#### Do Unto Others

#### First Khutbah

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ , خَحْمَدُهُ , وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ , وَنَعُوذُ بِاللهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّعَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا , مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ , وَمَنْ يُضْلِلْ فَلَا هَادِى لَهُ , وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا يَالِهُ وَحْدَهُ 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 Believers:

Treat others as you wish to be treated. Treat others as you would like others to treat you. This popular principle is one of the important rules of praiseworthy behavior.

But, let us consider another rule that is no less lofty than this rule. Rather it is better than it. A rule that we should repeat, memorize, learn and put into practice. What is this rule? It is "Treat others as want Allah to treat you".

We should not just treat others as we want to be treated by them. Rather we should elevate and treat others as we want Allah Almighty to treat us. So, whatever you want from Allah, do for others and Allah will grant it to you.

Let us consider some examples. Do you want provision from Allah, then spend and Allah will spend on you. For it is a promise from Allah Almighty that he will compensate for anything spent in His cause. Allah said:

Saba (34) 39: But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers.

And Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) related that the messenger of Allah said that Allah Almighty said:

**Spend, O son of Adam, and I shall spend on you.** [Bukhari 5352, Muslim 993a]

Do you want Allah Almighty to have mercy on you? Have mercy on others and do not make things difficult for them. For AbdAllah bin Omar (may Allah be pleased with them) said that the messenger of Allah said:

The merciful are shown mercy by the Most Merciful. Have mercy upon those on the earth, and the One above the heavens will have mercy upon you. [Tirmithi 1924]

At the same time, one should be cautious in not mistreating others. For the Prophet said:

Whoever harms, Allah will cause harm for him; and whoever causes hardship, Allah will cause hardship upon him. [Abu Dawood 3635]

So Allah treats someone the way that they treat others. And Allah does not wrong anyone. So Allah will bring difficulty to the one who makes things difficult for others. And the recompense is from the same type as the deed.

If you have a crisis and an issue that you want relief from, then facilitate for those in hardship. For the Prophet said:

Whoever makes it easy for the one facing hardship (in repaying debt), Allah makes it easy for him in this world and in the Hereafter. [Muslim 2699a]

And if you want Allah to cover your faults and not expose them, then cover others' faults and do not seek them out. For the Prophet said:

Whoever covers (the faults and misdeeds of) a Muslim, Allah will cover him in this world and in the Hereafter. [Sunan Ibn Majah 2544]

And as for the one who seeks out and exposes the faults of others, the consequence for that is dire. Just as some people do today in recording other's faults and then sharing them with others. For AbdAllah bin Omar (may Allah be pleased with them) said:

صَعِدَ رَسُولُ اللّهِ -صلى الله عليه وسلم- الْمِنْبَرَ فَنَادَى بِصَوْتٍ رَفِيعٍ فَقَالَ: "يَا مَعْشَرَ مَنْ أَسْلَمَ بِلِسَانِهِ وَلَمْ يُفْضِ الإِيمَانُ إِلَى قَلْبِهِ، لا تُؤْذُوا الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَلا تُعَيِّرُوهُمْ، وَلا تَتَبِعُوا عَوْرَاتِهِمْ، فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ تَتَبَّعَ اللَّهُ عَوْرَتَهُ، وَمَنْ تَتَبَّعَ اللَّهُ عَوْرَتَهُ يَفْضَحْهُ وَلَوْ فِي جَوْفِ رَحْلِهِ" رواه الترمذي.

The Messenger of Allah as ascended the pulpit and called out with a raised voice: 'O you who accepted Islam with his tongue, while faith has not reached his heart! Do not harm the Muslims, do not reproach them, and do not seek out their faults. For indeed whoever seeks out his Muslims brother's faults, Allah will seek out his faults and whoever Allah seeks out his faults, He will expose him even if he is in the depths of his dwelling. [Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2032]

Do you want the Lord of the Worlds to pardon you and overlook your misdeeds. So pardon others even if they wrong you. And this is exemplified in the narrative of Abu Bakr al-Siddiq - may Allah be pleased with him who used to spend on Mistah bin Uthaathaa because of his kinship and his poverty. So when Mistah spoke during the incident of the slander of Aishah, Abu Bakr said: By Allah, I will never spend anything on Mistah after what he said regarding Aisha. So Allah revealed:

An Noor 22: And let not those of virtue among you and wealth swear not to give [aid] to their relatives and the needy and the emigrants for the cause of Allāh, and let them pardon and overlook. Would you not like that Allāh should forgive you? And Allāh is Forgiving and Merciful.

Abu Bakr said: Yes, by Allah, I would love for Allah to forgive me. Then he resumed giving Mistah the aid he used to give him and said, By Allah! I will never withhold it from him. [Sahih al-Bukhari 6679]

And if you want help from Allah the Almighty, then help a Muslim with his needs. For the Prophet said:

And Allah helps the servant as long as the servant helps his brother. [Sunan Abu Dawud 4946]

This is how Allah treats us according to how we treat people.

Do you want Allah to protect your face away from the fire on the Day of Resurrection? So protect your brother from backbiting when people backbite him in front of you. For the Prophet said:

Whoever protects his brother's honor, Allah protects his face from the Fire on the Day of Resurrection. [Jami` at-Tirmidhi 1931]

Do you want Allah Almighty to make your feet firm on the Sirat when feet will slip? So attend the need of your brother until you fulfill it for him. For the Prophet said:

Whoever walks in his Muslim brother's need until he fulfills it for him, Allah Almighty will make his feet firm on the day when feet will slip [Sahih Al Jami (Albani) 176]

Do you want Allah Almighty to love you? Then love the righteous servants of Allah, accompany them and visit them. For the Prophet said that Allah Almighty said:

I have mandated My love for those who love one another for My sake, meet one another for My sake, visit one another for My sake and spend in charity for My sake. [Ahmad 22030]

So Allah will treat you the way that you treat others. So treat others in the way that you want Allah to treat you and you will be one of the successful.

#### **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:

Indeed Allah the Almighty commanded us to have the best manners with people. And our Lord will treat us according to our dealings with them, and the recompense is of the same type as the deed. Therefore, treat people as you would like Allah Almighty to treat you.

Without doubt, you want Allah's mercy, help, assistance, cover, provision and salvation from the fire. So if you want all that improve your behavior and interaction with others. So safeguard this important principle and implement it: treat others as you want Allah to treat you.

Oh Allah, endear Iman (faith) to us and adorn it in our hearts, guide us to the best manners and none guides to them but You. And grant us steadfastness until death. Indeed Allah is All Hearing, Answering.

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

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.

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 اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا مِنْ الشَّرِ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا سَأَلَكَ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيتُكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا فَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيتُكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا فَسْأَلُكَ الْجَنَّةُ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُودُ أَلِكَ أَلْ فَضَاءٍ 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 وَالْلَهُ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِى الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنكَرِ 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 والتَّقُوهُ يَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَمْرِكُمْ مَخْرَجًا ، وَأَقِمِ الصّلَاة

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.