

Barakah is from 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 Believers:

All praise is due to Allah. We have no lord other than Him. And we do not worship except Him. Be conscious of Allah Almighty and adhere to Islam.

Oh people:

Jaber bin AbdAllah (may Allah be pleased with them) said:

قال جَابِرُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ، رضي الله عنهما كنا نَحْفَرُ يَوْمَ الْحَنْدَقِ، إِذْ عَرَضَتْ كُذَيْبَةُ شَدِيدَةً، فَقَالُوا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ هَذِهِ كُذَيْبَةُ عَرَضَتْ فِي الْحَنْدَقِ، فَقَالَ: «أَنَا نَازِلٌ». ثُمَّ قَامَ وَبَطْنُهُ مَعْصُوبٌ بِحَجَرٍ، وَلَبِثْنَا ثَلَاثَةَ أَيَّامٍ لَا نَدُوقُ ذَوْاقًا، فَأَخَذَ

التَّبِيُّ الْمِعْوَلُ فَضْرَبَ، فَعَادَ كَثِيرًا أَهْيَلًا، فَقُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، ائْذَنْ لِي إِلَى الْبَيْتِ، فَقُلْتُ لِامْرَأَتِي: رَأَيْتُ بِالتَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ شَيْئًا مَا كَانَ فِي ذَلِكَ صَبْرٌ، رَأَيْتُ بِهِ خَمَصًا شَدِيدًا فَعِنْدَكَ شَيْءٌ؟

On the day of the battle of Al-Khandaq (the Trench), we were digging the trench when a very hard boulder came in our way. The Companions informed the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) that they encountered a very hard boulder. He said, "I will go down the trench to see it." He stood up he had tied a stone over his stomach (due to intense hunger). We had not tasted anything for three days. He took up a spade and struck the hard rock with it and it turned into sand. I then said: Oh Messenger of Allah permit me to go home. I said to my wife, "I have seen the Prophet (ﷺ) in a state state of extreme hunger that I am unable to endure. Have you anything in the house?"

قَالَتْ: عِنْدِي شَعِيرٌ وَعَنَاقُ، فَذَبَحَتِ الْعَنَاقَ، وَطَحَنَتِ الشَّعِيرَ حَتَّى جَعَلْنَا اللَّحْمَ فِي الْبُرْمَةِ، فَقَالَتْ: لَا تَفْضَحْنِي بِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَبِمَنْ مَعَهُ، فَجِئْتُهُ فَسَارَرْتُهُ، فَقُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ: طَعِيمٌ لِي، فَقُمْنَا أَنْتَ وَرَجُلٌ أَوْ رَجُلَانِ، قَالَ: «كَمْ هُو؟» فَذَكَرْتُ لَهُ، قَالَ: «كَثِيرٌ طَيِّبٌ، فَصَاحَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ: «يَا أَهْلَ الْخَنْدَقِ، إِنَّ جَابِرًا قَدْ صَنَعَ سُورًا، فَحَيَّ هَلَا بِهَلَّكُمْ».

She said, "I have some barley and a lamb." I slaughtered the lamb, ground the barley and put the meat in the cooking pot. She (his wife) said do not embarrass me in front of the Messenger of Allah and whoever is with him (due to the limited quantity of food). So I went to him and discretely said to him: Oh Messenger of Allah: I have some food so come with a man or two. He ﷺ asked how much is it? Then I indicated the amount (of food). Thereupon he said: Many are good and announced in a loud voice, "O people of the Trench, Jabir has arranged a feast for you, so all of you are welcome."

فَجِئْتُ امْرَأَتِي، فَقُلْتُ قَدْ جَاءَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقْدُمُ بِالْمُهَاجِرِينَ وَالْأَنْصَارِ وَمَنْ مَعَهُمْ، فَقَالَتْ: بِكَ وَبِكَ، فَقُلْتُ: قَدْ فَعَلْتُ الَّذِي قُلْتِ، فَعَمَدَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِلَى بُرْمَتِنَا فَبَصَقَ وَبَارَكَ،

I went to my wife and said, "The Prophet (ﷺ), the Muhajirun, the Ansar and whoever is with them are coming." She said, "What have you done?" I said: "I did as you said" Then the Messenger of Allah ﷺ went to the earthen pot and spittled and blessed it. He then then said:

فَقَالَ: «ادْخُلُوا وَلَا تَضَاعَطُوا»، فَجَعَلَ يَكْسِرُ الْخُبْزَ، وَيَجْعَلُ عَلَيْهِ اللَّحْمَ، وَيُحْمَرُ الْبُرْمَةَ وَالشُّنُورَ، وَيُقَرَّبُ إِلَى أَصْحَابِهِ، قَالَ جَابِرٌ: وَهُمْ أَلْفٌ، فَأُقْسِمُ بِاللَّهِ لَقَدْ أَكَلُوا حَتَّى شَبِعُوا، وَانْحَرَفُوا وَإِنَّ بُرْمَتَنَا لَتَغْطُ كَمَا هِيَ، وَإِنَّ عَجِينَنَا لِيُخْبِزُ كَمَا هُوَ. أَخْرَجَهُ الْبُخَارِيُّ وَمُسْلِمٌ.

"Enter, but do not crowd." Then he started breaking up the bread and putting meat on it. He would take from the pot and the oven then would cover them up, approach his Companions and hand it to them. Jaber said: "And they were one thousand. And I swear by Allah that they ate until they were full. And our pot was bubbling and at the same level as before. And our dough was the same quantity as before.

[Bukhari 4101, Muslim 2039]

If Allah blesses wealth, it becomes abundant. And if He blesses food it becomes satisfying. If Allah blesses something it does not deplete.

A lot of wealth and children without barakah (blessing) is of little benefit.

Anas bin Malik said:

جَاءَتْ بِي أُمِّي أُمُّ أَنَسٍ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، وَقَدْ أَرَزْتَنِي بِنِصْفِ خِمَارِهَا، وَرَدَّتْنِي بِنِصْفِهِ، فَقَالَتْ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، هَذَا أُنَيْسُ ابْنِي، أَتَيْتَكَ بِهِ يَخْدُمُكَ فَادْعُ اللَّهَ لَهُ، فَقَالَ: «اللَّهُمَّ أَكْثِرْ مَالَهُ، وَوَلَدَهُ، وَبَارِكْ لَهُ فِيمَا أَعْطَيْتَهُ»؛ متفق عليه.

My mother Umm Anas came to Allah's Messenger ﷺ. And she prepared my lower garment out of half of her headdress and (with the other half) she covered my upper body and said: Allah's Messenger,

here is my son Anas; I have brought him to you to serve you. Supplicate to Allah for him. Thereupon he ﷺ said: O Allah, increase his wealth and progeny and grant him barakah (blessing) in what you give him.

[Bukhari , Muslim 2481b]

The Prophet ﷺ joined the supplication of an increase in wealth and progeny with having barakah (blessing) in it. If barakah (blessing) is removed, wealth becomes useless and children become a source of misery. Al Bukhari said: "The Chapter of Supplication for a lot of wealth with barakah (blessing)".

If Allah places barakah (blessing) in wealth, He nurtures and increases it and makes it fruitful. And He guides its owner to spend it on good matters and what benefits people.

Uthman bin Afaan (may Allah be pleased with him) bought the well of Ruumah and made it a trust for the Muslims and he prepared the army of hardship. So Allah placed barakah (blessing) in his wealth. So the fruit of his date-palms amounted to one hundred thousand.

Whenever honesty is the motto of a person and he genuinely advises Muslims, he has barakah (blessing). For the Prophet ﷺ said:

فإن صدقا وبيّنا بورك لهما في بيعهما

If they are honest and open, their transaction will be blessed, [Bukhari 2110, Muslim 1532a]

The lack of barakah (blessing) appears when you see the means of prosperity opened to people that have not appeared to anyone before them. And the treasures of the earth burst out. And wealth and trade become abundant. And there are various inventions and industries.

However, did not the people only get poorer? And some of them only increased in defeat, hardship, greed and oppression.

And when the barakah (blessing) was evident in people's lives, little was sufficient for them. And each day they received their daily provisions. And one house accommodated groups of families and individuals. And the food of one person was sufficient for two people. And they were filled with contentment and happiness.

To receive barakah (blessing), exemplify what your messenger ﷺ said :

طَعَامُ الْإِثْنَيْنِ كَافِي الثَّلَاثَةِ، وَطَعَامُ الثَّلَاثَةِ كَافِي الْأَرْبَعَةِ

The food of two is sufficient for three, and the food of three is sufficient for four. [Bukhari 5392]

And a vessel with capacity for ten people was sufficient for tens of people at the time of the Prophet ﷺ.

What is the matter with many people today who get angry when they do not see enough varieties on the table. Their provisions have constricted since their souls have constricted. For barakah (blessing) is not by an abundance of wealth or high prestige. And the barakah (blessing) is from Allah.

Ibn Masood said:

كُنَّا نَعُدُّ الْآيَاتِ بَرَكَهًا، وَأَنْتُمْ تَعُدُّونَهَا تَخْوِيفًا، كُنَّا مَعَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي سَفَرٍ، فَقَلَّ الْمَاءُ، فَقَالَ: «اطْلُبُوا فَضْلَةً مِنْ مَاءٍ»، فَجَاءُوا بِإِنَاءٍ فِيهِ مَاءٌ قَلِيلٌ فَأَدْخَلَ يَدَهُ فِي الْإِنَاءِ، ثُمَّ قَالَ: «حَيَّ عَلَى الظُّهُورِ الْمُبَارَكِ، وَالْبَرَكَهَةِ مِنَ اللَّهِ»، فَلَقَدْ رَأَيْتُ الْمَاءَ يَنْبُعُ مِنْ بَيْنِ أَصَابِعِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، وَلَقَدْ كُنَّا نَسْمَعُ تَسْبِيحَ الطَّعَامِ وَهُوَ يُؤْكَلُ. أخرجه البخاري.

We used to consider the ayat (signs) as barakah (blessings), but you consider them to be a warning. Once we were with Allah's Messenger

(ﷺ) on a journey, and we ran short of water. He said, "Bring the water remaining with you." The people brought a utensil containing a little water. He placed his hand in it and said, "Come to the blessed water, and the Blessing is from Allah." I saw the water flowing from among the fingers of Allah's Messenger (ﷺ), and no doubt, we heard the meal glorifying Allah, when it was being eaten (by him). [Bukhari 3579]

The result of barakah (blessing) is purity of the soul and goodness of the heart and a joyful life and comfort and contentment with what one has earned and with what Allah has decreed and by repeating:

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي مَا أَعْطَيْتَنَا

Oh Allah, give us barakah (blessing) in what you have given us.

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، وَ أَشْهَدُ 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:

Barakah (blessing) is a grace from Allah. For whoever Allah has given barakah to in what He has given has good and benefit even if it is a small

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amount. And whatever has the barakah (blessing) removed is bad and does not benefit even if it is a lot.

Barakah (Blessing) is brought about by being conscious of Allah, obeying Allah, and stopping at His limits

وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَىٰ آمَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم بَرَكَاتٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ - الأعراف: 96

Al Araf (7) 96: And if only the people of the cities had believed and feared Allah, We would have opened [i.e., bestowed] upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth;

وَأَن لَّوِ اسْتَقَامُوا عَلَى الطَّرِيقَةِ لَأَسْقِينَهُمْ مَّاءً غَدَقًا - [الجن: 16]

Al Jinn (72) 16: And [Allah revealed] that if they had remained straight on the way, We would have given them abundant rain [i.e., provision].

And Allah Almighty said about the people of the book:

وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ أَقَامُوا التَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْهِمْ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ لَأَكْلُوا مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَمِنْ تَحْتِ أَرْجُلِهِمْ - المائدة: 66

Al Maedah (5) 66: And if only they had upheld [the law of] the Torah, the Gospel, and what has been revealed to them from their Lord [i.e., the Qur'ān], they would have consumed [provision] from above them and from beneath their feet.

So let us pledge consciousness of Allah in ourselves, in our homes, in our markets and in our parks.

We seek honesty in our words and in our dealings. Swearing by Allah to sell commodities wipes away the barakah (blessing).

Steadfastness in prayer and raising the family upon it is barakah (blessing):

وَأْمُرْ أَهْلَكَ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَاصْطَبِرْ عَلَيْهَا لَا نَسْأَلُكَ رِزْقًا نَحْنُ نَرْزُقُكَ

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TaHa (20) 132: **And enjoin prayer upon your family [and people] and be steadfast therein. We ask you not for provision; We provide for you.**

Steadfastness to the Quran and raising your children upon it is barakah (blessing) and remembrance.

وَهَذَا كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ مُبَارَكٌ فَاتَّبِعُوهُ وَاتَّقُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ - الأنعام: 155

Al Anam (6) 155: **And this [Qur'ān] is a Book We have revealed [which is] blessed, so follow it and fear Allah that you may receive mercy.**

Oh Allah give us barakah (blessing) in our lives and our deeds and in our spouses and in our children. And in our wealth and in our time. And in our health and well-being. And make us blessed wherever we are. Indeed you are All Hearing, Answering.

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

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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 الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ، يَعْظُمُكُمْ لِعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

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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.

أذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا يَزِدْكُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا يُغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا يَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَمْرِكُمْ مَخْرَجًا ، وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ

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.