

Supporting the Prophet

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:

The existence of a good role model is an absolute necessity for the Muslim; for him to emulate and to acquire positive traits. And to be a motivator for purifying the soul, energizing it, and elevating it towards the highest levels.

Among the most prominent characteristics of what Allah has endowed upon this ummah (nation) is its fragrant history since its inception and throughout the ages and until our time. All of which is a source of pride and a way of life for the Muslim. Allah sent His Prophet ﷺ who charted a

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way for the ummah (nation) to follow what he himself applied and his companions followed. Allah Almighty said:

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-آل عمران: 164

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 [i.e., the Quran] and wisdom, although they had been before in manifest error.

Before his ﷺ mission, all mankind was in a state of disbelief, atheism and polytheism. The Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ نَظَرَ إِلَى أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ فَمَقَّتَهُمْ عَرَبِيَّةً وَعَجَمَهُمْ إِلَّا بَقَايَا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ

Allah looked at the people of the earth and detested them, their Arabs and non-Arabs, except for the remnants of the People of the Book.

[Sahih Muslim 2865a]

So Allah Almighty conferred favor by sending a messenger from Him to them. And this great favor is multiplied by virtue of this Messenger being from among themselves. Recounting to them the Almighty's verses and words. And working towards purifying, cleansing and refining them; purifying their hearts, perceptions and feelings; purifying their homes and honor; purifying their lives, society and structure. Purifying them from the filth of associating others with Allah, idolatry and superstitions and the blameworthy rituals, customs and traditions.

Ibn Khuzaymah related the authentic narrative of the companions (may Allah be pleased with them) who emigrated from Makkah to Abyssinia.

And in it he described Ja`far ibn Abi Talib (may Allah be pleased with him) as he spoke to Negus confronting the two messengers that Quraysh sent to him.

أيها الملك: كنا قومًا أهل جاهلية، نعبد الأصنام، ونأكل الميتة، ونأتي الفواحش، ونقطع الأرحام، ونُسيء الجوار، ويأكل القويُّ منا الضعيفَ، فكنا على ذلك حتى بعث الله إلينا رسولاً منا، نعرف نسبه وصدقه وأمانته وعفافه، فدعا إلى الله وحده لنوحده ونعبده، ونخلع ما كنّا نعبد نحن وآباؤنا من دونه من الحجارة والأوثان، وأمرنا بصدق الحديث، وأداء الأمانة، وصلة الرحم، وحُسن الجوار، والكف عن المحارم والدماء، ونهانا عن الفواحش وقول الزور، وأكل مال اليتيم، وقذف المحصنات، فقال النجاشي: فهل معكم شيء مما جاء به؟ وقد دعا أساقفته، فأمرهم فنشروا المصاحف حوله؛ فقال جعفر -رضي الله عنه-: نعم، فقرأ عليهم صدرًا من سورة مريم، فبكى النجاشي حتى ابتلت لحيته، وبكت أساقفته حتى بلّوا مصاحفهم، ثم قال: إن هذا الكلام ليخرج من المشكاة التي جاء بها موسى، انطلقوا راشدين".

O king: We were a people of ignorance. We worshipped idols, and we ate the dead, and we committed indecencies, and we cut the ties of kinship, and we had bad neighborliness, and the strong devoured the weak. So we were upon that until Allah sent to us a messenger from among ourselves, whose lineage, truthfulness, trustworthiness and purity we know. So he called to Allah alone, to His oneness and to worship Him. And to abandon what we and our forefathers worshipped aside from Him of stones and idols. And he commanded us with truthful speech, and fulfilling the trust, and joining the kinship, good neighborliness, and refraining from the prohibited and (spilling) blood, and he forbade us from immorality and false speech, and devouring the

orphan's wealth and libeling chaste women. Then Negus said: Do you have with you anything from which he brought? And he had summoned his bishops and commanded them, so they distributed scrolls around him. Then Ja'far, may Allah be pleased with him, responded: yes, then he recited for them a portion of the Chapter of Maryam. So Negus wept until his beard was wet. And his bishops wept until they wet their scrolls. Then he (Negus) said: Indeed these words came out of the lamp that Musa brought. Proceed you are guided. [Sahih Ibn Khuzaymah 20/4]

Allah Almighty sent Muhammad ﷺ as a messenger to all mankind. Allah Almighty said:

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا-الأعراف: 158

Al Araf (7) 158: Say, [O Muhammad], O mankind, indeed I am the Messenger of Allah to you all.

And he was the seal of the prophets and messengers. Allah said:

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِنْ رِجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ-الأحزاب: 40

Al Ahzab (33) 40: Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allah and seal [i.e., last] of the prophets.

Allah exalted the Prophet's mention. Allah honored the Prophet ﷺ by conferring His and His Angels' blessings upon him. And commanded the believers on earth to ask Allah to confer blessings upon the Prophet. Allah said:

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

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Al Ahzab (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.**

Allah - the Exalted and Majestic - singled him out among the other prophets by addressing him as messenger and prophet. Allah said:

يا أيها الرسول

Al Maidah (5) 41: **Oh Messenger**

And Allah said:

يا أيها النبي

Al Anfal (8) 64: **Oh Prophet**

And He the Almighty addressed other prophets by their names saying: Oh Ibrahim, oh Yahya, oh Musa, oh Isa and oh Dawood.

Allah Almighty made following the Prophet ﷺ a proof of loving Him the Almighty. Allah said:

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."**

Thus one will not attain Allah's love, pleasure, and reward except by believing in what the Messenger ﷺ brought and carrying out his commands and avoiding what he forbade.

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Allah Almighty made obedience to the Prophet ﷺ a way to guidance and attainment of the highest ranks in Paradise. Allah Almighty said:

وَإِنْ تُطِيعُوهُ تَهْتَدُوا-النور: 54

An Noor (24) 54: **And if you obey him, you will be [rightly] guided.**

And Allah said:

وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ
وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقًا-النساء: 69

An Nisa (4) 69: **And whoever obeys Allah and the Messenger - those will be with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favor of the prophets, the steadfast affirmers of truth, the martyrs and the righteous. And excellent are those as companions.**

And Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) related that the Prophet ﷺ said:

كل أمتي يدخلون الجنة إلا من أبى، قيل: ومن يأبى يا رسول الله، قال: من أطاعني دخل الجنة،
ومن عصاني فقد أبى .

"All my ummah (nation) will enter paradise except those who refuse." It was said: And who will refuse oh Messenger of Allah, he said: "He who obeys me will enter paradise, and he who disobeys me has refused."

[Bukhari 7280]

Loving and obeying the Prophet ﷺ is not one of the completions and complements of iman (faith), rather it is one of the foundations of iman (faith), and one of its pillars. One does not believe in Allah until he realizes it. The Prophet ﷺ said:

لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ، حَتَّىٰ أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ وَالِدِهِ وَوَلَدِهِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ - متفق عليه

None of you has believed until I am dearer to him than his father, and his children and all the people. [Bukhari 15]

So the horizon of loving the Messenger of Allah ﷺ is giving precedence to his obedience and love over one's own affairs - rather over that of any creature on the face of the earth.

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 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:

Allah Almighty said of the well-known incident of the slandering of Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her):

لَا تَحْسَبُوهُ شَرًّا لَكُمْ بَلْ هُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ-النور: 11

An Noor (24) 11: **Do not think it bad for you; rather, it is good for you.**

And incidents in which the character of our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is assailed and our final religion is offended agitate the chests and seethe the hearts. And turn the attention of non-Muslims towards this religion and its noble prophet, and stir up stagnant waters among Muslims and others. And there is no good in an ummah (nation) that does not get angry when its Prophet ﷺ is offended. And there is no good in anger over the Messenger of Allah ﷺ that leads to the displeasure of Allah and His messenger.

And if the Muslims made good use of such incidents, it leads to progress and grace. And if they mishandle them, it becomes a setback and repulsion.

The goodness with which this nation is described is an absolute and indivisible goodness. It is mandatory for Muslims to show their goodness in their reactions. Increasing in adherence to the guidance of their Prophet and following his example. And propagating his biography and acquainting others with him, making use of the various global media channels as many Muslims have thankfully done. For in this, is the most comprehensive response to the offenders. And in the future they would refrain from offending because of what they witness of the fruitful response. For this response is undesirable for the offenders and results in the opposite of what they intended.

Supporting the Prophet ﷺ must increase the ummah (nation) in adherence to its religion and devotion to its Prophet, and return them to following his Sunnah and learning it and teaching it to their children; through reliable and authentic biographies of the Prophet ﷺ such as **The Sealed Nectar** by Safiur Rahman Mubarakpuri and **A Biography of The Prophet of Islam , In the Light of the Original Sources An Analytical Study** by Mahdi Rizqullah Ahmad. Through reading these books and learning what is in them. And it

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is good to read them with all members of the household. There is benefit in even reading a small amount such as one page – for they would learn, the angels would encompass them, and blessings would descend upon the home.

May Allah fill all our hearts with the love of our Prophet ﷺ and with knowing his rights and knowledge of his sunnah and following his way. Indeed Allah is 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

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، يَعْظُمُ لِعَلَّكُمْ 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.

أذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ يَزِدْكُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا لَهُ يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاتَّقُواهُ يَجْعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَمْرِكُمْ مَخْرَجًا ، وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ

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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.