

## The Ability of 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:

Allah Almighty alone is perfect and has the most beautiful names and lofty attributes. And Allah is exalted above having equals, partners or rivals.

And His messenger ﷺ was the most knowledgeable of people about Allah and the most conscious of Him.

So be conscious of Allah Almighty and obey Him. Be conscious of the One Who has the dominion of the heavens and the earth and what they contain and is over all things able. And His ability is above every ability. And His strength overcomes every strength. He showed us the wonders and

evidence of His power in what he created and decreed. He created the heavens and the earth, then He said to them:

اٰتِيَا طَوْعًا اَوْ كَرْهًا قَالَتَا اٰتَيْنَا طٰٓأِِعِيْنَ - فصلت: 11

Fussilat (41) 11: **Come willingly or by compulsion. They said, We have come willingly.**

His ability is not subject to what humans know of the laws of the universe and life. For His power is beyond these laws. And who placed these laws in the universe but Him the Most Exalted ?! And the laws of the universe dictate that everything that is built must have pillars so that it does not fall. And Allah Almighty:

رَفَعَ السَّمٰوٰتِ بِغَيْرِ عَمَدٍ تَّرَوْنَہَا - الرعد: 2

Ar Ra'd (13) 2: **Raised the heavens without pillars that you [can] see;**

Ibn Kathir (may Allah have mercy on him) said: That they are raised without pillars as you see. And this is the utmost perfection in ability. As Allah Almighty said:

وَيُمْسِكُ السَّمَاءَ اَنْ تَقَعَ عَلٰى الْاَرْضِ اِلَّا بِاِذْنِهٖ - الحج: 65

Al Hajj (22) 65: **And He restrains the sky from falling upon the earth, unless by His permission.**

And raising the sky and what it contains of stars, planets, orbits, sun, moon and clouds is from the biggest proofs of the ability of the Creator Most Exalted.

And on earth, there are creatures and wonders that fascinate the minds and captivate the souls. Allah said:

وَفِي الْاَرْضِ اٰيٰتٌ لِّلْمُوقِنِيْنَ - الذاريات: 20

Ad Dhariyat (51) 20: **And on the earth are signs for the certain [in faith].**

On the earth are signs indicating the greatness of their Creator and his amazing ability, in which He created many types of flora, fauna, mountains, plains, rivers, oceans and dispersed creatures throughout. Allah said:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَثَّ فِيهِمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ جَمْعِهِمْ إِذَا يَشَاءُ قَدِيرٌ -

الشورى:29

As-Shuraa (42) 29: **And of His signs is the creation of the heavens and earth and what He has dispersed throughout them of creatures. And He, for gathering them when He wills, is competent.**

And through His ability, He varied these creatures. Allah said:

وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَ كُلَّ دَابَّةٍ مِنْ مَاءٍ فَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَمْشِي عَلَىٰ بَطْنِهِ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَمْشِي عَلَىٰ رِجْلَيْنِ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَمْشِي عَلَىٰ أَرْبَعٍ يَخْلُقُ اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ -النور:45

An Noor (24) 45: **Allah has created every [living] creature from water. And of them are those that move on their bellies, and of them are those that walk on two legs, and of them are those that walk on four. Allah creates what He wills. Indeed, Allah is over all things competent.**

Among the evidences of His ability, the Most High, is that water descends from the sky, and He settled it on the earth. And if He wanted He would have taken it away. Allah said:

وَأَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً بِقَدَرٍ فَأَسْكَنَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَإِنَّا عَلَىٰ ذَهَابٍ بِهِ لَقَادِرُونَ \* فَأَنْشَأْنَا لَكُمْ بِهِ جَنَّاتٍ مِنْ نَخِيلٍ وَأَعْنَابٍ لَكُمْ فِيهَا فَوَاكِهُ كَثِيرَةٌ وَمِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ -المؤمنون:18-19

Al Mu'minun (23)18-19: **(18) And We have sent down rain from the sky in a measured amount and settled it in the earth. And indeed, We are**

**Able to take it away. (19) And We brought forth for you thereby gardens of palm trees and grapevines in which for you are abundant fruits and from which you eat.**

He, the Almighty, with His power and wisdom, made water the source of life for the earth and what it contains. Whatever has water lives and whatever does not dies. And just as He gives life to the earth through water, He is able to resurrect the creation even if the deniers deny and the stubborn oppose. Allah said:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنَّكَ تَرَى الْأَرْضَ خَاشِعَةً فَإِذَا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْهَا الْمَاءَ اهْتَزَّتْ وَرَبَتْ إِنَّ الَّذِي أَحْيَاهَا  
لَمُحْيِي الْمَوْتَى إِنَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ-فصلت:39

**Fussilat (41) 39: And of His signs is that you see the earth stilled, but when We send down upon it rain, it quivers and grows. Indeed, He who has given it life is the Giver of Life to the dead. Indeed, He is over all things competent.**

The polytheists and atheists deny this and they do not believe in His ability to give life to the dead and to resurrect the creation. And they do not consider His ability in creating the heavens and the earth which is more significant than creating mankind. Allah said:

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَلَمْ يَعْزُبْ عَنْهُ خَلْقُهُمْ لِيُبْخِلَهُمْ إِنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يُبْحِلَهُمْ لَمْ يُبْخِلْهُمْ إِنْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ  
بَلَى إِنَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ-الأحقاف:33

**Al Ahqaf (46) 33: Do they not see that Allah, who created the heavens and earth and did not fail in their creation, is able to give life to the dead? Yes. Indeed, He is over all things competent.**

Is not the One Who created the first time able to return them again?! Is not His ability apparent to those who reason as He created mankind from

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clay, and from a despicable fluid, and from clay from an altered mud, and made him from a clot that has no value? Yes, indeed our Lord is over all things able. Allah said:

أَيَحْسَبُ الْإِنْسَانُ أَنْ يُتْرَكَ سُدًى \* أَلَمْ يَكُ نُطْفَةً مِنْ مَنِيٍّ يُُمْنَى \* ثُمَّ كَانَ عَلَقَةً فَخَلَقَ فَسَوَّى \* فَجَعَلَ مِنْهُ الزَّوْجَيْنِ الذَّكَرَ وَالْأُنثَى \* أَلَيْسَ ذَلِكَ بِقَادِرٍ عَلَى أَنْ يُحْيِيَ الْمَوْتَى-القيامة:36-40

**Al Qiyamah (75) 36-40: (36) Does man think that he will be left neglected? (37) Had he not been a sperm from semen emitted? (38) Then he was a clinging clot, and [Allah] created [his form] and proportioned [him] (39) And made of him two mates, the male and the female. (40) Is not that [Creator] Able to give life to the dead?**

And the creation of man, and his journey through life, with a beginning and an end, and with weakness and strength are all proofs of the ability of the Creator Most Exalted. He made the fetus in its mother's womb in stages in which it grows bit by bit until it is given permission to exit to this world in a weak state. Then he becomes strong and then he weakens again until he passes. Indeed it is a lesson and it is proof of His ability. Allah said:

اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ ضَعْفٍ ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْ بَعْدِ ضَعْفٍ قُوَّةً ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْ بَعْدِ قُوَّةٍ ضَعْفًا وَشَيْبَةً يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيمُ الْقَدِيرُ-الروم:54

**Ar Room (30) 54: Allah is the one who created you from weakness, then made after weakness strength, then made after strength weakness and white hair. He creates what He wills, and He is the Knowing, the Competent.**

He gave mankind a mind and the ability to reason. And made creation subservient to him. And Allah commanded man to carry the trust and establish the religion for His sake. So some believed while others rejected.

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And Allah Almighty informed us that He aids the faithful and destroys the insolent. Who drowned pharaoh and his troops? Who sent the furious wind against the people of Aad? And Who seized the people of Thamud with the shriek? And Who caused the earth to swallow Qarun and his home? Indeed it is Allah Almighty who is over all things able.

The Almighty has warned us against insolence and disobedience, and made clear to us the consequences of that, and set forth examples of those before us. And He clarified that He is over all things able. The Almighty said of the deniers:

وَأَنَا عَلَىٰ أَنْ نُرِيكَ مَا نَعِدُهُمْ لِقَادِرُونَ-المؤمنون:95

Al Mominoon (23) 95: **And indeed, We are Able to show you what We have promised them.**

And the Almighty said regarding the hypocrites:

وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَذَهَبَ بِسَمْعِهِمْ وَأَبْصَارِهِمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ-البقرة:20

Al Baqarah (2) 20: **And if Allah had willed, He could have taken away their hearing and their sight. Indeed, Allah is over all things competent.**

He - the Most High - warned us against not supporting the religion, regardless of the consequences and sacrifices. And if we are negligent, He is able to replace us with those better than us:

إِنْ يَشَأْ يُذْهِبْكُمْ أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ وَيَأْتِ بِآخَرِينَ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ ذَلِكَ قَدِيرًا-النساء:133

An Nisa (4) 133: **If He wills, He can do away with you, O people, and bring others [in your place]. And ever is Allah competent to do that.**

And whatever we do of acts of obedience, it benefits us and does not benefit Allah Almighty. And whatever we commit of acts of disobedience harms us, and does not harm Allah Almighty at all.

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And none of creation possesses benefit or harm. Rather, that is in the Hands of Allah Almighty. Allah said:

وَإِنْ يَمَسُّكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ وَإِنْ يَمَسُّكَ بِخَيْرٍ فَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ \*  
وَهُوَ الْقَاهِرُ فَوْقَ عِبَادِهِ وَهُوَ الْحَكِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ-الأنعام:17-18

**Al Anam 17-18: (17) And if Allah should touch you with adversity, there is no remover of it except Him. And if He touches you with good - then He is over all things competent. (18) And He is the subjugator over His servants. And He is the Wise, the Aware.**

Humans witness the power of Allah Almighty in annihilation and torment, and are helpless against it, despite all of their advancements. Allah Almighty commands the wind, and it will destroy what it has been commanded. Trees are uprooted, homes are demolished, and whomever Allah Almighty wills perishes and humans are defenseless. And floods come by the command of Allah Almighty and drown cities and those in them. And earthquakes are another sign of His power, by which Allah, the Most High, flattens cities in less than a second. So where is the strength and ability of humans, and where are their studies and research? And their discoveries and inventions? Can they defend or prevent against His torment or obstruct His power?! Rather, whatever Allah wills is and whatever He does not will, is not. And He is over all things able. Allah said:

اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ وَمِنَ الْأَرْضِ مِثْلَهُنَّ يَتَنَزَّلُ الْأَمْرُ بَيْنَهُنَّ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا-الطلاق:12

**At Talaq (65) 12: It is Allah who has created seven heavens and of the earth, the like of them. [His] command descends among them so you may know that Allah is over all things competent and that Allah has encompassed all things in knowledge.**

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، 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:

Be conscious of Allah and obey Him. And dedicate your religion only for His sake. For this is the only reason for which you were created. Qatadah (may Allah have mercy on him) said: Whoever thinks about his own creation, knows that he was created and that his joints were made flexible only for worship.

Verily the true believer is not fooled by his wealth, influence or power. And he disavows his power and strength and asks Allah assistance in all his affairs. For the power of Allah is prevailing. So if the believer hears the caller to prayer say come to prayer, come to success, he says: there is no power and no strength except with Allah. It is as if he is saying: Due to my weakness, I am unable to uphold this great matter of prayer and success to which you are calling me, except if Allah gives me success through His power and strength. He asks for help from Allah Almighty even in matters of his religion.



And if he is torn between two matters and does not know what is good for him, he asks Allah Almighty and asks Allah to choose the best for him through His power and knowledge. He says:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْتَخِيرُكَ بِعِلْمِكَ، وَأَسْتَقْدِرُكَ بِقُدْرَتِكَ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الْعَظِيمِ، فَإِنَّكَ تَقْدِرُ  
وَلَا أَقْدِرُ، وَتَعْلَمُ وَلَا أَعْلَمُ، وَأَنْتَ عَلَامُ الْغُيُوبِ.

**O Allah, I seek Your guidance (in making a choice) by virtue of Your knowledge, and I seek ability by virtue of Your power, and I ask You of Your great bounty. You have power, I have none. And You know, I know not. You are the Knower of hidden things. [Sunan Ibn Majah 1383]**

And if he suffers from pain, he knows that Allah Almighty is able to calm and relieve his pain. He puts his hand on the place of pain and says:

أَعُوذُ بِعِزَّةِ اللَّهِ وَقُدْرَتِهِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا أَجِدُ وَأُحَاذِرُ.

**I seek refuge with the Might of Allah and with His Power from the evil that afflicts me and that which I apprehend. [Sunan Ibn Majah 3522]**

Whoever's Iman (faith) in Allah Almighty strengthens, his conviction in the power and strength of Allah Almighty also strengthens. So he does not magnify or fear except Allah Almighty. He does not magnify anyone like the magnification of Allah Almighty regardless of their accomplishments and gifts. And no matter what he sees of their ability and strength.

Because he knows that Allah is stronger and more powerful.

And whoever is like that, does not wrong others; because even if he sees his ability as above theirs, he knows that the ability of Allah Almighty is above his ability. He is also not afraid of transgressors and oppressors; because if he sees that their ability is above his ability, he knows that the ability of Allah Almighty is above their ability.

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And the believer is always enjoined to remember the power and strength of Allah Almighty in all his conditions and affairs. That is why the Prophet ﷺ said to Abu Hurairah, may Allah be pleased with him:

ألا أدلك على كلمة من تحت العرش، من كنز الجنة؟ تقول: لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله، فيقول الله: أسلم عبدي واستسلم" أخرجه الحاكم بإسناد صحيح.

**Shall I not to guide you to a word from under the Throne, from the treasure of paradise? Say: there is no power and no strength except with Allah. Then Allah says: My servant has submitted and surrendered (to Me). [Al Hakim 71/1]**

So seek Allah's assistance in all matters. And disavow your power and strength. And seek refuge in the One who is Able to do all things.

We ask Allah Almighty to not leave us to ourselves even for an instant and to rectify all of our affairs. Indeed Allah is All Hearing, Near (by His knowledge), 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,

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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

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.