

The Birth of the Prophet ﷺ

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:

In this month - the month of Rabi 'al-Awwal-The illuminating dawn emerged and the best of humanity was born-our Prophet Muhammad the son of AbdAllah ﷺ.

Allah the Almighty says

لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ
وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ

Al Imran (3) 164: **Certainly did Allah confer [great] favor upon the believers when He sent among them a Messenger from themselves, reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Book, although they had been before in manifest error.**

He is the Messenger of Allah ﷺ through whom Allah purified souls, cleansed hearts, and made him a mercy for the worlds. And a testimony for all creation until the Day of Judgment.

His birth was a breakthrough. Through him Allah guided the lost, taught the ignorant, directed the stray, opened blind eyes, cleared deaf ears, opened hearts, provided abundance after scarcity and granted dignity after disgrace.

He is the messenger of Allah ﷺ, the close friend of the Merciful. There is no obedience to Allah except by obeying him as Allah said:

مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ

AnNisa (4) 80: **He who obeys the Messenger has obeyed Allah; but those who turn away – We have not sent you over them as a guardian.**

The Iman (faith) is not completed except through loving him as the Prophet ﷺ said:

لا يؤمن أحدكم؛ حتى أكون أحبَّ إليه من ولده ووالده والناس أجمعين

None of you truly believes until I am more beloved to him than his child, his father and the whole of mankind. [Bukhari 15]

He ﷺ was the most beautiful in appearance and the highest in character. And the most faithful in fulfilling a covenant. And the most truthful in speech. And the most benevolent soul. And the most generous hand. And the most forbearing. And the most pardoning.

He is the Messenger of Allah ﷺ whom Allah uplifted his heart, elevated his renown, relieved him of his burden, perfected his religion, fulfilled his oaths. His Lord did not abandon him. Rather He the Exalted found him - an orphan and then sheltered him, lost and guided him and needy and made him self-sufficient. He was given a choice between immortality in this world or meeting his Lord. He chose what is with his Lord.

He is the Messenger of Allah the best of whom walked on this earth. The first to intercede. The Prophet ﷺ said:

أَنَا سَيِّدُ وَلَدِ آدَمَ وَأَوَّلُ مَنْ تَنْشَقُّ عَنْهُ الْأَرْضُ وَأَوَّلُ شَافِعٍ وَأَوَّلُ مُشَفَّعٍ

“I am the leader of the sons of Adam. I will be the first one for whom the earth will be split open (on the Day of Resurrection), and I will be the first to intercede and the first whose intercession will be accepted.” [Sunan Abi Dawud 4673]

He was eloquent in speech, clear in explaining. He ﷺ was given comprehensive and concise speech. He was given vast wisdom. Abu Hurairah (may Allah be please with him) said:

ما رأيت شيئاً أحسن من رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم، كأن الشمس تجري في وجهه

"I have not seen anything more beautiful than the Messenger of Allah ﷺ . It was as if the sun glowed upon his face." [Jami AtTirmithi 49, Hadith 4009].

And the Islamic poet Hassan bin Thabit (may Allah be pleased with him), said in praise of the Prophet ﷺ:

And better than you, my eyes have not perceived

And better than you, women have not begotten

He is the beloved Prophet ﷺ , the chosen one, whom Allah the Exalted sent to take the people out of idolatry and darkness into Islam and worshipping Allah alone. And rescue the people from oppression, discord, killing and sins to justice, love and harmony.

The Arabs before his mission lived in utmost ignorance. They lived like animals. They worshiped the idols and drew lots for making decisions. And the strong devoured the weak.

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Then Allah allowed the night to disappear, for the dawn to emerge, for the darkness to fade, and for the light to shine. And He the Exalted sent his messenger – the most noble of mankind and gracious and merciful to the believers.

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ
بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ

At Tawbah (9) 128: There has certainly come to you a Messenger from among yourselves. Grievous to him is what you suffer; [he is] concerned over you [your guidance] and to the believers is kind and merciful.

Allah selected him for prophethood and chose him for His message.

One of the greatest rights of the Prophet ﷺ due upon us is for us to obey him and adhere to his Sunnah, carry out his commands, follow his path, and emulate his example.

Al-Fudayl bin Ayyaad, (may Allah have mercy on him), said: If the deed is performed sincerely and not performed correctly, then it is not accepted, and if it is performed correctly and not sincerely, then it is not accepted. Performed correctly means in accordance to the Sunnah, and sincerely means solely for the sake of Allah. And he recited:

فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا

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Al Kahf (18) 110: **Say, "I am only a man like you, to whom has been revealed that your god is one God. So whoever would hope for the meeting with his Lord – let him do righteous work and not associate in the worship of his Lord anyone."**

Imam Malik (may Allah have mercy on him) said: The sunnah is like Noah's ark, whoever rides it is saved and whoever leaves it is ruined. And nothing is suitable for this last part of this ummah except which was suitable for the first part of it.

Allah says in His great book:

وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ
الْعِقَابِ الْحَشْرِ: 7

Al Hashr (59) 7: **And whatever the Messenger has given you – take; and what he has forbidden you – refrain from. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty.**

And Allah said:

قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ

AnNoor (24) 54: **Say, "Obey Allah and obey the Messenger;**

And Allah informed that guidance and success is through obeying him ﷺ:

فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ مَعَهُ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ
الْمُفْلِحُونَ

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Al Araf (7) 157: **So they who have believed in him, honored him, supported him and followed the light which was sent down with him – it is those who will be the successful.**

And Allah warned about disobeying the commands of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ:

وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَلَا مُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَى اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَمْرًا أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا مُّبِينًا

Al Ahzab (33) 36: **It is not for a believing man or a believing woman, when Allah and His Messenger have decided a matter, that they should [thereafter] have any choice about their affair. And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger has certainly strayed into clear error.**

And Allah says:

فَلْيَحْذَرِ الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ أَنْ تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

AnNoor (24) 63: **So let those beware who dissent from his [the Prophet's] order, lest an affliction strike them or a painful punishment.**

It is incumbent upon a Muslim to follow the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ to act upon it, to obey it, and to abide by it. The Prophet ﷺ said:

فَعَلَيْكُمْ بِسُنَّتِي وَسُنَّةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمُهْدِيِّينَ، عَضُّوا عَلَيْهَا بِالتَّوَاجِدِ

So you must keep to my Sunnah and to the Sunnah of the rightly guided caliphs, those who guide to the right way, Cling on to it firmly. [AtTirmithi 266]

And he ﷺ said:

فَمَنْ رَغِبَ عَن سُنَّتِي فَلَيْسَ مِنِّي

Whoever turns away from my Sunnah is not of me. [Sunan an-Nasa'i 3217]

From the Prophets ﷺ rights due upon us is that we should read his biography, listen to his narrative and reflect upon his life. For he ﷺ is our role model in all matters:

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ
اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

Al Ahzab (33) 21: There is certainly for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent example for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often.

For in his ﷺ biography is a cure for the hearts, rectification for the minds and remedy for the souls. His life is the practical application and the applied interpretation and the living model of the Noble Quran as Aishah (May Allah be pleased with her) described him as a Quran who walked on this earth.

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

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I say what you have heard and I seek forgiveness from Allah for me and you from every sin. So seek forgiveness 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

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:

And from the Prophet's ﷺ rights upon us is to love, revere and venerate him:

قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا
وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَاكِينُ تَرْضَوْنَهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ
فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ

AtTawbah (9) 24: Say, (O Prophet) "If your parents and children and siblings and spouses and extended family and the wealth you have acquired and the trade you fear will decline and the homes you cherish are more beloved to you than Allah and His Messenger and struggling in His Way, then wait until Allah brings about His Will. Allah does not guide the rebellious people."

Urwa bin Masoud who represented the disbelievers in the Al-Hudaybiyah treaty related to his people upon his return: " By Allah, my people, I have visited kings and princes and have visited

Caesar, Kisra and Negus. By Allah, I have never seen a king who is more venerated by his companions as the companions of Mohammad venerate Mohammad. By Allah, he does not spittle expect that one of them grabs it in their hands and rubs it on his face and body, and if he commands them they carry out his command, and if he makes wudu it is as if they are on the verge of fighting for the water that he used, and if they speak in his presence they lower their voices and they do not fix their glance on him out of reverence for him."

Loving the Prophet ﷺ is not something that is simply said. Or claims that are declared. Rather, loving him ﷺ means obeying him and following him. And respecting his commands and prohibitions. Allah says in the Quran:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ
آل عمران: 31

Al Imran (3) 31: 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."

Celebrating his ﷺ birthday does not increase the Prophet ﷺ in honor or elevate him. Because his honor and stature are unsurpassed. For he is the leader of mankind and the most honorable of creation.

Celebrating the birthdays of the great and righteous is a custom that Muslims took from the Christians of Levant and Egypt when they observed them celebrating the birth of Jesus (peace be upon

him). They imitated them thinking that this is a veneration of the Prophet ﷺ while forgetting that the Prophet ﷺ prohibited imitating them especially with regards to their religious occasions and celebrations.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ يَعِشْ مِنْكُمْ فَسِيرَىٰ اخْتِلَافًا كَثِيرًا، فَعَلَيْكُمْ بِسُنَّتِي وَسُنَّةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمَهْدِيِّينَ، عَضُّوا عَلَيْهَا بِالنَّوَاجِذِ، وَإِيَّاكُمْ وَمُحَدَّثَاتِ الْأُمُورِ؛ فَإِنَّ كُلَّ بَدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ.

Whoever among you lives after me will see many conflicts. So, you must adhere to my Sunnah and to the Sunnah of the rightly guided caliphs who guide to the right way. Cling on to it firmly. Beware of newly invented matters [in the religion], for verily every innovation is misguidance. [Tirmithi 266]

And the Prophet ﷺ said:

خَيْرُ النَّاسِ قَرْنِي ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ يَلُونَهُمْ ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ يَلُونَهُمْ

The best generation is my generation, then those who follow them, then those who follow them. [Jami atTirmithi Book 49, Hadith 4232]

Let us ask ourselves: How is our adherence to the Sunnah? How diligent are we in obeying the commands? Are we cautious not to cross the limits? How many Sunnahs have we adopted? How well do we stay away from the prohibitions?

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How much of the Sunnah do we know about? How much do we know about the Prophet's life?

No matter how we answered these questions, we should commit to learning even more about the Sunnah and putting it into practice by studying the Prophet's ﷺ life, his interactions, how he treated his family, his way with his companions, his conduct with his adversaries. And get to know about his daily life, how he used to eat, how he used to sleep how he used to conduct all his affairs.

May Allah grant us steadfastness in religion and guide us to demonstrate our love of the Prophet by following his sunnah, obeying his commands and staying away from his prohibitions.

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 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 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 عَادَ 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

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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، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ
أذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ يَزِدْكُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا لَهُ يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ
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.