Loving the Prophet

First Khutbah

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ , خَحْمَدُهُ , وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ , وَنَعُوذُ بِاللهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا , مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ , وَمَنْ يُضْلِلْ فَلَا هَادِى لَهُ , وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا يَالَهُ وَحُدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ لَا اللهُ 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.

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:

Mohammad the son of AbdAllah was the seal of the prophets, their leader and role model. He was a guiding mercy for the worlds as Allah said:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِلْعَالَمِينَ

AlAnbiya 107: And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds.

He bis a mercy to the worlds. He bis a testimony for the wayfarers and for all of creation. He conveyed the message, fulfilled the covenant, advised the people and strived in the way of Allah until he beginning departed this world.

There was no good except that he guided to it. And no evil except that he warned against it. So Allah through his message opened blind eyes, closed hearts and deaf ears. Allah granted through him insight to the ignorant, guidance to the blind, unity to the previously disunited, guidance to those who were lost and in darkness.

He is a great blessing and a tremendous grace bestowed by Allah the Exalted upon his servants. The Prophet took upon us a covenant in believing in him and loving him . And defending his sunnah. In the Hadith narrated by Anas bin Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) he stated: the messenger of Allah said:

None of you believes until I am dearer to him than his son, his father and all the people [Muslim]

So let us be like the criterion of this ummah – Omar bin al Khattab (may Allah be pleased with him) when he said to the prophet ::

Oh Messenger of Allah, you are more beloved to me than anything else except myself. The Prophet responded: No, by The One in Whose Hand is my soul (your Iman (faith) will not be complete), until I more beloved to you than your own self. So Omar replied: Now by Allah you are more beloved to me than myself. The Prophet responded: Now, Oh Omar (you have said what is required to complete the Iman) [Bukhari]

So manifest his fragrant biography and his # pure, noble character. Beware of the imminent danger affecting the ummah in the attacks on their Prophet #.

Allah said in the Quran:

Al Ahzab (33) 57: Indeed, those who offend Allah and His Messenger – Allah has cursed them in this world and the Hereafter and prepared for them a humiliating punishment.

The way of Allah has passed for the adversaries of the Prophet and the adversaries of the prophets before him, who used to mock and ridicule them, that they received great torment in this life before the afterlife. And ponder this in the words of Allah:

وَلَا يَزَالُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا تُصِيبُهُمْ بِمَا صَنَعُوا قَارِعَةٌ أَوْ تَحُلُّ قَرِيبًا مِنْ دَارِهِمْ حَتَى يَأْتِى وَعُدُ اللّهِ إِنّ اللّه لَا يُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ (31) وَلَقَدِ اسْتُهْزِئَ بِرُسُلٍ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ فَأَمْلَيْتُ لِلّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ثُمَّ أَخَذْتُهُمْ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ عِقَابِ

Ar-Rad (13) 31-32: (31) And those who disbelieve will continue to be afflicted because of their misdeeds by calamity or it (the calamity) will settle close to their homes, until the Promise of Allah comes to pass. Certainly, Allah does not fail in His Promise. (32) And already were [other] messengers ridiculed before you, and I extended the time (granted respite) of those who disbelieved; then I seized them, and how [terrible] was My penalty.

So let us defend the religion and our Prophet otherwise the Hadith related by Thawbaan will apply to us. Thawbaan (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah stated:

The people will soon summon one another to attack you as those eating summon one another to the platter. Someone asked: Will that be because of our small numbers at that time? He replied: No, you will be numerous at that time: but you will be foam like the foam of a torrent, and Allah will take fear of you from the chest of your enemy and place weariness into your hearts. Someone asked: What is weariness. Messenger of

Allah # replied: Love of the world and dislike of death. [Sunan Abi Dawood 4297]

Shaikh Al Islam ibn Taymiyyah said: It is mandatory to love and praise the Prophet ## more than anyone else because the greatest good in this world and the next is attained by believing in him and following him ##.

That is one will not be saved from the punishment of Allah and attain the mercy of Allah except through the intercession of the Messenger ## which is earned through believing in him, loving him, supporting him and following him ##.

`Urwa bin Az-Zubair asked `Abdullah bin `Amr bin Al Aas: what was the worst thing that the disbelievers did to Allah's Messenger. He replied: "While Allah's Messenger was praying in the courtyard of the Ka`ba, `Uqba bin Abi Mu'ayt came and seized Allah's Messenger by the shoulder and twisted his garment round his neck and chocked him violently. Abu Bakr came and seized `Uqba's shoulder and threw him away from the Messenger of Allah and said, "Would you kill a man because he says: 'My Lord is Allah,' and has come to you with clear Signs from your Lord?" [al-Bukhari 4815]

Also in al-Bukahri `Abdullah bin Mas`ud narrated that the Prophet was offering prayers at the Ka`ba. Abu Jahl was sitting with some of his companions. One of them said to the others, "Who

among you will bring the abdominal contents (intestines, etc.) of the camel slaughtered by so and so tribe and put it on the back of Muhammad, when he prostrates?" The most miserable of them got up and brought it. He waited till the Prophet prostrated and then placed it on his back between his shoulders. I was watching but could not do anything. I wish I was able to prevent it. They started laughing and falling on one another. Allah's Messenger was in prostration and he did not lift his head up till Fatima (Prophet's daughter) came and pushed it (camel's Abdominal contents) from his back. [al-Bukhari 240]

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

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:

Many Muslims claim to love the Messenger and only a few sincerely love him . And this love has signs and indications. From among the signs of loving him are:

First, supporting him in his life and upholding his sunnah after his death. As far as supporting him in his life, this is what Allah the Exalted singled out in his companions. They did what Allah Almighty had enjoined upon them to support our Prophet. This is one of the greatest proofs of their sincerity in loving the Prophet. We Muslims today have a duty to support his religion and his Sunnah and what he brought of laws and rulings.

The **Second** indication is obeying his @ commands. It does not make sense to claim loving him @ and not having any share from his Sunnah, guidance and way. The true love is marked by following his @ sunnah, approach, example and way.

The **Third** indication is being diligent in propagating his sunnah and inviting to it. Therefore, those who are sincere in their love of the Prophet spend their lives in calling to his Sunnah and informing people about it. And writing in defense of it. And responding to those who attack it.

The **Fourth** indication is being dissatisfied with those who offend his sunnah.

From where do I start to praise Mohammad For neither prose nor pen can do him justice

The owner of the highest character though the ages
The commander of the Muslims most courageous

He is an inspiring leader, leading from the front He is the master of morals, the king of patience.

What do we say about the chosen beloved A luminary for the world is Mohammad!

What do we say about the selected beloved. The pens disintegrate in describing Mohammad!

He will remain a beacon for every monotheist, No response to a cursing fool is enough to say!

Blessings of Allah be upon him the guiding light As the planets orbit on their way!

Blessings of Allah be upon him the best of creation Every hour and every day!

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

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَا بِكَتَهُ 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 اهْدِنا فِيمَنْ هَدَيْتَ وَعَافِنا فِيمَنْ عَافَيْتَ وَتَوَلَّنا فِيمَنْ تَوَلَّيْتَ وَبَارِكْ لنا فِيمَا أَعْطَيْتَ وَقِنا شَرَّ مَا قَضَيْتَ إِنَّكَ تَقْضِى وَلاَ يُقْضَى عَلَيْكَ وَإِنَّهُ لاَ يَذِلُّ 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 عَلِمْنا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الشَّرِ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا مَنْ الشَّرِ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مَنْ 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 عَمَلِ وَنَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَجْعَلَ كُلَّ قَضَاءٍ قَضَيْتَهُ لَنا 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 اللهِ اللهِ وَالْبَغْي عَنْ مُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِى الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنكرِ وَالْبَغْي، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

Servants of Allah. Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded.

أَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ واشْكُرُوهُ يَزِدْكُمْ واسْتَغْفِرُوهُ يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ واتَّقُوهُ يَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَمْرِكُمْ مَخْرَجًا ، وَأَقِمِ الصّلاة

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.