days of the twelve month of the Islamic calendar. So whosoever intends in perform hajj then he shouldn't have sexual intercourse "with his wife" no commit sin, nor dispute unjustly during the hajj. And whatever good you do. (Be sure Allah knows it). And take a provision (with you) for the journey, but the best provision is *a/- TAQWA* so fear me, O men of understanding . "(2:197)

Oh brothers Hajj is an old worships. All messenger and prophets offered Hajj. Abu Massu'd رضي الله عنه said our messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) said that seventy prophets passed on the rock in *AL-RAWHA*. One of these prophets is Musa. All of them were pair foot wearing *AL- 'ABAYA* (special dress) going towards *Al -Ka'ba* (the old mosque)

Oh Muslims *Al- Hajj* is the fifth pillar of Islam Muslim is ordered to offer *Hajj* after to conditions, when owns the payment for this journey and being healthy, the journey of *Hajj* is spiritual. It is full of high meanings so who offered Hajj in right way can purify himself clean his sins and adding for that Hajj is a major meeting with Muslims from everywhere they can exchange emotions, brotherhood, and tolerance while they walking around *Ka'ba* in forbidden area. Their hearts are hanging with their lord leaving there home lands to reach the old mosque (*Ka'ba*) and to respond the inviting from the prophet Ibrahim (PUH) he received:

(وَأَذِّنْ فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحَجِّ يَأْتُوكَ رِجَالًا وَعَلَى كُلِّ ضَامِرٍ يَأْتِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيقٍ)

“And proclaim to mankind the *hajj* (pilgrimage) they will come to you on foot and every lean camel, they will come from every deep and distant (wide) mountains highway (to perform *hajj*). (22:27)

Oh Muslims our lord gifted us many benefits after offering Hajj one of those is omitting all the previous sins.

-The people who offering hajj in the right way will return back to their homeland without sins and become pure as the white cloth and as a new born.

Abu Hurairah said that he heard our messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) : “who visit this mosque for hajj without committing sins so he will return back as the day of his birth.”

Oh friend the hajj advantages can improve our life and it’s a wide gate to facilitate our income and can drive out the poverty

Ibn Massu’d said: that our messenger said: “follow Hajj with Omrah so it results in driving out poverty and sins as the fire in driving out the dirt of gold and silver”

The accepted Hajj must be rewarded by the paradise. The pilgrims’ are the visitors of Allah if they asked him he will respond and if they asked him for forgiveness he will forgive them.

7-Parents as Role Models

All praise is to Allah with full gratitude for His blessings and bounties. We are thankful to you, O Allah for the gift of children. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and I bear witness that our master Muhammed ,the servant and messenger of Allah, is the noblest of all mankind, the perfect role model. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who follow them till the Day of Judgment.

O believers,

I urge myself first and all of you, servants of Allah, to fear Allah, keep your duty to Him, and obey Him as the Exalted says in the Holy Quran:”**And fear Allah, and know that Allah is with the pious.**”(2:194).

O Muslims,

Allah, the Exalted, showered us with the blessing of having children, and made them our happiness in this life as Allah says:”**Wealth and children are the adornment of the life of this world.**”(15:46).

Children are the gift of Allah, the Exalted, and a trust to parents. The responsibility of educating them well and caring for them is placed upon the parents. If we instill in them good ethics and Islamic values, they will be the driving force for a purposeful life and for their contribution to the betterment of their communities and nations. Conversely, good parenting You will be rewarded for good parenting when you need your children’s good treatment and care in health or in illness, when you are young or old, and their supplication after passing away as Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:” When a man dies, his good deeds come to an end except for three: an ongoing charity, beneficial knowledge or a righteous child who will

pray for him.” Indeed, a continuous charity is an investment for afterlife, beneficial knowledge is the charity (sadaqa) of Islamic scholars only, as for a righteous child it a successful investment that all mothers and fathers can achieve. Think deeply about the importance of a righteous child which is emphasized in the previous Hadith, the best investment in this world is to have a righteous child who strengthen kinship and supplicate Allah for the sake of his parents. May Allah accept the supplications of all children.

O servants of Allah,

The most important factors that we must instill in our children is the adherence to the Divine Book, the love of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and following his righteous life and behavior, and the true and proper meanings of Islam. It is a religion which calls for moderation, abhors division and disputes, and denounces sectarianism and fanaticism. Islam spreads Good throughout the world and respects the rights of all creatures. It is important to note, dear parents, that you are role models for your children. Your behavior will influence your children’s attitudes. Let us be models for good and righteousness. The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) was very kind to children and loved them very much. It was narrated that Abd-Allah ibm Amir (may Allah be pleased with him) said:”My mother called me one day when the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was sitting in our house. She said ‘Come here, and I will give you (something).’The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said;”What do you want to give him? She said’I will give him a date.’ The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: “If you had not given him something, you would have been lying.”

Muslims understood the seriousness of the role models their children had. Amr ibm Utbah, may Allah have mercy on him, advised his son’s teacher:”

Let the first correction you do to my son be the correction of yourself. Verily, their eyes are locked into yours. Good to them is what you do, even if it is bad. And bad to them is what you do not do, even if it is good.”

Children do not learn by being told, they learn by example. Parents, who show good conduct, become role models and their children will grow up having good values. If you want your children to abide by the Divine Saying:”**And those who strictly guard their five congregational prayers (at their fixed times).**”(23:9), make it a practice to perform congregational prayers (jamaa’a) with them and to pray together in the mosque.

Raising one’s children with the ability to face life’s challenges and problems and have a positive view on life entails that we, as parents, be optimistic and have a good outlook on life issues. Teach your children to reach to Allah through supplication, and to accept His destiny (qada’ wa qadar). In this life, your children will encounter calamities and joyful times, teach them that believers must endure and be patient in times of distress and be grateful (to Allah) in joy and happiness.

In order to instill nationalism (love for one’s homeland) in your children, you have to be the correct role model who contributes in the development and building of your country, protecting its valuable achievements, encouraging education, knowledge and earning the highest grades, especially in modern science so as to enhance their capabilities and their ability to cope with modern life . Children must play efficient roles in developing and protecting their countries. All the great achievements we are enjoying nowadays are the legacy of our ancestors. We must, therefore, be eager to follow on their footsteps by enhancing this development and preserving prosperity for generations to come.

May Allah help us obey Him and those whom He has ordained us to obey.

O Allah, make us of the people of the Qur'an. O Allah make us amongst those who practice what they recite. O Allah make us of the followers of the hadith of the noble Prophet (peace be upon him) .

Second Sermon

All praise be to Allah. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and I bear witness that our master Muhammad is the servant and messenger of Allah. May peace and blessings of Allah be upon our master Muhammad, his pure and noble family, his companions, and all those who follow them till the Day of Judgment.

O believers,

Good parenting requires that you protect your children from bad influence and unethical behavior that they may learn in the streets, the markets, their schools as well as the new media outlets. Such influence may prompt them to commit wrong doings or inflict harm on people's properties, money, women or even themselves. We urge you, therefore, to establish good and kind communication with your children. Your attempt to change their behavior must be done wisely. We also recommend that you know their friends as friendship is very influential in their life. Resolve their problems with leniency and kindness, and seek the help of experts in pertinent organizations. May Allah reward those who spend their times with their children raising and guiding them to the right way.

8-Wisdom (*Al Hikma*)

All praise and thanks are to Allah, The All-Wise, Who created everything with such perfection and began creating the first human being out of nothing more than clay. We praise Allah Who fashioned all the creatures in the most perfect way. I testify that there is no god but Allah, and that none is worthy of worship except Allah, the only God to Whom belongs whatsoever is in the Heavens and in the Earth, the All-Glorious, the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing to Whom Belongs all wisdom. I also testify that our Master Muhammad is His servant and His messenger, the wisest of mankind, the greatest sage among them, and the most skilful in resolving all issues. Allah, the Exalted, praises the Prophet (peace be upon him) in the Holy Quran: **"God did confer a great favour on the believers when He sent among them a Messenger from among themselves, reciting to them His verses (The Quran), sanctifying them, and instructing them in the Book (The Quran) wisdom, before that, they had been in manifest error."**(3:164). O Allah, we implore you to sanctify, have perpetual peace, and bountiful blessings on our Master Muhammad to the extent of Your Signs and Knowledge. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon his family, his companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

O believers,

I urge myself first and all of you to be God-conscious, pious, and obedient to Him, the Exalted, Who ordains us in the Holy Quran: **"O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allah and His messenger, he has indeed attained a great**

achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and will be admitted to Paradise).(33:70-71).

O Muslims,

Wisdom (*Al-Hikma*) is one of the attributes of Exalted Allah. It is a great blessing which Allah bestows upon whoever He pleases (of His servants):” **He grants wisdom to whom he wills, and he, to whom wisdom is granted, is indeed granted abundant good.**”(2:269). Indeed, wisdom is one of the greatest gifts of Allah that man can enjoy:” **But remember Allah’s favours on you (i.e.Islam), and that which He has sent down to you of the Book and the wisdom whereby He instructs you.**”(2:231).

Wisdom has many interpretations (meanings) in the Holy Quran. In some Verses, it may denote beneficial knowledge. Allah, the Exalted says in His Holy Book:”**We bestowed wisdom on Luqman: Show (your) gratitude to Allah.**”(3:12). The same word, wisdom, is used in other Verses to mean prophethood as Allah refers to Prophet David:”**And Allah gave him power and wisdom and taught him whatever (else) He willed.**”(2:251).

A close contemplation of the honorable life of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) reveals his wisdom and competence in dealing with people and resolving their problems. He (peace be upon him) prevented, through his wisdom, an imminent war between the clans of the Quraysh during the reconstruction of the Ka’aba. Each clan claimed the honour of putting the sacred Black Stone in its place. However, the future Prophet (peace be upon him) spread his mantle on a piece of cloth on the ground and, putting the stone on it, invited the chieftains of the four major clans of the Quraysh to each take one corner of the cloth. It was an ingenious plan and provided yet another proof of his wisdom or gift for problem-solving. When He became the Prophet and Messenger of Allah, He showed his wisdom in dealing with

both Muslims and non-Muslims. Emigration to Medina, despite its great significance in the history of Islam, was not an easy thing to achieve. The Prophet took wise steps to establish brotherhood between Muslims and signed a pact with Jews. He (peace be upon him) succeeded in establishing a secure, stable and merciful society in Medina. Indeed, Prophet Muhammad was following the divine path as Allah says in the Holy Quran: **“Invite (mankind, O Muhammad) to the way of your Lord (i.e.Islam) with wisdom and fair preaching.”**(16:125).

O servants of Allah,

Wisdom prevents man from committing wrong actions, and guides him to take the right way. It gives him wide perspective on everything in life, deepens his understanding, increases his awareness of the surrounding circumstances so he may reach the right and correct deeds and words.

Please note, dear Muslims, that the root verb of *Hikma* in Arabic language is *Hakama* which literally means to pronounce or deliver a judgment against or in favor of someone. Wisdom can also mean knowledge gained over a long period of time through learning, or good sense and judgment, wisdom may also mean perfection and excellence.

Dear Muslims, it’s wise to keep to yourself some of what you know, and not to open up completely. It’s wise to learn when to speak and when to remain silent. Educated and intellectuals must also be wise enough to address everyone based on his/her level of intelligence or education.

It’s also crucial to resort to wisdom in resolving marital disputes or misunderstanding so as to keep love and mercy alive among the two partners. Wisdom may be the turning point that may save families and enable them to retain their coherence and stability. Hasty and unwise

decisions, on the other hand, may destroy families by separation or divorce. After seeking refuge and help from Allah, we must resort to sage and wide people who can guide us to peace, resolve conflicts, and spread goodness. They will earn the respect and appreciation in this world and abundant blessings and reward in the Afterlife. It is indeed such a difficult life without wise people. Families, societies and even nations may crumble and fall without sagacity. Prudent and wise leadership and people are the guaranteed path toward development and prosperity.

O servants of Allah,

We are all eager to build coherent societies and highly developed nations. We implore Allah, the Exalted, to bestow upon us wisdom in deeds and words, and we beseech Him to help us obey Him and those He has ordained us to obey.

May Allah make the Quran the light of our heart. May Allah make us among those who recite the Quran and apply its rulings. O Allah make us of the followers of the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace be upon him) .

9-Remembrance of Allah

All praise is for Allah. We praise him, we seek his aid, and we ask for his forgiveness. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone, who has no partner, and who said: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ

O you who believe! Fear Allah and keep your duty to him.(59:18)

Oh faithful, zikr (remembrance of Allah) is as important as the food. It is the medicine for an illness; and it is the best duty for Al-Mutakeen (pious). Zikr is a great opened gate between the slave and his Lord. Allah said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا كَثِيرًا* وَسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا

O you who believe, Remember Allah with much remembrance and glorify His praises morning and afternoon. (33:42)

Ibn Abbas may Allah bless him explained this verse as it means that one have to remember Allah in every time whither it is at day time or at night, and whither on the sea or on land, regardless of being alone or in public.

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ: «إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَلَائِكَةً يَطُوفُونَ فِي الطُّرُقِ، يَلْتَمِسُونَ أَهْلَ الذِّكْرِ، فَإِذَا وَجَدُوا قَوْمًا يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ تَنَادَوْا: هَلُمُّوا إِلَيَّ حَاجَتِكُمْ. فَيُحْفَوْنَهُمْ بِأَجْنِحَتِهِمْ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا. فَيَسْأَلُهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ مِنْهُمْ: مَا يَقُولُ عِبَادِي؟ قَالُوا: يَقُولُونَ يُسَبِّحُونَكَ وَيُكَبِّرُونَكَ، وَيُحْمَدُونَكَ وَيُجَدِّدُونَكَ».

Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said: Allah has some angles who room about the streets in search for people mentioning Allah's Names. When they find such a gathering, they call one another saying: Come to the object of your pursuit. The prophet (peace be upon him) added: The angles surround them with their wings up to the lowest heaven (sky of the world). He further added: (when the people in the gathering disperse, the angles ascend to the heaven). Their Lord, Who knows best about the people, asks them: what do my slaves say? The angles reply: they were glorifying you, exalting you, praising you and dignifying you.

And in this Hadeeth it's mentioned that: so their companion will not be reduced to misery.

Allah said: إِنَّ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا إِذَا مَسَّهُمْ طَائِفٌ مِّنَ الشَّيْطَانِ تَذَكَّرُوا فَإِذَا هُمْ مُبْصِرُونَ

Verily, those who are Al-Muttaqen when an evil thought comes to them from shaitan they remember Allah and then they see a right. (7:201)

Zikr has many benefits and the good Muslim is the one who keeps zikr.

We pray for Allah to help us in our zikr and in our worship. We have to do our best to obey Allah and those whom we have to obey.

10-Supplication

All praise is for Allah who blessed us with Dua'a – supplication – and promised to accept it. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah and I bear witness that Muhammad is our messenger. Allah said: قَالَ تَعَالَى : يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِإِعَادٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

O you who believe! Fear Allah and keep your duty to Him . And let every person look to what he has sent for the tomorrow, and fear Allah .(59:18)

O believers, Allah ordered his slaves to offer Duaa and he promised to accept Duaa . as He said: فَقَالَ سُبْحَانَهُ تَعَالَى : وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ

And your lord said invoke Me, believe in my oneness, I will respond to your invocation.(2:186)

Dua'a, supplication is a special worship; the slaves feel the poverty and the need for God. Our messenger (peace be upon him) said:

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : " الدُّعَاءُ هُوَ الْعِبَادَةُ "

Supplication (Duaa) is worship.

One of the ways to have accepted (Duaa) is to remember and invoke Allah at the good times.

قال رسول الله ﷺ: " مَنْ سَرَّهُ أَنْ يَسْتَجِيبَ اللَّهُ لَهُ عِنْدَ الشَّدَائِدِ وَالْكَرْبِ فَلْيُكْثِرِ الدُّعَاءَ فِي الرَّخَاءِ

Anybody hopes that Allah accepts his Duaa in difficulties; he must call for a lot in good times.

Also our messenger (peace be upon him) said: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ : ادْعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَنْتُمْ مُوقِنُونَ بِالْإِجَابَةِ

Call Allah while you realize and believe that he will answer.

And one of the ways to seek accepted Duaa is to start it with thanking Allah and praising him. This is besides giving blessing for our messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) . Omar Ibn Alkatab said that Duaa is still standing between earth and heaven without rising up until giving blessings for our messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) . Our messenger said: قال رسول الله

صلى الله عليه وسلم : إِنَّ اللَّهَ طَيِّبٌ لَا يَقْبَلُ إِلَّا طَيِّبًا

That God is good and accepts only a good.

Then he (peace be upon him) told us about a man that may travel long travel, but his food, drink, and his clothes, were earned illegally - from haram, so God will not respond to his prayer.

Another way of gaining accepted Duaa is to call Allah for one's brother in his absence. قال رسول

الله : دَعْوَةُ الْمَرْءِ الْمُسْلِمِ لِأَخِيهِ بِظَهْرِ الْغَيْبِ مُسْتَجَابَةٌ

Muslim's One call to his Muslim brother is answered and accepted.

11-Piety

All praise is for Allah who guided us to do good and showed us the piety path. I bear witness that there is no God but Allah, alone with no partner, the one and the only. And I bear witness that Muhammad is his slave and messenger. Allah ordered us to do good thing as He said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

O you who believe ! Fear Allah as he should be feared, and die not except in a state of Islam. (3:102) Allah said:

وَلَقَدْ وَصَّيْنَا الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ أَنْ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ

We have recommended the people of the scripture before you and to you (O Muslims) That you (all) fear Allah, and keep your duty to him.(4:131)

Piety is a high degree of faith. It's feeling in the heart that avoids the evils. Ibn Masoud said that fear means : " obey him , always remember him and never forgot him and be thankful to him"

Omer Ibn Abdelaziz said fear from Allah means : leave what Allah has forbidden to do the commands of Allah.

Some scholars said one of the forms of piety: when Allah find you in the recommended places and see you away from the forbidden places. Piety used to avoid the worshiper from disobeying Allah. There are some reasons that can be connected to piety: sincerity of intention means waiting the reward from God alone and to worship in the best performance.

Allah told us one of the fruits of piety, as He said:

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِ يُسْرًا

Allah will simplify every difficult for the fearfully.(65:4) Also Allah said:

قال تعالى " وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ "

And who ever fears Allah and keeps his duty to him, he will make his matter easy for him. (65:3)

Surly Allah loves Al-Muttaqeen, so we pray for Allah and ask to provide us with piety.

12-The Good End (of one's life and deeds)

All praise is for Allah who guided us to do good deeds. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone with no partner, the one and the only. And I bear witness that Muhammad is his slave and messenger. Allah said:

قال تعالى : يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ وَأَخْشَوْا يَوْمًا لَّا يَجْزِي وَالِدٌ عَن وَلَدِهِ وَلَا مَوْلُودٌ هُوَ جَازٍ عَن وَالِدِهِ شَيْئًا

"O mankind! Be afraid of your lord and fear a day when no father can avail aught for his son nor a son avail aught for his father" (31:33)

O believers the value of the work is related to the good conclusion. As Allah said:

قال تعالى : فَمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا

"So whoever hopes for the meeting with his lord, let him work righteousness and associate none a partner in the worship of his lord" (18:110)

O Muslims death is a defining moment in human life, so prophets used to recommend their followers to be careful and to win the good conclusion. Allah said (telling what prophet Youssef said)

قال سبحانه و تعالى حكاية عن سيدنا يوسف: تَوَفَّنِي مُسْلِمًا وَأَلْحِقْنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ

"Cause me to die as a Muslim and join me with righteous" (12:101)

Our Messenger (peace be upon him) said:

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : مَنْ كَانَ آخِرُ كَلَامِهِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ

Any one spoke the word of Tawheed in the last moment of his life will inter the paradise

O Believers, Muslims must do many things in order to win the good conclusion, some these things are:

1- He must fear from Allah

2- He must be faithful

3- The visible and invisible work must be equal.

Anyone used to show the work but in the shadows work the evil. In this situation he will face the bad end.

4- Everybody must commit the obedience to God for all conditions

Allah said:

قال تعالى يُثَبِّتُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِالْقَوْلِ الثَّابِتِ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ

"Allah will keep firm those who believe with the word that stands firm in the world and in the hereafter"(14:27)

Once a day: Our messenger interred to a youth Muslim while he was dying, and asked him about his situation, the youth replied I hope Allah's forgiveness but I fear from my sin.

5- Muslim must do repentance without any delay.

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ تَوَبُّوا إِلَى اللَّهِ فَإِنِّي أَنُوبُ فِي الْيَوْمِ إِلَيْهِ

مِائَةً مَرَّةً

Our Messenger (peace be upon him) said: "O Mankind, repent to Allah. I repent one hundred times daily"

We ask Allah to guide us to the right end of our life and our deeds.

13-Benefitting from the virtues of the last ten days of Ramadan

First sermon

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, and peace and blessings be upon the Trustworthy Prophet Muhammad and upon all his family and companions. I bear witness that there is no deity except Allah, having no associates, and that our Master Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Guide Muhammad, his family, his companions, and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

As to what follows, I call upon myself first and all of you to be ever conscious and do construct our lives in accordance to what He has ordered us as He says, "**O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are true.**" (Attawba:119).

O Believers,

Allah, may He be Glorified, has conferred upon us the holy month of Ramadan, blessed us with its days and nights and overwhelmed us with the flow of its blessings whether during the first or the middle ten days.

As we enter the last ten days, the gem of Ramadan, we should always remember that this month is the best time of the year for doing good and engaging in worship. Indeed, these days and nights are the sap of this month and its fruit.

For this reason, the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) used to strive hard at this time of the year, more than usual. Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) would exert himself in worship during the last ten nights more than at any other time.

He (peace be upon him) would stay up at night, spending the time in prayer. It was reported that Aisha said, "when the last ten days of Ramadan came, the

Prophet (peace be upon him) would stay up at night, wake his family and gird his loins.”

The phrase “girded his loins” is a metaphor describing his preparedness to do his utmost in worship, and was also a metaphor for keeping away from worldly affairs and focusing more on worship.

Our Master Muhammad (peace be upon him) was more persistent in waking his family to stand up for prayer on the last ten nights of Ramadan than at other times of the year. It was reported that Ali Ibn Abu Talib (may Allah be pleased with him) said, “the Prophet (peace be upon him) used to wake up his family during the last ten days of Ramadan. So everyone, younger or older, would bear standing up for prayer.”

O Servants of Allah,

Among the unique merits of these great nights is Laylat Al Qadr (Decree). A blessed night as it is, Laylat Al Qadr was the time Allah, The Exalted He be, chose to send the holy Quran. About which, He, The Almighty, says, **“Indeed, We sent it down during a blessed night. Indeed, We were to warn [mankind].”** (Addukhan:3).

This sacred night is a flow of blessings and veneration from Allah, The Most Provident, with which to honour his servants. Allah, The Ever Exalted, says, **“Indeed, We sent the Qur'an down during the Night of Decree. And what can make you know what is the Night of Decree? The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months. The angels and the Spirit descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter. Peace it is until the emergence of dawn.”** (Al Qadr).

The Surat Al Qadr described this night as being better than a thousand months. It was narrated that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was made known to him the lifespan of people before him and noticed that that of his Umma had comparatively become shorter. He therefore feared they would not be able to achieve as much good work as their predecessors did. So Allah has granted him and his Umma a night that is better than a thousand months. This Sura also shows that among the special characteristics of this night is that on this night the angels along with Gabriel (Jibreel) descend.

So for its immense virtues, our Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) used to strive formidably hard in worship on this night as it is a cause for winning

Allah's forgiveness. In a Hadith agreed upon, he (peace be upon him) said, "whoever stays up during Laylat Al Qadr out of faith and in the hope of earning reward, all his previous sins will be forgiven."

Truly those who are honoured to engage in extensive worship on this blessed night will get full blessings. And whoever is denied its reward has been deprived all good. On the narration of Anas Ibn Malik that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, "O verily this month has come upon you and it has a night better than a thousand months. Whoever is deprived of its virtue, then he has been deprived of all good. Verily he who is deprived of its virtue is deprived."

Laylat Al Qadr falls in the last ten days of Ramadan. And it is therefore recommended to strive in acts of worship during this time. It was reported from Abdullah Ibn Abbas that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, "Seek the Night of Al Qadr during the last ten (nights) of Ramadan."

May Allah let us be amongst the people of acceptance and help us to obey Him and those He has ordained upon us to obey, in compliance with His injunctions: **"O ye who believe! Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger, and those charged with authority among you."** (Annisaa:59).

May Allah bless you and me with the ability to implement the Holy Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) . I say this and pray to Allah, the Almighty, to grant us forgiveness. Supplicate to Allah for forgiveness for He is the Most Forgiving and the Most Merciful.

Second sermon

Praise be to Allah. I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is His servant and messenger, who was true to his promise. May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, his companions and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

Dear Believers,

As to what follows, please fear Allah and be aware that the best of supplications with which to beseech Allah, may Glory to be Him, on Laylat Al Qadr, is what our Master Muhammad (peace be upon him) used to say. It was reported that Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) asked the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) "O Messenger of Allah, if I knew which night is

Laylat Al Qadr, what should I say during it? And he instructed her to say: ‘Allahumma innaka afuwwun tuhibbu al afwa fa afu anna (O Allah, you are forgiving, and you love forgiveness. So forgive us)’.”

So the best recompense one can gain on these days and nights is his Creator’s forgiveness. This is mentioned by one of the righteous people when he said, “No man is wise unless seeking forgiveness is his ultimate hope from Allah.” Allah has commanded you an order to which He and His angels are both committed, when He says, "**Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet: O ye that believe! Send ye blessings on him, and salute him with all respect.**" (Al Ahzab:56).

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "for everyone who invokes a blessing on me will receive ten blessings from Allah." May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad (peace be upon him) , his family and all his companions. May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

O Allah, we seek Your favour to let our hearts be full of Your gratitude and keep our tongue moist with Your remembrance. May Allah bless us with good provision, accepted work, beneficial knowledge, well-being in mind and body and blessed living life and progeny.

O Allah, increase Your blessings upon us and do not withhold Your provision from us, honour us and do not disgrace us, give us and do not deprive us, advocate us and do not disfavour us. O Allah, bestow upon us Your satisfaction and grant us self-content. O Allah, make piety our pursuit, solidify our faith and increase our wisdom.

O Allah, we seek Your mercy and forgiveness. We turn to You in repentance, put our hope and trust in You to guide us to do the righteous actions and accept our supplications to You. We also beseech You to confer on us safety from every sin, and booty of all righteousness, and to win Paradise and deliverance from the Hellfire.

O Allah, we implore You at this instant not to let a sin unforgiven, a distress unrelieved, an illness unhealed or a handicapped without relief, a dead without mercy or a debt unsettled. Our Lord! Grant us good in this world and good in the life to come and keep us safe from the torment of the Fire.

14-Prayer

All praise to Allah who made the confession of monotheism a protection and fortification for His servants. His is praise, blessing and dominion.

Allah praise and give peace to our Master Mohammed, his family and pure, righteous companions.

Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa (wariness) of Allah and obedience to Him. And I warn you and myself of rebellion against Him and disobeying His order. There are many significant features for this day.

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Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa (wariness) of Allah and obedience to Him. And I warn you and myself of rebellion against Him and disobeying His order. There are many significant features for this day. And Allah grants respite to none when his appointed time (death) comes. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do."

Muslims, The five prayers are among the best acts of worship that the Muslim performs. Performing them is the best deed after having the correct belief in God and His Messenger. Prayer in Islam, is worship of Allah the Almighty, Praising and Thanking Him, acknowledging His Sovereignty and committing oneself to obey and remember Him at all times. It is the central part of a way of life, which is based on submission to the Owner of all. The Muslim must seek to remember Allah at all times. Allah says "Guard strictly (five

obligatory) As-Salawat (the prayers) especially the middle Salat (i.e. the best prayer - 'Asr). And stand before Allah with obedience [and do not speak to others during the Salat (prayers)]."

He must be mindful that everything he is, everything he does, everything he knows and understands, is due to the Mercy of Allah. In acknowledging this, he remembers the fact that death lies in wait and he does not know when he will depart from this worldly life. Five times a day, he stands in prayer. Focusing all his thoughts on the Creator. He praises, thanks and acknowledges the Greatness of Allah and seeks His forgiveness. His sins pass before his consciousness and render him humble before the Majesty of the One who owns all things, including the Day of Judgment. He stands, conscious that Allah Sees Him at all times and that in prostration he is the closest to His Maker. The Muslim realizes that the Angel of death could be behind him at any time, that Jannah (Paradise) lies on his right and the fire of hell is on his left. Allah says "And perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat), and give Zakat and bow down (or submit yourselves with obedience to Allah) along with Ar-Raki'un" He also says "And enjoin As-Salat (the prayer) on your family, and be patient in offering them [i.e. the Salat (prayers)]. We ask not of you a provision (i.e. to give Us something: money): We provide for you. And the good end (i.e. Paradise) is for the Muttaqun (the pious)". The truth of his actions and their consequences are unknown to him and as he prays, his heart is moved by sincere intent to strive harder, work more, study more, forgive more and share more.

He comes out of the state of prayer, feeling renewed; more determined to use what remains of his time in the most beneficial way. An angry shout or unkind word, stops on the same lips that recite the Quran and remembers Allah. Hands reaching forth in greed and hate, retreat to find better solutions. Hasty careless words, dismal thoughts and attitudes disappear beneath the light that shrouds the mind of the one who prays because of their love and fear of Allah.

Allah has warned Muslims of skipping prayers "So woe unto those

performers of Salat (prayers) (hypocrites), Those who delay their Salat (prayer from their stated fixed times)." He Also says "Then, there has succeeded them a posterity who have given up As-Salat (the prayers) [i.e. made their Salat (prayers) to be lost, either by not offering them or by not offering them perfectly or by not offering them in their proper fixed times] and have followed lusts. So they will be thrown in Hell."

Brother Believers, Praying Five times a day allows a Muslim to remember Allah often, as we are created to remember him. Praying enables us to remember him and it is also a form of thankfulness for all he has given us. A Muslim who observes the daily prayers becomes somebody who is more conscious of what he/she does or says, remembering that in a few hours time or minutes time he will have to perform the prayer before the Allah, hence abstaining from inappropriate behavior. Allah says "Verily, man (disbeliever) was created very impatient; Irritable (discontented) when evil touches him; And niggardly when good touches him. Except those who are devoted to Salat (prayers). Those who remain constant in their Salât (prayers);"

Muslims, Praying help us avoid committing sins, Allah says "Recite (O Mohammad) what has been revealed to you of the Book (the Quran), and perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat). Verily, As-Salat (the prayer) prevents from Al-Fahsha' (i.e. great sins of every kind, unlawful sexual intercourse) and Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism, and every kind of evil wicked deed) and the remembering (praising) of (you by) Allah (in front of the angels) is greater indeed [than your remembering (praising) of Allah in prayers. And Allah knows what you do. I say this and Ask Allah to forgive you and I.

15-Good Morals

Praise be to God who made good manners part of the faith, and by it raised the affairs of the faithful, I bear witness that there is no divinity other than God, the True Manifest King, I bear witness that our master Mohammad is the servant of God and His Messenger, the one who is true to his covenant and trustworthy, O God bless, give peace, and grace upon our master Mohammad, his pure kinfolk, and his companions, and those who follow them in excellence until the day of judgment.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

Good manners are considered the heaviest items in the scale of the believers in the Day of Judgment and make them the closest people in proximity to the messenger of Allah on the Day of Judgment.

"Truly the most beloved of you to me and the closest of you in proximity to me on the day of judgment are the best manners." Profit said

قال تعالى: " وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ "

"And verily you (the messenger) are on exalted "standard of" character" (68:4) Allah said

قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم " إِنَّمَا بُعِثْتُ لِأَتَمِّمَ مَكَارِمَ الْأَخْلَاقِ "

The messenger said in the Hadith that he was sent to the humanity to complete the good morals.

And we need to know that Allah al mighty had distributed the morals in people as he had gifted them the livelihood. " قَالَ تَعَالَى " إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ "

"The praying terminated the immorality" Allah said

A Salah "praying" prevent from the "Al Fahsha"sins and "Al Monkar" the disbelief

So Muslim must avoid arrogance and leave harming people

قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم: " أَتَدْرُونَ مَا الْمُفْلِسُ؟ "

Besides that, profit had explained to his followers the meaning of " Al Mufles" the bankrupt of the good deeds. The person who come with good deeds in the resurrection day but he had hit somebody and stolen someone else, so his good deeds will be given in turn to them until he has nothing, then their bad sins will be placed upon him and finally he will be threw into the hell.

قال تعالى " يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ "

"Muslims, be afraid of Allah and be always with those who are true" (9:119) Allah said Some scholars advice us to join the person who can guide us to the god by his words, and to read about the life of righteous people

16-Family

All praise is for Allah, who commended us to care about families. We praise Him and we seek His forgiveness. I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah. And I bear witness that prophet Mohammad is His slave and messenger.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

O you who believe! Fear Allah and keep your duty to him and let every person look to what he has sent forth the morrow. Islam gave the family much attention while Qur'an explained these meanings and considered it a gift from Allah.

قال الله تعالى وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ بَنِينَ وَحَفَدَةً "

And Allah has made for you *Azواج* "mates or wives" of your own kind. (16:72), The community is needed to build good families that keep values, customs and traditions. Parents must guide their children to the right. This good method was the prophet's way.

قال الله تعالى " وَوَصَّىٰ بِهَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ بَنِيهِ وَيَعْقُوبُ يَا بَنِيَّ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَىٰ لَكُمُ الدِّينَ فَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ "

And this was enjoined by Ibrahim upon his sons and by YAQUB "Jacob" saying O my sons: Allah has chosen for you true religion then die not except in the faith of Islam. (2:132)

Adding for that, parents must participate in choosing good companions for their sons, moreover giving enough time to sit with the family can increase their communication skills, so we must give them time and care whatever businesses one has. O Slaves of Allah, there are essential basis that can develop happiness in the family, such as respecting and giving gifts for the wife. Allah said about wives: " قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى "وَعَاشِرُوهُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ "

(And live with them honorably) (4:19)

On the other hand, the wife must respect and guard her husband and give him his rights. As Allah said:

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى " وَلَهُنَّ مِثْلُ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَلِلرِّجَالِ عَلَيْهِنَّ دَرَجَةٌ "

And they (women) have rights living expenses similar "to those of their husbands "over them as regards obedience respect, to what is reasonable. (2:228) Our messenger (peace be upon him) said:

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ " لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَمْ يَرْحَمْ صَغِيرَنَا وَيُقَرَّ كَبِيرَنَا "

Not one of us who didn't have mercy on our young ones and respects the elderly and one of this spaces using good speech in the dialogue, so the successful family used to solve personal problems inside its home.

فَعَنْ عَمْرٍو بْنِ عَبْسَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ : أَتَيْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ فَقُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ مَا الْإِسْلَامُ؟ قَالَ: « طَيْبُ الْكَلَامِ ...».

Amr bin Absa said that he came to the prophet (peace be upon him) and asked what is Islam? He responded "good speech".

Oh Allah, help us to do good for our families and show them all care and respect.

17-Grace of Health

All praise is for Allah who guided us to do good deeds and gave us the health bounty. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone with no partner, the one and the only. And I bear witness that Muhammad is his slave and messenger.

Our prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) recommended us to ask Allah for forgiveness and health. Allah said:

قال عز و جل : يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear Him and speak always the truth.(33:70) Allah Also said: **قال عز و جل : وَإِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصُوهَا** And if you would count the favors of Allah, never could you count them.(16:18)

O Muslims, God bestowed many graces for us, and health is the biggest blessing. Health is an act when disease gets away from the mind, body, family and children. In addition, there is no doubt that health is one of the major causes of happiness. Our Messenger (peace be upon him) said:

قال النبي : مَنْ أَصْبَحَ مِنْكُمْ آمِنًا فِي سِرْبِهِ، مُعَافَى فِي جَسَدِهِ، عِنْدَهُ قُوتٌ يَوْمَهُ، فَكَأَنَّمَا حِيزَتْ لَهُ الدُّنْيَا

The one among you who wakes up secure in his property, healthy in his body and has his food for the day, it is as if the whole world were brought to him.

Our prophet (peace be upon him) used to ask Allah to gift him health by saying: (O my Lord give me health in the world and the hereafter)

Islam provides some rules that preserves our health. Examples of these rules are purity, cleanness, washing, ablution, teeth brushing, and mouth rinse.

O believers! Good health is a crown over our heads. Our messenger (PBUH) called us to invest five before five and one of them is to invest your health before your illness.

Oh Allah we ask you to perpetuate the blessing of health and security for us and all Muslims.

18-Blessings

All praise is for Allah who guided us to do good deeds. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, alone with no partner, the one and the only. And I bear witness that Muhammad (peace be upon him) is his slave and messenger. Allah said:

قال تعالى: " يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ

O man kin! Be dutiful to your lord who created you from a single person.(4:1)

O believers every Muslim used to ask Allah to give him the blessing in his life and in his family. Allah said: قال تعالى " رَبِّ أَنْزِلْنِي مُنْزَلًا مُبَارَكًا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْمُنْزِلِينَ

"And say : My lord cause me to land at a blessed landing place for you are the best of those who bring to land ". (23:29) Also, Allah said:

قال تعالى " وَجَعَلَ فِيهَا رِوَاسِيَّ مِنْ فَوْقِهَا وَبَارَكَ فِيهَا

"He placed there in firm mountains from above it and he blessed it" (41:10)

So there are many good results coming from blessing; the body becomes healthy, the age becomes fruitful, spouse becomes happy, the life becomes luxurious.

Our Messenger (peace be upon him) used to make Du'aa for his followers. As he (peace be upon him) used to say: " اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْهُ مَالًا وَوَلَدًا وَبَارِكْ لَهُ "

"O Allah, place best on him wealth and children". Allah also said:

وقال تعالى " وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَىٰ آمَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم بَرَكَاتٍ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ "

"And if the people of the town had believed and had the *Taqwa* certainly, we should have opened them blessing from the heaven and the earth". (7:96), Our messenger (peace be upon him) said:

و قال صلى الله عليه وسلم " اجْتَمِعُوا عَلَى طَعَامِكُمْ وَادْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ يُبَارِكْ لَكُمْ فِيهِ "

"Gather on your food and remember the name of Allah, God will bless you"

And he (peace be upon him) said: " اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لِأُمَّتِي فِي بُكُورِهَا "

"O God, please bless my nation in the early action"

Our messenger mentioned that if the seller and the buyer said the truth and had *taqwa*, God will bless them. But if they lie so, they lose the blessings of the trade

Oh Allah, we pray for you to bless our country, its leaders and the whole Islamic nation.



19-The Love of Allah and His Messenger

Indeed, praise is to Allah, the All-Merciful, the All-Gracious Who is kind to His servants, and endows upon them His countless bounties and endless love. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah, Who is the only God without any associates. Verily, Allah, the Exalted, has praised His loving believers in the Holy Quran:” **But those of faith are overflowing in their love for God.**”(2:165). I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant and the messenger of Allah, the most noble of mankind who is favored by Almighty Allah over other prophets. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad, his family, his companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

O Muslims,

I urge myself first and all of you to be God-fearing and pious for Almighty Allah says in the Holy Quran:”**O you who believe! Fear God and be with those who are true (in word and deed).**”(9:119). I also remind you of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) saying about the Hereafter (Day of Judgment): “A man is with whom he loves.”

Dear brothers and sisters,

Contrary to Western belief, Love in all its forms is one of the most important concepts in Islam. Indeed, the word “love” and its derivations appear in more than one hundred *ayat* (verses) in the Holy Quran. Love has different levels and degrees in Islam. The ultimate and the most noble is the profound love of the believers for Allah. For those people of faith, Allah, the Exalted, facilitates performance of acts of worship and obedience to His commands. The love for Allah is the core of Islam on which Muslims base their deeds, speech, and human relations. Our love and longing for Allah is the ultimate evidence of our faith for which we are greatly rewarded by the Almighty. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:”Whoever loves for Allah’s sake, hates for Allah’s sake, gives for Allah’s sake and withholds for Allah’s sake has a perfect faith.”

Dear brothers and sisters,

Having the proper love for our Prophet (peace be upon him) is a must for any Muslim who is striving to please Allah, the Exalted, Who says: **“Say (to them O Muhammad): If you love Allah, follow me, and Allah will love you, and forgive you your sins; Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful.”**(3:31-32). Prophet Muhammad also said “None of you believes until I am dearer to him than his father, his child and all of mankind.”

The manifestation of our love for Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is by following in his footsteps and striving to emulate him in our deeds, conduct and speech. Another manifestation of this love is to increase our *dua'* (supplication), and prayer to Allah for our noble Prophet (peace be upon him) and his family, especially on Friday.

Dear believers,

Our love for Allah grows and develops and transforms us into loving, noble human beings. It must be manifested in the relations between parents, between husband and wife and between children. Husband and wife must cherish and extend extra care for their children. Please note, dear brothers and sisters that out of love for your children and for their own good, you must forbid things and deeds that are detrimental to them, and recommend good deeds even if they dislike them.

When Muslims nourish their hearts with love, it will reflect itself in the relation between husband and wife. Reciprocal affection, sincerity and loyalty are essential in an Islamic family, as Allah, Exalted be He, says: **“And among His signs is that He created for you mates from among yourselves, that you may dwell in peace and tranquility with them, and He has put love and mercy between your (hearts); Verily in that are signs for those who reflect.”**(30:21).

Dear Muslims,

Affection and love shall be rewarded in both this world and the Hereafter. On the day of judgment, the believer will be with whom he loves. “A man came to Prophet Muhammad and said: When is the day of judgment? The Prophet said: What have you prepared for it? The man said: I did not prepare a lot of prayers and fasting, but I love Allah and his messenger. So he (peace be upon him) answered:” You will be with whom you love”.

Dear servants of Allah,

Just as it is important to love Allah and His Messenger (peace be upon him) , it is also necessary to base human relations on forgiveness. We cannot expect Allah's love and forgiveness unless we also forgive those who do wrong to us. Love opens the gates of Paradise. Let's be loving towards our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors...Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said:"You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not believe until you love each other. Shall I tell you something which if you did would love each other? Spread peace amongst yourselves."

One of the aspects of love is dedication to one's work. Liking one's job leads us to excel, be creative and enhance our performance beyond the call for duty.

O Allah, we ask You to help us increase our love to You and Your messenger, and the love for any deed that makes us closer to You. O Allah, we beseech You to help us obey You and those You have ordained us to obey.

O Allah, make us of the people of the Glorious Quran, those who practice what they recite. O Allah, we beseech Your help to follow in the footsteps of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his noble character.

Second Sermon

O believers,

Love of one's homeland is part of faith. It's an innate longing for the place of birth and upbringing. It has been narrated that Sayed Walad Adnan was forced to leave Mecca after spending a long time there. He bid farewell to Mecca like a lover saying:" Were it not that my people drove me out from you, I would have never lived anywhere else."

Love of one's homeland must be reflected in our eagerness to serve it, to exert the utmost efforts to protect it and to participate actively in its development and prosperity.

20-The Family values

All praise is for Allah. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone, who has no partner,

[And among His signs is this, that He created for you wives from among yourselves that you may find repose in them, and He has put between you affection and mercy. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who reflect]

And I testify that Muhammad is Allah's slave and messenger, peace and blessing upon our Prophet Muhammad and Upon his family and companions,

Oh Muslims: family is a very important part of a human life. Family members are not only parents and brothers but also grandfathers, uncles, aunts and whoever relates to them. Muslims should contact with their relatives and please them. Indeed, the more the family adheres to the approach of Allah, The happier the family will be.

Our messenger ordered his people to choose the wife who is religious who used to keep her worship in general the good wife can change into the best situation.

There is a big reward for the wife who used to keep herself, her husband, offering her worship. This reward is the paradise.

If anybody asks what the services are that wife can offer? The answers are:

- To obey her husband
- To take care of her children
- Planting good manners in her children
- To grow up the love of our homeland

“And live with them honorably; if you dislike them it may be that you dislike a thing through which Allah brings great deal of good”

Every family must be strong and must keep the manners inside this family

Our messenger used to help his family even he was very busy with his people, Aisha the mother of believers said: that our messenger used to help his family and used to serve them.

And one of the good manners that we must deal in the family is discussing fruitful opinions.

In our Islam husbands are ordered to be thankful for their wives and to deal honorably especially when the wife becomes very old and becomes in need.

Finally, we praise Allah, we seek his aid and we ask for his forgiveness.

21-Eid Fitr

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar.

(Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great.)

Allah is Most Great as long as the dawn of Islam breaks and shines forth. Allah is Most Great as long as the month of fasting comes and goes. Allah is Most Great as long as the faster celebrates the completion of his fast and draws hope. Allah is Most Great, and all praise is much due to Allah, and Allah is Exalted eternally. Exalted is He Possessor of Glory and Limitless Oneness. Exalted is He Possessor of Dominion and Kingdom. Exalted is Allah the Eternal the Ever-Lasting, who does not alter nor change. Exalted is He whose signs are a testament to His existence, and whose evidences of His power and might speak of His sublime-ness. He is the One in His being, attributes and actions, nothing is of His like and He is the All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

And I bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone with no associate. By His praise righteous deeds are completed and through His remembrance blessings continue. And I bear witness that our Master Mohammed is the best who fasted for his Lord and stood in prayer. O Allah, praise, give peace to and bless our Master Mohammed for whom Allah chose the most noble of forefathers and the most chaste of mothers.

O Servants of Allah: This day of yours is a great day. Its bounty is plentiful. In it Allah overwhelms the fasters with their reward and magnifies the reward for them. In it the signs of mercy upon the servants of Allah unfold. In it the beggar is not turned away. Yet mercy on this day envelopes only those who have completed their fast, and giving the zakat cleanses the fast of sin. Congratulations to he who fasted Ramadan and stood in prayer, and breaks his fast on this great day with the halal.

O Muslims: This day of yours is a day of celebration and happiness, so spread the joy among your brothers and neighbors and be dutiful to your fathers and mothers that your children be dutiful to you. Be affectionate to your wives and children. Be the best of parents and the best of spouses, be the best of children and the best of siblings.

The Prophet may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him has said, The best of you is the best of you to his family and I am the best of you to his family. Be good on this day of yours to the poor and needy and stroke the heads of orphans who have lost their fathers and mothers.

Remember the saying of the Prophet may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him to the hard-hearted, Stroke the head of an orphan and your heart will become soft. This day of yours is a day of visiting and having mercy upon each other, so visit each other in it and have mercy upon one another, and be affectionate in it and shake hands, forget differences, forsake racism and set aside tribalism for it is rotten. Know that embracing and shaking hands remove rancor from the heart and revive in it the spirit of affection and love. Know that if two Muslims meet and shake hands they shall not part company until each washes clean the other of his sins. How in need we are brothers in Islam of the implementation of the divine legislation, and how in need we all are of bringing down the reward of Allah upon ourselves through our behavior. How happy is he who is light upon his brothers and soft.

O Muslims: The day of Eid Al-Fitr is the first day of celebration for the fasters, for you know that the faster has two celebrations that he celebrates, If he breaks his fast he celebrates the breaking of his fast and if he meets his Lord he celebrates his fast. For the like of this day let the workers work, and in that let the competitors compete. Do not forget the blessing of Allah upon you on this day in which you glorify your Allah for having guided you and thank him for having chosen you, for as of yesterday you have completed the worship of your fast. You thank your Lord on this day, yet know brothers in Islam that the Eid is not for he that wears something new; rather it is for he whose acts of obedience to his Lord are on the increase. The Eid is not for he that wears new clothes and his heart is hardened to his brother Muslim; the Eid is for whoever fears the Day of Judgment, the Eid is for whoever fears the grievances of the servants, the Eid is for whoever pardons mistakes and does good to he who treats him badly and makes amends among people.

Yes, you can wear new clothes but how good it would be if you adorned them with taqwa (fearful consciousness of Allah) for taqwa is the best provision and taqwa is the best clothing. The Most High said, And the clothing of taqwa, that is best. Yesterday you were among the fasters and today you are among the thankful. How good it is for the thankful to stock up with taqwa. The Most High said, And take your provisions for

the best provision is taqwa. Brothers in Islam: Spread the greeting of peace on this day, feed food and remind your children of the blessings of Allah. Raise them according to the teachings of Islam. Raise them with taqwa of Allah that they be the apple of your eye in this life and a source of security and happiness in the Afterlife. Know that your children copy you, so be the best example to them and the finest model. Omer Ibn AbdulAzeez the ascetic Khalifa saw one of his sons on the day of Eid wearing a tattered shirt. Omer cried. His son said to him, What makes you cry, my father? He said, I fear that your heart will break on the day of Eid if the children see you in your tattered clothes. He said, O Leader of the Believers, the heart breaks of one whom Allah denies His acceptance or casts aside his father or mother, and I hope that Allah accepts me through your acceptance of me. Omer may Allah be well pleased with him cried, embraced him and kissed him on his forehead and prayed for him, and he became the most ascetic person after him.

O Muslims: The predecessors used to consider every day that passes in obedience to Allah an Eid, and the best Eid for them is the moment of closeness to the Lord of the Worlds. One of them said:

Time is a funeral wake if you are absent, my hope And Eid is when you are visible and audible to me So fear Allah o Muslims and take glad tidings of the plentiful gifts of the Lord of the Earth and the Heavens. The Messenger of Allah may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him said, On the day of Eid Al-Fitr the Angels stand in the entryways of the streets and call out: Go hence O Muslims to a generous Lord who provides blessings then rewards them with plenty. You were ordered to stand in prayer during the night and you stood. You were ordered to fast during the day and you fasted. You obeyed your Lord so take your prizes. When they finish praying someone cries out: Your Lord has forgiven you. Return to your residences rightly-guided.

The Second Sermon Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar. (Allah is Most Great, Allah is Most Great.)

Allah is Most Great, and all praise is much due to Allah, and Allah is Exalted in the morning and the evening. And I bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone with no associate. He made the Eids days of love and kindness and being merciful and affectionate to each other. And I bear witness that our Master Mohammed is the servant of Allah and His Messenger, the best who greeted on the Eid and was greeted, and was happy with it and made others happy. O Allah, praise, give peace to and bless him and his family and companions.

O Servants of Allah: Glad tidings for you with the completion of the fast; with that

celebrate. Glad tidings to you of the intercession of the Koran; for that be thankful. Say with the bounty of Allah and His mercy, with that let them celebrate, it is better than what they gather.

Servants of Allah: Make much remembrance of Allah, thank Him and exalt Him in the morning and the evening, for He is the Lord of generosity and beneficence. Visit each other in this day of yours, have mercy upon each other and shake each others hands, for it has been narrated from the Messenger of Allah may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him that he said, There are no two Muslims that meet and shake hands but that they are forgiven before they part. And he said may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him, If two Muslims meet and one of them greets the other the most beloved of them to Allah is the one who is most welcoming of his companion. If they shake hands Allah sends down upon them a hundred mercies, to the one who held out his hand ninety and to the one who shook it ten. Be among those who travel on his example may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him. If one of you attends from one path let him return by another that the two paths might bear witness for him.

Servants of Allah: Honor is in obedience to your Lord, so be obedient and on this blessed day do many good deeds, for good deeds protect one from an evil end. Join with you in your celebration the poor and needy. And that which you put forth for yourselves you will find it with Allah better and greater in reward, and ask Allah for forgiveness. Allah is forgiving, merciful.

Say with me: Our Lord forgive us and our brothers who have preceded us in belief, and do not make in our hearts rancor for those who believe. Our Lord, you are gentle, merciful. Ask Allah with me to bring together the hearts of the believers and gather the Muslims and accept the repentant.

He is the best protector and the best supporter. Servants of Allah, Allah orders justice and doing good and giving to relatives and forbids indecency and the reprehensible and tyranny. He warns you that you might pay heed. May every year find you well. Peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings.

22-Self-examination

All praise to Allah who made the confession of monotheism a protection and fortification for His servants. His is praise, blessing and dominion. And I bear witness that our Master and Prophet Mohammed is His servant and Messenger, who said, "The Hujjaj and "Ummar are the delegation of Allah. If they supplicate to Him He responds and if they ask Him for forgiveness He forgives them.

O Allah praise and give peace to our Master Mohammed, his family and pure, wise companions.

Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa (wariness) of Allah and obedience to Him. And I warn you and myself of rebellion against Him and disobeying His order

Muslims, Allah says " O you who believe! Remember Allah with much remembrance. And glorify His Praises morning and afternoon [the early morning (Fajr) and 'Asr prayers]" (33:41,41)

Allah says 'Those who follow the Messenger, the Prophet who can neither read nor write whom they find written with them in the Taurat (Torah) (and the Injeel), - he commands them for Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam has ordained); and forbids them from Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism of all kinds, and all that Islam has forbidden); he allows them as lawful At-Tayyibat (i.e. all good and lawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods), and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khaba'ith (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons and foods), he releases them from their heavy burdens (of Allah's Covenant with the children of Israel), and from the fetters (bindings) that were upon them. So those who believe in him, honor him, help him, and follow the light (the Quran) which has been sent down with him, it is they who will be successful.

Muslims, Allah has urged us to examine our selves. Allah says "you who believe! Fear Allah and keep your duty to Him. And let every person look to what he has sent forth for the morrow, and fear Allah. Verily, Allah is All-Aware of what you do." This verse is a proof that we should examine our selves. Therefore, Muslims, examine yourselves before you are being examined. In other verses Allah has sworn by selves as a proof of their importance. He mentioned them right with the day of resurrection. Allah says "I swear by the Day of Resurrection. And I swear by the self-reproaching person (a believer)."

Brother believers, faithful Muslims must always examine themselves in order to reach steadiness and rightfulness in obeying Allah in order to gain his satisfaction. With self examination, Muslims become aware of Allah's supervision and closeness. Allah says

" And indeed We have created man, and We know what his ownself whispers to him. And We are nearer to him than his jugular vein (by Our Knowledge)." Feeling Allah's supervision and closeness surely awakes the Muslim's consciousness.

Servants of Allah, remembering the day of resurrection help us to examine ourselves constantly. So Many Quranic verses have described the day of resurrection and its terrors. Allah says " And We shall set up balances of justice on the Day of Resurrection, then none will be dealt with unjustly in anything. And if there be the weight of a mustard seed, We will bring it. And Sufficient are We to take account." Therefore, those of us who neglect their prayers must pray and those who do not pay their alms should start doing so too. Allah says " And perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat), and give Zakat and whatever of good (deeds that Allah loves) you send forth for yourselves before you, you shall find it with Allah."

Brother believers, those who examine themselves are indeed the winners. Allah says " By Nafs (Adam or a person or a soul), and Him Who perfected him in proportion; Then He showed him what is wrong for him and what is right for him. Indeed he succeeds who purifies his ownself (i.e. obeys and performs all that Allah ordered, by following the true Faith of Islamic Monotheism and by doing righteous good deeds). And indeed he fails who corrupts his ownself (i.e. disobeys what Allah has ordered by rejecting the true Faith of Islamic Monotheism or by following polytheism or by doing every kind of evil wicked deeds)." Allah also says " But as for him who feared standing before his Lord, and restrained himself from impure evil desires and lusts. Verily, Paradise will be his abode."

I thank Allah for blessing us with Islam and his prophet. We ask Allah that we would all die as Muslims. We ask Allah to bestow on us the bounty of entering Paradise without torture.

I say this and ask Allah to forgive you and I.

23-The Sermon of Blessed Eid Al Adha

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar
(Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest)

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar
(Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest)

Allah is Greatest as long as people are humbled before His Majesty. Allah is Greatest as long as people yield to His Glory. Allah is Greatest as long as hearts fear His sublimity. Allah is Greatest as long as a Muhrim makes the talbiya from Arafat and his sins and mistakes are forgiven. Allah is Greatest as long as Muslims draw closer to Allah through their sacrifices. Allah is Greatest as long as the pilgrims gather on the plain of Arafat and raise the slogan of unity and harmony.

Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is truly Greatest, and Allah is exalted in the morning and the afternoon. There is no god but Allah alone. He fulfilled His promise, supported His servant, strengthened His army, and defeated the Parties by Himself. There is no god but Allah and we worship none but He, sincerely devoted to Him even if the polytheists loathe it.

All praise is to Allah who alone coerces and compels, and who alone possesses life and perpetuity, who made joy the slogan of the merciful, and threatened to take revenge from the enemies. All praise to Allah who has perfected His religion, completed His blessing and accepted Islam for us as our religion. We praise Him Most High as befits His majesty and perfection.

We bear witness that there is no god but Allah alone without associate and we bear witness that our Prophet Mohammed is His servant and His Messenger. Allah revealed to him a clear book and guided him to a straight path, and removed with the light of the Book the confusion of the confused and guided them to the path of salvation from clear torment.

Allah bless, praise, and give peace to our Master Mohammed, his family and companions in the morning and the evening.

Muslims: We live now in the first hours of the blessed day of sacrifice, the day of the Greater Eid in which Muslims meet on the plains of love and brotherhood, exchanging words of affection and purity. Their ties strengthen and their brotherhood is reconfirmed. They praise Allah Almighty for the blessing of Islamic Law whose bond has joined them, mended between their hearts, and drawn them each to the other in belief and faith. Their analogy in their affection and mercy to each other is one of a single body or building.

Noble brothers, during the Eid the connection between a Muslim and his brother Muslim deepens. Eid is an opportunity to strengthen this bond with the parents, relatives, neighbors, friends, and even enemies to make amends and shake hands. In the hadith narrated by Al-Tabarani with a sound chain from the Prophet may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him he said, "If a Muslim meets his brother and takes him by the hand, their sins fall off of them, like leaves fall from a desiccated tree on a windy day." The sins they have committed go away.

This day is a memorable day, and this Eid a blessed Eid, the day of pilgrimage and sacrifice. It came to you in the wake of the pilgrims' performance of the rites of Hajj and Umra. Allah Most High ordained the day of the Greater Eid for sublime wisdoms. Allah perfected the religion of Islam on the day of Arafat and cut off the hopes of the polytheists. Allah Most High says, "Today the polytheists have despaired of your religion so don't fear them and fear me. Today I have perfected my religion for you and completed my blessing upon you and accepted Islam as a religion for you."

This Eid comes as thanks to Allah for this blessing. It is the greatest and most venerated Eid among the Muslims. In it, Allah has ordained takbeer (Allahu Akbar) from the dawn of the day of Eid to the last day of the days of tashreeq. For four days in succession, the pilgrims make takbeer in those lands, the echo rings in the horizon, and the Islamic world responds to that takbeer. For this reason, it is Sunnah to make takbeer during the Eid as they do and to sacrifice as they do.

So adorn your Eid with takbeer my beloved brothers and respond to your brothers the pilgrims of the Sacrosanct House of Allah whose emotions have met at the place of Revelation and the house of Prophecy. They recall the memory of the day of the Farewell Pilgrimage upon the ground of Arafat, when the Prophet left his commandments of equality and respect for human rights fourteen hundred years before modern international treaties confirmed them. All of you are from Adam and Adam is from dust. An Arab has no virtue over a non-Arab and a non-Arab has no virtue over an Arab except through piety. The Most High says, "The most honored among you with Allah is the most pious among you." Allah is All-knowing, Well-acquainted." Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar (Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest).

Beloved Brothers: We should know that slaughtering the sacrifices for Allah is among the greatest acts of worship and the biggest rites that the Wise Legislator has asked us to perform on this great day. It renews the Sunnah of the best of creation and reminds us of the sacrifice with which Allah favored the Intimate of the Rahman our Master Ibrahim and his son our Master Ismail may peace and blessings be upon them and upon our Prophet. The sacrifices have been a rite of Islamic worship and a slogan for the pristine nation since the mercy of Allah saved Ismail and ransomed him for a tremendous sacrifice. The sacrifice was an eloquent, practical lesson, a test of faith and an examination of willpower. Our Master Ibrahim the Intimate and his son our Master Ismail peace be upon them left this exam victorious. Ibrahim was sincere in faith and loyal to the Rahman. He was going to sacrifice his son in the cause of his Lord, his religion and his Creator. We ask Allah to grant him the greatest reward. Ismail followed the order of his Lord, submitted to the will of Allah Most High, and obeyed his father. What a great lesson it is, bearing profound meanings and tremendous secrets. It teaches us complete submission to the order of Allah Most High without hesitation or delay, and that contentment, tranquility and serenity accompany this submission. Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar (Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest).

Beloved brothers: The sacrifices are a sunnah muakkada (confirmed sunnah) in the opinion of the majority of scholars in accordance with the many hadiths. Imam Tirmidhi has narrated with a sound chain from Aisha may Allah be well pleased with her that the Prophet may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him said, "No person does anything on the day of sacrifice more beloved to Allah than the spilling of blood. It will come on the Day of Resurrection with its horns, hair and cloven feet, and the blood lands from Allah in a place of high standing before it falls on the ground, so be pleased with it." Al Bazzar narrated in his Musnad from Abu Saeed Al-Khudri may Allah be well pleased with him that he said, "The Messenger of Allah may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him said, "Fatima go to your sacrifice and witness it for with the first drop of blood that falls all your previous sins will be forgiven." Imam Al-Tabarani narrated from Al-Hasan Ibn Ali may Allah be well pleased with him that he said, "The Messenger of Allah may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him said, "Whoever sacrifices willfully desiring the reward for his sacrifice, it will be a veil for him from the Fire." A Muslim should choose the best sacrifice and it should be free of faults and damage. For this reason, a one eyed sacrifice that is clearly one-eyed, a sick animal that is clearly sick, a limping animal with a clear limp and a skinny animal that is emaciated with no meat on it are not acceptable. Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar (Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest, Allah is Greatest).

Servants of Allah; We should take advantage of the days of Eid to do good works, acts of worship, visit relatives, honor our neighbors and lend a helping hand to our brothers in need. We should pay attention to our children to shelter them from faltering and bad company. I ask Allah to accept from you and me our good works and make us firm in

complete faith.

I say this word and ask Allah the Almighty for forgiveness for you and me.

24-Tolerance in Islam

Praises be to Allah, Creator of the Universe, many, pure and blessed praises. I bear witness that there is god but Allah, the One God Who Has no partner. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant and messenger of Allah. May Allah have His peace and blessings upon our Master Muhammad, His family (His Ahl Al-Bayt), His chosen Companions and all those who will follow their righteous path till the Day of Judgment.

Dear Muslims:

I call on myself first and all of you to be God-fearing and pious. I also urge you to obey Him, the Almighty, Who says: **“O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger (peace be upon him), has indeed attained a great achievement.” (33:70-71).**

O servants of Allah:

Allah has chosen man, has favored him and has fully endowed him. He has sent down to him Messengers and Holy Books. He also set rules and commands. Allah, the Almighty, says: **“And indeed We have honored the Children of Adam. And we Have carried them on land and sea, and have given them for sustenance good and pure things, and conferred on them special favors, above a great part of those We have created.”(17:70).**

Islam was sent down as mercy and guidance to mankind. In a world that has become smaller and interdependent, in a world seeking peace and stability, mankind are in crucial need, now more than ever, to learn the true principles and

essence of Islam and the life of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). His Noble Sirah represents the best practical model of coexistence in society and amongst different communities on the basis of fraternity and righteous cooperation. Islam asserts and recognizes diversity and multiplicity as part of the Divine intention and purpose in creation. Allah says in the Holy Quran: **“And if Allah had so willed. He could surely have made mankind one nation, but they will not cease to disagree. Except him on whom Allah has bestowed His mercy and for that did He create them.”(11:118-119).**

Islam has laid the foundations of peaceful coexistence in society and even in the world at large. Islam calls for peaceful cooperation which leads to a better life for everyone. When Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was exhorting Muslims to support the newly established Muslim community in Medina, He signed the Constitution that embodied the Islamic principle of reaching contractual peaceful coexistence with adherents of other religions. Based on the Islamic principles, Muslims all over the world live in peace in diverse societies irrespective of differences in religion, race or culture.

Dear servants of Allah:

Islam prohibits any form of coerced (forced) conversion to Islam. Indeed, Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Quran: “There is no compulsion in religion” Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) called for Islam with gentle approach and wisdom. “It is reported from Abu Huraira that the Prophet, may Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, sent riders towards Najd. They brought a man of the bani Hanifa, whose name was Thumama ibn Uthal, and tied him to one of the pillars of the mosque. Then the Holy Prophet came out to him and asked him three times to cover. When the man refused, the Prophet asked them to let him go. The man went to a date tree close to the mosque, had a bath and came back and said: “I testify that there is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is His Messenger.”

Islamic teachings call for Muslims to respect and cooperate with people from all walks of life regardless of difference in religion. Islam stands firm for the principle of non-coercion. It even emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents irrespective of their faith. Asma' bint (daughter) of Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with them, said: "My mother came to visit me at the time of the Prophet (peace be upon him) and she was a nonbeliever. I inquired from the Prophet (peace be upon him) who said: "Continue to do good to your non-believing mother."

Islam stands firm for justice in society. The reluctance of some people to convert to Islam should not be by any means a pretext to assault or hurt them or forgo their rights. Allah, the Almighty, says in the Holy Quran: **"Let not the hatred of others to you make you swerve to wrong and depart from justice. Be just: that is next to piety: and fear God."**(5:8).

Muslims must keep and honor their treaties, covenants or agreements...because disloyalty and betrayal are two abhorred attributes in Islam.

We ask Allah, the Almighty, to help us obey Him and obey those He has ordained us to obey. Allah says in the Holy Quran: "O you who believe! Obey Allah, and obey the Messenger and those charged with authority among you."(4:59).

Second Sermon

Praises to Allah, Creator of the Heavens and the Earth. I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah, the One God who Has no partner. I also bear witness that our master Muhammad, may Allah have His peace and blessings upon Him. His family, His companions and all those who will follow their righteous path till the Day of Judgment.

Dear Muslims:

The Ministry of Environment and Water in collaboration with the Environment Agency in Abu Dhabi has launched a campaign to save the desert. "The Desert Thrives with Life" is the slogan of this campaign. Indeed, the UAE desert teems

with various species of animals and birds and growing flora , oasis and natural resources. The UAE government has been keen to preserve this desert. To this end, it has designed 19 nature reserves to protect the species on the brink of extinction or are in serious danger. The Ministry of Environment and Water calls on all of you to share the responsibility of protecting our natural resources and our environment in the present time and for future generations. Cooperation in righteousness and goodness is commanded by Allah, the Almighty, who says:” Help you one another in righteousness and piety.”(5:2).

25-Repentance

All glory for Allah who bestows the gifts and who loves everybody returns to him. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone, who has no partner

قال تعالى: وَتُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ جَمِيعاً أَيُّهَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

And all of you beg Allah to forgive you all, o believers that you may be successful. (24:31) And I bear witness that Mohammed is his slave and his messenger who said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ تُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ فَإِنِّي أَتُوبُ فِي الْيَوْمِ إِلَيْهِ مِائَةَ مَرَّةٍ

O, humans beg Allah to forgive you sure I beg Allah to forgive me one hundred times.

O, slaves of Allah I advise you to be fear from Allah.

قال تعالى : وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجاً* وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ

And who ever fears Allah and keeps his duty to him, He will make him get out from every difficulty and he will provide him from "sources" he never could imagine. (65:2,3) O, faith Allah ordered us to make remorse and repentances after any sin if it is big or small, because our messenger informed that the best sinner is who beg Allah for repentance all the time.

قال ﷺ كُلُّ ابْنِ آدَمَ خَطَّاءٌ، وَخَيْرُ الْخَطَّائِينَ التَّوَّابُونَ

All the humans are able to commit the sin but the best of them who always make repentance. And because now a day we are about to reach month of Ramadan the month of forgiveness and because it is a time for every Muslim to begin new competition for the goodness and every one must return back to the lord and repeat what he missed last time and to be sincerely in the future. So we must prepare ourselves accept the good reward and gifts from Allah in this month.

قال تعالى : وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا فَعَلُوا فَاحِشَةً أَوْ ظَلَمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ ذَكَرُوا اللَّهَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا لِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَمَنْ يَغْفِرُ اللَّهُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

And those who when they have committed "Fahishah" or wronged themselves with evil, remember Allah and ask forgiveness for their sin and none can forgive sins but Allah. (3:135) Our messenger mentioned that Allah accept his slave when he returns to hem and makes repentance Allah will be happy from him. O slaves there are many conditions for the accepted repentance.

1st. To be sorrow about the last sin.

2nd. Must use the health and the wealth for thanking Allah, adding for that he must deal in goodness with the old and the young people and repeat what he had missed, as player fasting or paying Zakat.

O, Muslims we must know that the gates of the heavens are opened ,and the hand of our lord is spread to accept the slaves.

قال ﷺ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يَبْسُطُ يَدَهُ بِاللَّيْلِ لِيُتُوبَ مُسِيءُ النَّهَارِ، وَيَبْسُطُ يَدَهُ بِالنَّهَارِ لِيُتُوبَ مُسِيءُ اللَّيْلِ

Our messenger said: Allah with his glory spread his hand at night for the sinner at the day time in order to repent.

O slaves of Allah we must renew our repentance even when we repeat the sin, and leave the bad because it is very near to us the mercy of Allah, and we must thank Allah who hidden the sin, so for that we mustn't talk about the sin among the public.

O Allah help us for sincerely repentance and accept us to do the goodness for ever and to obey our lord and to obey whom we order to obey.

26-The Importance of Dialogue

All Praise be to Allah, Creator of the Heavens and the Earth. I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant and messenger of Allah. May Allah have peace and blessings upon Him, His family (or Ahl Al-Bayt), His chosen Companions and those who will follow their way until the Last Day.

O Servants of Allah,

I call upon myself first and all of you to fear Allah, The Almighty, I also urge you to obey Him as Allah says in the Holy Quran **“O you who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feared, and die not except in a state of Islam.” (Al-Imran:102).**

O Muslims,

The Holy Quran and the Hadith of the prophet abounds with examples and parables emphasizing the importance of dialogue in human's life. They also teach us to be good and attentive listeners. Indeed, engaging in dialogue was embodied in the Holy Quran's

story of creation when the angels asked Allah": **Behold, Allah said to angels:" I will place generations after generations on earth. "They said: "Will You place therein one who will make mischief therein and shed blood? –whilst we glorify You with praises and thanks and sanctify You? He (Allah) said:" I know what you know not."(Al-Baqarah:30).** The angels consented to the Divine command: **"So the angels prostrated, all of them together. Except Satan – he refused to be among the prostrators."(Al-Hijr:31-32).** Allah, the Almighty, inquired from Satan about the reason for his disobedience. Allah says:"**Allah said: O Satan! What is your reason for not being among the prostrators. Satan said:"I am not the one to prostrate to a human being, whom You created from dried clay, from mud molded into shape."(Al-Hijr:32-33).**

It is such a great lesson epitomizing (emphasizing) the importance of dialogue in our life. We also learn how to be good listeners, even to those we believe to be wrong.

O Believers,

Prophets Noah, Hud, Abraham, Shu'aib and Moses, may Allah have peace upon them, did engage in dialogue with their peoples and the Holy Quran recounts their dialogues.

O Muslims,

One of the parables in the Holy Quran addresses the life of two different men. Allah bestowed his blessings upon one of them with two marvelous gardens abounding with all kinds of fruits. He became so arrogant and forgot that what he had was from Allah and denied the Day of Judgment. Despite that, his believing companion was following the ethics of disagreement in Islam and was advising him kindly. Allah, The Exalted, says:"**His companion said to him, in the course of argument with him:"Do you deny Him Who created you out of dust, then out of a sperm-drop."(Al-Kahf:37).**The parable ends with the man's repentance, as Allah, Almighty recounts what he said:" **Woe is me! Would I had never ascribed partners to Allah."(Al-Kahf:42).**

This successful dialogue stresses the importance of the ethics of dialogue and kind persuasion in Islam.

O Believers,

The vital role of dialogue in our life must be taught (conveyed) to our children. It is essential in all frameworks of interpersonal communications between husband and wife, between fathers and children, and between teachers and students. In the life of the Prophet (pbuh), there is a viable example of dialogue with children. Ibn Abbas, may Allah be pleased with them, said: "Milk was brought to the Prophet (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him). On his right was Ibn Abbas who was a little boy and on his left Khalid bin Al-Waleed. He said to the boy: If you permit, I shall give Khaled first." The boy said: "I do not want to let anyone have my share of what is left from your lips." Ibn Abbas had milk first then Khalid." This dialogue addresses the need to respect our kids' feelings and to listen to their opinions.

O Muslims,

For a dialogue to succeed, we must not indulge in argumentation about matters of which we have no knowledge, no evidence and no proof as Allah, the Almighty, says: **"Yet of mankind is he who disputes about Allah without knowledge or guidance or a book to enlighten them."** (Luqman:20).

If one is clear about the purpose of the dialogue, then it is necessary to resort to wisdom and the best persuasion methods and techniques.

Dialogue requires respecting the other part, exerting patience with him and avoiding interruption when he/she is defending a vision, opinion or idea. We must have good faith in the other party, and avoid useless argumentation leading to hostility. The Prophet of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "The most detestable man to Allah is the hostile one."

I urge you all to resort to purposeful dialogue in resolving all your problems and issues.

We ask Allah, the Almighty, to help us obey Him and those He has commanded us to obey in the Holy Quran: "O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger (peace be upon him) and those of you (Muslims) who are in authority." (An-Nisa:59).

May Allah help us be of the people of the Holy Quran and of the followers of the path of the Noble Prophet (peace be upon him) .

Second Sermon

Praises be to Allah, Creator of the Heavens and the Earth. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, the only true God, The Exalted and the Glorious. I also bear witness that our master Mohammad, Allah's servant and messenger, is the master of mankind, may Allah have blessings and peace upon Him, His family (or Ahl Al-Bayt), His companions and those who will follow their blessed path until the Day of Judgment

Dear servants of Allah,

I urge you first to fear and obey Allah. The Holy Quran approach to dialogue stresses that one of its goals is to instill positive changes or to correct misconceptions. Further, dialogue could lead to effective solutions to human issues hence creating a more coherent society. Through deep listening with compassion and positive dialogue, a stronger family unit may be built, friends may be united. Through acceptance and respect of differences, coexistence and tolerance may keep society in peace. Therefore, dialogue leads to achieving high human and ethical values.

27-Mohammed the Greatest of All

All praise to Allah who made the confession of monotheism a protection and fortification for His servants. His is praise, blessing and dominion.

O Allah praise and give peace to our Master Mohammed, his family and pure, righteous companions.

Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa (wariness) of Allah and obedience to Him. And I warn you and myself of rebellion against Him and disobeying His order. There are many significant features for this day.

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Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa (wariness) of Allah and obedience to Him. And I warn you and myself of rebellion against Him and disobeying His order. There are many significant features for this day. And Allah grants respite to none when his appointed time (death) comes. And Allah is All-Aware of what you do."

Muslims, Allah has grant us with the greatest blessing, which is our Master Mohammed may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him. Allah says "Indeed Allah conferred a great favor on the believers when He sent among them a Messenger from among themselves, reciting unto them His Verses (the Quran), and purifying them (from sins by their following him), and instructing them (in) the Book (the Quran) and Al-Hikmah [the wisdom and the Sunnah of the Prophet (i.e. his legal ways, statements, acts of worship)], while before that they had been in manifest error."

prophet Mohammed wasn't only merciful with his companions but also with Jewish and Christians. For example : he has a Jewish neighbor who used to harm him daily by putting the dirt he sweeps in front of prophet Mohammed's house . Prophet Mohammed used to take the dirt and throw it away . until one day the prophet Mohammed didn't find the trash so he asked about his Jewish neighbor who was sick . He went to pay him a visit. The Jewish was surprised from this visit. He realized then that prophet Mohammed is right and he showed witness for Islam.

prophet Mohammed is kind towards all people. He was merciful with his enemies and friends. His heart was filled with mercy and kindness. Nonbelievers harmed him by all means but he faced all of this by mercy and kindness . he made his efforts to guide them toward the right path.

The Messenger was a blessing and his message to humanity was mercy. Allah Almighty says "And We have sent you (O Mohammad): not but as a mercy for the 'Alamin (mankind, jinn and all that exists)."

His mercy over believers is shown through the love Muslims have for each other. They lived as brothers and helped each other. Allah says "severe against disbelievers, and merciful among themselves."

His mercy over nonbelievers lived in peace among believers.

It is not a wonder that animals were also blessed with the kindness of prophet Mohammed . He used to prevent any harm done to animals or humans . He used to warn owners against extra loading for animals or poor feeding them and killing without kindness.

Plants were blessed to. Our master Mohammed said "He who cuts a tree, Allah puts his head in fire." Which means that who cuts a tree and people can't hide in its shadow is punished in hell.

This shows us that our Master Mohammed was sent to us as a blessing and a mercy and that is why we should follow his path and behave like him. We must also do everything he had asked us to do.

I say this and Ask Allah to forgive you and I.

28-Interest in Science and Education

All praise is for Allah who created the people and taught them how to talk. I bear witness that Mohammed is his slave and messenger.

Our Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "Allah, His angels, the people of the heavens and the earth, even the ant in its hole and the whale in the sea invoke Allah's blessings upon those who teaches people what is good. "

May Allah bless our messenger and his follower until the Hereafter. O Muslims I advise you to fear from Allah as He said:

" وَأَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ "

[Fear from Allah and Allah teaches you. And Allah is the all knower of everything.]
(2:282)

O slaves of Allah, our Lord created the human and preferred them, He gave them the effort to learn and ordered them to read and learn. Allah said:

" اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ * الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ * عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ "

[Read! and your Lord is the most generous, Who has taught the (the writing) by the pen, He has taught man that which he know not] (96:5)

Allah provides His messengers with the knowledge they need to teach their people. Prophet Ibrahim (peace been upon him) said to his father that he has received more knowledge than him and because of that he had to follow him.

O Muslims, our messenger (peace be upon him) was the best teacher and he used to pay attention for the kids' learning. Moreover, He (peace be upon him) used to hold special meetings for the women to teach them, these meetings had special days and special places.

In the shadow of these high manners, Muslims reached high positions in the scientific civilization. For instance, the scientist Ibn Sina innovated in surgery, Bayroni in math, Jaber Ben Hayan in chemistry, Ibn Khaldon in history, and Abas Ibn Fernas in flying trials.

Furthermore, Muslim scholars excelled in Islamic shrea'a. Many of them studied and shined in the Hadeeth and Fiqh science. Some of these scholars are Abu Haneefa, Malik Bin Anas, Al Shafee, Ahmad Bin Hambal, Bukhari, Muslem, Qurtubi, and Ibn Katheer.

O Muslims, our wise government made a considerable effort for this field of education. They established schools and universities that provide the generations with the latest knowledge and experience.

In these days, as we are stepping on the threshold of a new academic year, we pray Allah to help and open the doors of success for all of the student and the teachers as well. We exploit this event to remind the parents of the importance of their support to their children and the effectiveness of their communication with the schools and teachers.

It's important to teach our children the Islamic Etiquette in the schools. They need to behave politely, work hard i1n seeking knowledge and please their parents with their success. These manners are part of our history since Ibn Abbas (may Allah bless him) said to Zayd while walking beside him: " we are ordered to behave in honor with our scholars".

29-Virtues of the Holy Quran

Praise be to Allah Who has created Time and has made some times better than others, some months and days and nights better than others, when rewards are multiplied many times, as a mercy towards His slaves.

This encourages them to do more righteous deeds and makes them more eager to worship Him, so that the Muslim renews his efforts to gain a greater share of reward, prepare himself for death and supply himself in readiness for the Day of Judgment.

Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa (wariness) of Allah and obedience to Him. And I warn you and myself of rebellion against Him and disobeying His order. There are many significant features for this day.

Allah says "All praise to Allah who made the confession of monotheism a protection and fortification for His servants.

His is praise, blessing and dominion. Allah has promised those who obey him to be rewarded by going to heaven. Allah almighty says "And thus We have sent to you (O Mohammad) Ruh (a Revelation, and a Mercy) of Our Command.

You knew not what is the Book, nor what is Faith? But We have made it (this Quran) a light wherewith We guide whosoever of Our slaves We will. And verily, you (O Mohammad) are indeed guiding (mankind) to the Straight Path (i.e. Allah's Religion of Islamic Monotheism)." Those who want to be true believers and obey

Allah must learn the Holy Quran and follow the instructions of our Master Mohammed may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him "The best of you are those who learn and teach the Holy Quran." Muslims, reciting the Holy Quran is a one of the greatest ways the brings a person closer to his creator (Allah Almighty) it strengthens faith in the

hearts of believers.

Allah says " Verily, those who recite the Book of Allah (this Quran), and perform As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat), and spend (in charity) out of what We have provided for them, secretly and openly, they hope for a (sure) trade-gain that will never perish.

That He may pay them their wages in full, and give them (even) more, out of His Grace. Verily He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Ready to appreciate (good deeds and to recompense)." The Messenger of Allah may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him said "No people gather in one of the houses of Allah,

reciting the Book of Allah and studying it together, but tranquility descends upon them and mercy encompasses them, and the angels surround them, and Allah mentions them to those who are with Him." Muslims, Quran recitation is a good-deed.

It brings a feeling of purity to the Muslim heart. It lightens the hearts of genuine believers, because Quran recitation is mercy and the right path to faith. Reciting the Holy Quran is a way to help Muslims rise in heaven.

The more they recite in heaven, the higher their rank becomes. Quran also protects Muslims from Satan and paranoia. Reciting the Holy Quran protects Muslims from evil.

Angels descend from the heavens to listen to those who recite the Holy Quran. That is why Muslims must always fear Allah and recite the Holy Quran to be closer to their creator. It is a way to live in peace and avoid sadness.

I say this and ask Allah to forgive you and I.

30-Muslim Women

All praise to Allah who made the confession of monotheism a protection and fortification for His servants. His is praise, blessing and dominion. And I bear witness that our Master and Prophet Mohammed is His servant and Messenger, who said, "The Hujjaj and "Ummar are the delegation of Allah. If they supplicate to Him He responds and if they ask Him for forgiveness He forgives them."

O Allah praise and give peace to our Master Mohammed, his family and pure, wise companions.

Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa (wariness) of Allah and obedience to Him. And I warn you and myself of rebellion against Him and disobeying His order

Muslims, Allah says " O you who believe! Remember Allah with much remembrance. And glorify His Praises morning and afternoon [the early morning (Fajr) and 'Asr prayers]" (33:41,42)

Allah says 'Those who follow the Messenger, the Prophet who can neither read nor write whom they find written with them in the Taurat (Torah) (and the Injeel), - he commands them for Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam has ordained); and forbids them from Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism of all kinds, and all that Islam has forbidden); he allows them as lawful At-Tayyibat (i.e. all good and lawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods), and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khaba'ith (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons and foods), he releases them from their heavy burdens (of Allah's Covenant with the children of Israel), and from the fetters (bindings) that were upon them. So those who believe in him, honor him, help him, and follow the light (the Quran) which has been sent down with him, it is they who will be successful.

Allah says "Verily, the Muslims (those who submit to Allah in Islam) men and women, the believers men and women (who believe in Islamic Monotheism), the men and the

women who are obedient (to Allah), the men and women who are truthful (in their speech and deeds), the men and the women who are patient (in performing all the duties which Allah has ordered and in abstaining from all that Allah has forbidden), the men and the women who are humble (before their Lord - Allah), the men and the women who give Sadaqat (i.e. Zakat, and alms), the men and the women who observe Saum (fast) (the obligatory fasting during the month of Ramadan, and the optional Nawafil fasting), the men and the women who guard their chastity (from illegal sexual acts) and the men and the women who remember Allah much with their hearts and tongues Allah has prepared for them forgiveness and a great reward (i.e. Paradise)." In this verse, Allah tells us that women have all the good qualities Allah has praised in a servant.

Brother Muslims, There are many evidence in the Holy Book that proves that Islam cares for women and considers them an important part of the Muslim society. Allah has given women substantial, moral, literal and intellectual rights. He banned taking any of her rights and banned hurting her in any way. Allah says "these are the limits (set by Allah (or ordainments as regards laws of inheritance), and whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger will be admitted to Gardens under which rivers flow (in Paradise), to abide therein, and that will be the great success. And whosoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger, and transgresses His limits, He will cast him into the Fire, to abide therein; and he shall have a disgraceful torment."

Muslims, those who read the Holy book realize that no legislation has given women such freedom and care. It has given her a status that is fit for her femininity and skills. Islam has brought justice to all Muslims and everyone in the Muslim society.

You must all know that the responsibility given to men was given to them because there are certain responsibilities are hard for women to endure.

Allah has explained this in the Holy Book by saying "Men are the protectors and maintainers of women, because Allah has made one of them to excel the other, and because they spend (to support them) from their means. Therefore the righteous women are devoutly obedient (to Allah and to their husbands)."

Servants of Allah, our Master Mohammed had given women a great status. Those who

see the difference between the time of the messenger and the ages before that could notices the dramatic changes that occur. Through the legislations of Islam, The rights of women were preserved and they have gained dignity and freedom they did not posses before.

Brother believers, in the farewell pilgrim the messenger of Allah may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him had advised us to take care of our women and never hurt them. That is what we all should do.

I say this and ask Allah to forgive you and I.

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