

Glorification of Allah

First Khutbah

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ , نَحْمَدُهُ , وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ , وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا , مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ , وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ , وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

Verily, all praise is for Allah. We praise Him, we seek His assistance and we ask for His forgiveness. And we seek refuge in Him from the evils of our selves. Whoever Allah guides, none can misguide. Whoever He misguides, none can guide. And I bear witness that there is no deity other than Allah and I bear witness that Mohammad is His servant and messenger.

(يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ) [آل

عمران:102]

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

Oh People:

All praise is due to Allah Lord of the worlds. And there is no deity other than Allah. And glory be to Allah who is far from imperfection and praise be to Him. Glory be to Allah the Most Great. And there is no power or strength except through Allah the Mighty, Wise. He illuminated the path for the wayfarers. And facilitated and guided His believing servants to what is good.

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The believer does not find a pleasure better than the closeness to Him. And comfort and pleasantness in Him. And moistening the tongue in His remembrance, glorification and praise.

فَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ حِينَ تُمْسُونَ وَحِينَ تُصْبِحُونَ * وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ
وَالْأَرْضِ وَعَشِيًّا وَحِينَ تُظْهِرُونَ [الرُّوم: 17- 18]

Ar-Room (30) 17-18: (17) **So glorify Allah when you reach the evening and when you reach the morning. (18) And to Him is [due all] praise throughout the heavens and the earth and (glorify Him) in the afternoon (after Asr prayer) and when you reach noon.**

So be conscious of Allah the Exalted, obey Him and glorify Him plentifully. For glorifying Him is the most beloved speech to Allah the Most High. As was narrated by Abu Dharr (May Allah be pleased with him):

أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ -صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ- سُئِلَ: أَيُّ الْكَلَامِ أَفْضَلُ، قَالَ: مَا
اصْطَفَى اللَّهُ لِمَلَائِكَتِهِ أَوْ لِعِبَادِهِ: سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ " (رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ: 2731).

That the Messenger of Allah ﷺ was asked what is the best of speech? He said: "What Allah selected for His angels or for His servants :

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ

"glory be to Allah who is far from imperfection and praise be to Him" [Muslim 2731]

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Tasbeeh is praising Allah the Exalted and includes exaltation and glorification. And the Noble Quran is filled with the Tasbeeh of Allah the Most High.

Allah glorified Himself in many places in the Quran. As Allah the Most High said in verse 1 of Surah Israa:

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ [الإِسْرَاءِ: 1]

Al Israa (17) 1: **Glorified (and Exalted) is He Who took His servant for a journey by night**

And He the Exalted said in verse 159 of As-Saafat:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُصِفُونَ [الصَّافَّاتِ: 159]

As-Saafaat (37) 159: **Glorified is Allah free what they describe.**

And He the Exalted said in verse 23 of Al Hashr:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ [الحَشْرِ: 23]

Al Hashr (59) 23: **Glorified is Allah, far above what they associate with Him.**

And it was narrated by Ibn Abbas (May Allah be pleased with them) that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

وَعَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ -رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا- عَنِ النَّبِيِّ -صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ- قَالَ:
"قَالَ اللَّهُ: كَذَّبَنِي ابْنُ آدَمَ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ ذَلِكَ , وَشَتَمَنِي وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ ذَلِكَ ,
فَأَمَّا تَكْذِيبُهُ إِيَّايَ فَرَعَمَ أَنِّي لَا أَقْدِرُ أَنْ أُعِيدَهُ كَمَا كَانَ , وَأَمَّا شَتْمُهُ إِيَّايَ

فَقَوْلُهُ: لِي وَلَدٌ , فَسُبْحَانِي أَنْ أَتَّخِذَ صَاحِبَةً أَوْ وَلَدًا" (رَوَاهُ
الْبُخَارِيُّ: 4482).

Allah said: The son of Adam denied Me and he had no right to do so. And the son of Adam reviled Me and he had no right to do so. As for his denying Me, he claimed that I am unable to return him to his previous state. And as his reviling Me, he said that I have taken a son, but Exalted and Glorified am I to take a companion or a son. [Al Bukhari 4482]

Allah the Exalted, the Absolute is far from imperfection and far from the attributes of His creation.

And the angels (عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام) glorify Allah the Most High. The Most High said regarding their description and actions in verse 20 of Al Anbiyaa:

يُسَبِّحُونَ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ لَا يَفْتُرُونَ [الْأَنْبِيَاءِ: 20]

Al Anbiyaa (21) 20: They glorify Him night and day and do not slacken.

They were inspired to glorify Him such that glorification is like breathing for us. Their tasks do not distract them from it just as nothing distracts us from breathing.

And on the Day of Resurrection when Allah judges between His servants the angels will be glorifying Allah as Allah said in verse 75 of Az-Zumar:

وَتَرَى الْمَلَائِكَةَ حَافِينَ مِنْ حَوْلِ الْعَرْشِ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ [الزُّمَرِ: 75].

Az-Zumar 75: And you will see the angels surrounding the Throne, glorifying [Allah] with praise of their Lord. And it will be judged between them in truth, and it will be said, "[All] praise to Allah, Lord of the worlds."

And the messengers (عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام) praised Allah the Most. Yunus (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) said:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ [الْأَنْبِيَاءِ: 87]

Al Anbiyaa (21) 87: There is no deity but You, Glorified (and Exalted) are You

And Musa (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) said:

سُبْحَانَكَ تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ [الْأَعْرَافِ: 143]

Al Araaf (7) 143: Glory be to You, I have repented to You

And Allah the Exalted commanded our Prophet Mohammad صلى الله عليه وسلم to make tasbeeh in many verses:

فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ [الْوَاقِعَةِ: 74]

Al Waaqia (56) 74: So glorify the name of your Lord, the Most Great.

Also:

سَبِّحْ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ الْأَعْلَى [الْأَعْلَى: 1]

Al Ala (87) 1: **Glorify the Name of your Lord, the Most High**

And Mohammad صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ [يُوسُفَ: 108]

Yusuf (12) 108: **And glory be to Allah, and I am not of those who associate others with Him.**

He used often say in his صلى الله عليه وسلم bowing and prostration:

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ

Oh Allah, glory be to you

And the believers glorify Allah the Most High:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ إِذَا يُتْلَى عَلَيْهِمْ يَخِرُّونَ لِلْأَذْقَانِ سُجَّدًا *
وَيَقُولُونَ سُبْحَانَ رَبَّنَا إِنَّ كَانَ وَعْدُ رَبَّنَا لَمَفْعُولًا [الْإِسْرَاءِ: 107-108]

Al Israa (17) 107-108: (107) **Indeed, those who were given knowledge before it - when it is recited to them, they fall upon their faces in prostration (108) And they say: "Glory be to our Lord, Truly, the Promise of our Lord must be fulfilled."**

And they are commanded to make tasbeeh:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا كَثِيرًا * وَسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا
[الْأَحْزَابِ: 41-42]

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Al Ahzab (33) 41-42: (41) **O you who have believed, remember Allah with much remembrance (42) And glorify Him morning and afternoon.**

And the thunder glorifies and exalts Allah the Most High:

وَيُسَبِّحُ الرَّعْدُ بِحَمْدِهِ [الرَّعْدِ: 13]

Ar-Rad (13) 13: **And the thunder glorifies and praises of Him And everything in existence glorifies Allah the Most High:**

سَبَّحَ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ [الْحُشْرِ: 1]

Allah said in verse 1 of surah Al Hashr:

Al Hashr (59) 1: **Whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on the earth glorifies Allah.**

And their glorification of Allah is expressed through their condition and expressed vocally. Expressing glorification through their condition means that the creation of the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, His perfection in fashioning it, His power over it, His administration over it, indicates His perfection and Him being far removed from any deficiency. Even the disbelievers, hypocrites, atheists and those who hate Allah and His religion necessarily express the glorification of Allah through their condition. For Allah's creation of them, His administration of their affairs. His provision of what was decreed to them and teaching them what benefits them in their worldly life is an indication of His perfection and being far removed from any deficiency.

As Allah said in verse 50 of surah Taha:

رَبُّنَا الَّذِي أَعْطَى كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلْقَهُ ثُمَّ هَدَى [طه: 50]

Tahah (20) 50: Our Lord is He who gave each thing its form and then guided it.

That is He guided to what benefits his worldly life. As far as the expressing glorification vocally: All of the creation-the Angels, people, jinn, animals, birds, insects and inanimate objects all glorify Allah the Most High except for the disbelievers and hypocrites from the people and jinn. For they do not glorify Allah vocally. Even though they necessarily glorify Allah by virtue of their state and existence, they were denied the pleasure of glorification of Allah in this world and they will be denied its bliss and the bliss of paradise in the hereafter.

And the animals, birds, insects and inanimate objects all vocally glorify Allah in a manner in which humans are unaware. Thus, they do not understand the glorification of these creatures.

تُسَبِّحُ لَهُ السَّمَوَاتُ السَّبْعُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ وَإِنْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا يُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِهِ
وَلَكِنْ لَا تَفْقَهُونَ تَسْبِيحَهُمْ [الإِسْرَاءِ: 44].

Al Israa (17) 44: The seven heavens and the earth and all that is therein, glorify Him and there is not a thing but glorifies His Praise. But you understand not their glorification.

Al Bayhaquee narrated that Abdallah Ibn Omar said: "Do not kill frogs, for its croaking is tasbeeh (glorification of Allah)".

The entire universe glorifies Allah the Most High. A believer making plenty of tasbih (glorification of Allah) contains much good, is a great honor and is very virtuous. He should be guarded to make tasbeeh at all times and to not be heedless of that.

As Allah says:

يُسَبِّحُ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ [التَّغَابُنِ: 1].

At-Taghaabun (64) 1: Whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on the earth glorifies Allah. To Him belongs dominion, and to Him belongs [all] praise, and He is over all things competent.

أَقُولُ مَا تَسْمَعُونَ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

I say what you have heard and I seek forgiveness from Allah for me and you from every sin. So seek forgives from Him, Verily He is Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Second Khutbah

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ , وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ , وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

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All praise is to Allah, and peace and blessings upon the Messenger of Allah, and I bear witness that there is no deity other than Allah and I bear witness that Mohammad is His slave and messenger.

Oh people:

There are no blessings in the world comparable to the blessings of the hereafter except the blessing of Iman (faith) and knowing Allah.

And the tasbeeh (glorification of Allah) is from the deeds of Iman (faith). Through tasbeeh (glorification of Allah), the heart and tongue of the believer is immersed with glorifying and exalting Allah and declaring Allah to be far removed from deficiencies. And what blessing is greater than exalting Allah the Most High and servitude to Him through ones heart and tongue?!

So congratulations to those who make plenty of tasbeeh in this world and find pleasure and joy in it. For he is most befitting to enjoy making tasbeeh in paradise just as he enjoyed it in this world.

Imam Ibn Taymiyah (may Allah have mercy on him) said: The people of Paradise enjoy glancing at Allah, enjoy making remembrance of Him, enjoy glorifying Him, enjoy reciting the Quran and enjoy addressing and calling on their Lord. In this world these were virtuous deeds carrying reward. Therefore, in the afterlife, they are deeds that are enjoyed more than eating, drinking, and intimate relations.

So servants of Allah, make plenty of tasbih throughout the day and throughout the night. Keep your tongues busy with it and let your hearts savor it. For whomsoever enjoyed and savored it in this world will enjoy and savor it in paradise.

هَذَا وَصَلُّوا وَسَلِّمُوا عَلَى نَبِيِّكُمْ كَمَا أَمَرَكُمْ بِذَلِكَ رَبُّكُمْ , فَقَالَ

I conclude with this and send prayers of blessings and peace upon your Prophet as your Lord commanded:

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

Al Ahzaab (33) 56: Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنَا فِيمَنْ هَدَيْتَ وَعَافِنَا فِيمَنْ عَافَيْتَ وَتَوَلَّنَا فِيمَنْ تَوَلَّيْتَ وَبَارِكْ لَنَا فِيمَا
أَعْطَيْتَ وَقِنَا شَرَّ مَا قَضَيْتَ إِنَّكَ تَقْضِي وَلَا يُقْضَى عَلَيْكَ وَإِنَّهُ لَا يَذُلُّ مَنْ وَالَيْتَ
تَبَارَكْتَ رَبَّنَا وَتَعَالَيْتَ

O Allah, guide us with those whom You have guided , grant us well-being among those You have granted well-being, be an ally

to us along with those whom You are an ally to, and bless what You have bestowed upon us, and save us from the evil of what You have decreed. For verily You decree and none can decree over You. He whom You support can never be humiliated. Glory is to You, our Lord, You are Blessed and Exalted.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنَ الْخَيْرِ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنَا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الشَّرِّ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنَا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا سَأَلَكَ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَجْعَلَ كُلَّ قَضَاءٍ قَضَيْتَهُ لَنَا خَيْرًا

O Allah, We ask You for all that is good, in this world and in the Hereafter, what we know and what we do not know. O Allah, we seek refuge with You from all evil, in this world and in the Hereafter, what we know and what we do not know. O Allah, we ask You for the good that Your servant and Prophet has asked You for, and we seek refuge with You from the evil from which Your servant and Prophet sought refuge. O Allah, we ask You for Paradise and for that which brings one closer to it, in word and deed, and we seek refuge in You from Hell and from that which brings one closer to it, in word and deed. And we ask You to make every decree that You decree concerning us good

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ، يَعِظُكُم لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ
أذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذُكُرْكُمْ وَأَشْكُرُوهُ يَزِدْكُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ يَغْفِرَ لَكُمْ وَاتَّقُوهُ يَجْعَلَ
لَكُمْ مِنْ أَمْرِكُمْ مَخْرَجًا، وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ

O Allah, guide me among those whom You have guided, pardon me among those You have pardoned, turn to me in friendship among those on whom You have turned in friendship, and bless me in what You have bestowed, and save me from the evil of what You have decreed. For verily You decree and none can influence You; and he is not humiliated whom You have befriended. Blessed are You, O Lord, and Exalted to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded.

Remember Allah, the Great - He will remember you. Thank Him for His favors - He will increase you therein. And seek forgiveness from Him - He will forgive you. And be conscious of Him - He will provide you a way out of difficult matters. And, establish the prayer.