Earthquakes

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 يَعْدِهِ اللهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ 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 People:

Allāh, the Mighty and Majestic, has decreed that souls in this worldly life will be afflicted with good and bad, security and fear, bestowal and trials. Allāh Almighty said:

Al Imran (3) 186: You will surely be tested in your possessions and in yourselves. And you will surely hear from those who were given the Scripture before you and from those who associate others with Allāh much abuse. But if you are patient and fear Allāh - indeed, that is of the matters [worthy] of resolve.

And that these afflictions, with all their types, bring out the inner strengths and activate potentials and open windows in the heart and channels in the souls that the people of iman (faith) would have not discovered except under the pressures of these trials.

And earthquakes are one of the forces of Allāh Almighty. Allāh Almighty said:

Al-Muddaththir (74) 31: **And none knows the forces of your Lord except Him.**

And it is from the wrath and retribution of Allāh that He directs to whom He wills of His servants. And this was mentioned in the Book of Allāh and the Sunnah of His Messenger . Allāh Almighty said:

An-Nahl (16) 45: Then, do those who have planned evil deeds feel secure that Allāh will not cause the earth to swallow them or that the punishment will not come upon them from where they do not perceive?

And Allāh Almighty said:

Al-Israa (17) 68: Then do you feel secure that [instead] He will not cause a part of the land to swallow you or send against you a storm of stones? Then you would not find for yourselves an advocate.

And Allāh Almighty said:

Al-Mulk (67) 16: Do you feel secure that He who is above would not cause the earth to swallow you and suddenly it would sway?

And when the Prophet supplicated for the Levant and Yemen to be blessed, he informed his companions, may Allāh be pleased with them, of the abundance of earthquakes and afflictions in the region of Iraq. And the Prophet said:

This community of mine is one to which mercy is shown. It will have no punishment in the next world, but its punishment in this world will be trials, earthquakes and bloodshed. [Sunan Abi Dawud 4278, Grade: Sahih]

These incidents and calamities awaken heedless hearts. To return to tawhid (divine unity) and sincerity, such that they do not associate any other with Allāh; in His strength, ability and authority. And so that some of those who were deceived by their own strength will wake up and remember that Allāh who created them is stronger than them. And particularly those who are deceived by their numbers, power and strength and those whose term has been prolonged. And Allāh Almighty said of previous communities:

Fussilat (41) 15: As for 'Aad, they were arrogant upon the earth without right and said, "Who is greater than us in strength?" Did they not

consider that Allāh who created them was greater than them in strength? But they were rejecting Our signs.

And Allāh Almighty said:

أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ كَانُوا أَحْثَرَ مِنْهُمْ وَأَشَدَّ قُوَّةً وَآثَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَمَا أَغْنَى عَنْهُم مَّا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ * فَلَمَّا جَاءتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُم بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قُوَّةً وَآثَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَمَا أَغْنَى عَنْهُم مَّا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِؤُون * فَلَمَّا رَأُوْا بَأْسَنَا قَالُوا آمَنَّا فَرحُوا بِمَا عِندَهُم مِّنَ الْعِلْمِ وَحَاقَ بِهِم مَّا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِؤُون * فَلَمَّا رَأُوْا بَأْسَنَا قَالُوا آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَحْدَهُ وَكَفَرْنَا بِمَا كُنَّا بِهِ مُشْرِكِينَ * فَلَمْ يَكُ يَنفَعُهُمْ إِيمَانُهُمْ لَمَّا رَأُوْا بَأْسَنَا لَّ سُنَّتَ اللَّهِ بِاللَّهِ وَحْدَهُ وَكَفَرْنَا بِمَا كُنَّا بِهِ مُشْرِكِينَ * فَلَمْ يَكُ يَنفَعُهُمْ إِيمَانُهُمْ لَمَّا رَأُوْا بَأْسَنَا لَّ سُنَّتَ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ قَدْ خَلَتْ فِي عِبَادِهِ فَي عَبَادِهِ لَمَا لَكَافِرُونَ - غافر 82-88

Ghafir 82-85: (82) Have they not traveled through the land and observed how was the end of those before them? They were more numerous than themselves and greater in strength and in impression on the land, but they were not availed by what they used to earn. (83) And when their messengers came to them with clear proofs, they [merely] rejoiced in what they had of knowledge, but they were enveloped by what they used to ridicule. (84) And when they saw Our punishment, they said, "We believe in Allāh alone and disbelieve in that which we used to associate with Him." (85) But never did their faith benefit them once they saw Our punishment. [It is] the established way of Allāh which has preceded among His servants. And the disbelievers thereupon lost [all].

Earthquakes are one of Allāh's signs. He dispatches them on the earth for a perfect wisdom. The decree, before and after events, is only with Allâh. And He creates what He wills and chooses. And He, the Most Exalted, is especially merciful upon His servants. And His mercy precedes His wrath. Rather, His mercy encompasses everything. However, that does not mean relying on His reward - Glory be to Him - and being heedless of His punishment. And it does not mean relying on His mercy and ignoring His wrath. And it does not mean relying on His forgiveness and ignoring His retribution.

And the scholars have mentioned that earthquakes are among the signs by which Allāh frightens his servants, just as He frightens them with sinkholes and other than that. So that they realize the blessing of the anchoring, stillness and stability of the earth, for the animals, plants, dwellings and belongings. And what happens within it of sinkholes, earthquakes and disruptions is a trial and test or a punishment and a warning, just as the earth shook Thamud and swallowed Qarun.

Ibn Hajr said, since the gusts of strong winds necessitates fearfulness leading to humility and repentance, earthquakes and similar signs are more deserving of that. Especially since the texts have stated that many earthquakes are among the signs of the Hour.

And reflect upon the guidance of your Prophet so and his fearfulness of His Lord even though Allāh Almighty made him a security for his companions. Allāh Almighty said:

وَمَا كَانَ الله لِيُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَأَنتَ فِيهِمْ-الأنفال 33

Al Anfal (8) 33: But Allāh would not punish them while you, [O Muḥammad], are among them

Despite this, if a strong wind blew and the skies became thick with clouds, the apprehension could be seen on the Prophet's face. He would pace back and forth and enter his house. So when Aishah, may Allāh be pleased with her, asked him about this he replied:

How do I know that it does not contain punishment? A people have been punished with wind. And a people saw punishment and said:

This is a cloud bringing us rain! [Abu Dawood 5098, Grade: Sahih]

He sawas like this until it rained and then he sawas relieved.

And when the earth shook in Kuffa at the time of Ibn Masood, may Allāh be pleased with him, he said, oh people your Lord is admonishing you, so accept His admonishment and repent to Him before it does not matter in which valley you perish.

And Omar bin Abdulaziz instructed regarding an earthquake that happened in Levant, give charity for Allāh Almighty says:

Al A'la (87) 14-15: (14) He has certainly succeeded who purifies himself (15) And mentions the name of his Lord and prays.

And so it was from the guidance of Islam to take heed from the earthquakes. And the Muslim is required to perform the apparent causes of good for which Allāh brings good, and to leave the apparent causes of evil for which Allāh wards off evil.

So be conscious of Allāh, and do not be like those with hard hearts and with cold blood and with a thick covering from the signs of Allāh so they do not take heed or reflect. Do not be like those to whom the signs of Allāh came and they met it with laughter. Allāh Almighty said:

Yunus (10) 101-102: (101) Say, "Observe what is in the heavens and the earth." But of no avail will be signs or warners to a people who do not believe. (102) So do they wait except for like [what occurred in] the days of those who passed on before them? Say, "Then wait; indeed, I am with you among those who wait."

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

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:

The wise and insightful person does not forget about the blessings that they have and enjoy and realizes that these blessings may go away one day if they are not grateful for them. And even if these blessings remain for some time, in spite of ungratefulness, for a wisdom known by Allāh, one will necessarily leave the blessings and depart. And at that point, they will wish to return to the worldly life, not to multiply a treasure or improve a business, but to contribute in charity and be among the righteous.

And through these signs and trials, Allāh tests His able and well-off servants and those who are safe and sound. He, the Almighty, sees what they will

do. Will they spend of the wealth of Allāh that He, the Almighty, gave them? Will they hasten to help or will they withhold, forgetting their Lord and their brothers in need and continue living in their heedlessness? And whoever shows mercy to those on earth, will be shown mercy by the Lord of the heavens. For Allāh has perfect wisdom in His creation, His command, His administration, His fashioning, and His signs and His trials.

And giving and contributing to those in need is implementing what was authenticated of the actions and words of the Prophet . For the Messenger of Allāh said:

The Muslim is the brother of the Muslim, he does not wrong him and does not put him into ruin, and whoever cares for the needs of his brother, Allāh cares for his needs, and whoever relieves a Muslim of a burden, Allāh will relieve him of a burden from the burdens of the Day of Judgement and whoever covers (the faults of) a Muslim, Allāh will cover (his faults) on the Day of Judgement. [Muslim 2580]

And Jarir, may Allah be pleased with him, narrated :

كُنَّا عِنْدَ رَسولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عليه وَسَلَّمَ في صَدْرِ النَّهَارِ، قالَ: فَجَاءَهُ قَوْمٌ حُفَاةٌ عُرَاةٌ، مُجْتَابِي النِّمَارِ أَوِ العَبَاءِ، مُتَقَلِّدِي السُّيُوفِ، عَامَّتُهُمْ مِن مُضَرَ، بَلْ كُلُّهُمْ مِن مُضَرَ، فَتَمَعَّرَ وَجْهُ رَسولِ النِّمَارِ أَوِ العَبَاءِ، مُتَقَلِّدِي السُّيُوفِ، عَامَّتُهُمْ مِن مُضَرَ، بَلْ كُلُّهُمْ مِن مُضَرَ، فَتَمَعَّرَ وَجْهُ رَسولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهِ عَلَيه وَسَلَّمَ لِما رَأَى بهِمْ مِنَ الفَاقَةِ، فَدَخَلَ ثُمَّ خَرَجَ، فأمَرَ بلالًا فأذَّنَ وَأَقَامَ، فَصَلَّى ثُمَّ خَطَبَ فَقالَ

While we were with the Messenger of Allāh in the early hours of the morning, some people came who were unclothed and barefoot, with their swords hung (around their necks). Most of them, rather all of them, belonged to the tribe of Mudar. The face of the Messenger of Allāh changed when he saw them in poverty. He went in (to his house) then he came out and ordered Bilal to call the Adhan and then the lqamah. He (the Prophet) prayed, then he addressed them said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُم مِّن نَّفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رَجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا -

النساء 1

An Nisa (4) 1: O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women. And fear Allāh, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs. Indeed Allāh is ever, over you, an Observer.

And the verse in surah Hashr:

اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ-الحشر 18

Al Hashr (59) 18: O you who have believed, fear Allāh. And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow

تَصَدَّقَ رَجُلٌ مِن دِينَارِهِ، مِن دِرْهَمِهِ، مِن تَوْبِهِ، مِن صَاعِ بُرِّهِ، مِن صَاعِ تَمْرِهِ، حتَّى قالَ: ولو بشِقِّ تَمْرَةٍ، قالَ: فَجَاءَ رَجُلٌ مِنَ الأَنْصَارِ بصُرَّةٍ كَادَتْ كَفَّهُ تَعْجِزُ عَنْهَا، بَلْ قدْ عَجَزَتْ، قالَ: ثُمَّ تَتَابَعَ النَّاسُ، حتَّى رَأَيْتُ وَجْهَ رَسولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَليه وَسَلَّمَ: مَن سَنَّ فِي الإسْلامِ عليه وَسَلَّمَ يَتَهَلَّلُ كَأْنَهُ مُذْهَبَةً، فَقالَ رَسولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عليه وَسَلَّمَ: مَن سَنَّ فِي الإسْلامِ سُنَّةً حَسَنَةً، فَلَهُ أَجْرُهَا وَأَجْرُ مَن عَمِلَ بِهَا بَعْدَهُ، مِن غيرِ أَنْ يَنْقُصَ مِن أُجُورِهِمْ شَيءً، وَمَن عَيلَ بَهَا بَعْدَهُ، مِن عَمِلَ بِهَا مِن بَعْدِهِ، مِن غيرِ أَنْ يَنْقُصَ مِن أَجُورِهِمْ شَيءً، وَمَن مِن أَوْزَارِهِمْ شَيءً، كَانَ عليه وِزْرُهَا وَوِزْرُ مَن عَمِلَ بِهَا مِن بَعْدِهِ، مِن غيرِ أَنْ يَنْقُصَ مِن أَوْرَارِهِمْ شَيءً.

Thereafter, every man gave in charity, some giving a Dinar, others a Dirham, or a garment, or a Sa' of wheat or, a Sa' of dates, until he said: 'Even half a date.' A man from among the Ansar came with a bag of money which his hands could hardly lift. The people followed one another (in giving charity) until I saw two heaps of food and clothing, and I saw the face of the Messenger of Allāh glowing like glittering

gold (with joy). The Messenger of Allāh said: 'Whoever sets a good precedent in Islam, he will have the reward for that, and the reward of those who acted in accordance with it, without that detracting from their reward in the slightest. And whoever sets an evil precedent in Islam, he will have a burden of sin for that, and the burden of those who acted in accordance with it, without that detracting from their burden in the slightest. [Muslim 1017]

So let us look after the needs of our brothers, and spend in the way of our Lord. So shall we lend Allāh a good loan such that he will multiply it for us? Or will we be stingy with ourselves and deprive ourselves the reward?! Allāh Almighty said:

Al Baqarah (2) 268: Satan threatens you with poverty and orders you to immorality, while Allāh promises you forgiveness from Him and bounty. And Allāh is all-Encompassing and Knowing.

May Allah make us among those who take heed from His signs and the afflictions and calamities in all corners of the world and make us among those who hasten to help the needy. 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 وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مَنْ 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 وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُودُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُودُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُودُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُودُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهِا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلُ وَنَعُودُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّالِ مَنْ اللَّهُ مَلْ وَنَعْونَا مُولًا لَكَ أَلَا عَلَى مُنَا لَوْ عَمَلُ وَلَا أَوْ عَمْلُ وَلَا أَلَا مُعْلَى مُولِ أَلْ اللَّهُ مِنْ اللَّهُ مِنْ اللَّهُ مِنْ اللَّهُ إِلَى اللَّهُ مَا مُنْ اللَّهُ لَا عَلَى مُنْ اللَّهُ مِلْ اللَّهُ مِنْ اللَّهُ مِنْ اللَّهُ مِنْ اللَّهُ مِنْ اللَّهُ مِنْ اللَّهُ مِلْ مَا مُنْ مُولِ اللَّهُ مِلْ مَا مُعْمَلِ مُ اللْهُ مُنَامِ الللْهِ مُنْ اللَّهُ مَا مُعَلِي مُنْ اللْمُ اللَّهُ مُنَا مُنْ اللَهُ مُنِ اللَّهُ مُلْكُولُ اللَّهُ مَا مُؤْلِ اللْهُ مَلْ مُؤْمِلُولُ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللَّهُ مُنَا مُ اللَّهُ مَا مُعَلِيْ اللْمُ الْمُؤْمِلُولُ اللَّهُ مُنْ اللْمِنْ اللَّهُ مُلْمِ اللَّهُ مُولِلَا الْمُعْمِلُولُ اللْمُؤْمِلُولُولُولُ اللْمِنْ الْمُؤْمِلُ الْ

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 وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِى الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْبَعْ، إِنَّ اللَّهُ مُ 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.

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.