Eid Al Fitr Khutbah: Iman

First Khutbah

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ , نَحْمَدُهُ , وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ , وَنَعُوذُ بِاللهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا , مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ , وَمَنْ يُضْلِلْ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ , وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَه إِلَه إِلَه إِلَه 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.

(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.

The truest speech is the Book of Allah and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad //. The most evil matters are the newly introduced, for every newly introduced matter is a Bid'ah (unprecedented matter without basis in Quran or Sunnah). Every Bid'ah is misguidance, and every misguidance is in the Hellfire.

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَ

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحُمْدُ.

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Laa Ilaha illaLah, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, wa liLahil Hamd

Oh Believers:

Be conscious of Allah Almighty on this great day. And be grateful to Him for completing the fasting and the night prayers. And follow Ramadan up with fasting six days from the month of Shawwal so that it would be as if you fasted the entire year as was related in an authentic hadith.

Allahu Akbar, Allah Almighty made Ramadan a season of goodness and to attain good deeds. There are those who strived hard and adhered to the Quran and did good. And today is the day that they will be rewarded. Their efforts are appreciated and their sins will be forgiven. May Allah Almighty make us and all Muslims among them.

Allahu Akbar, Allah gives respite to the disobedient and accepts the repentance of those who repent and is more joyous over their repentance than the one who lost his riding animal in the desert then finds it after having given up hope. So those who have wronged themselves repent to your Lord.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ-الزُّمَرِ 53

Az Zumar (39) 53: Indeed, Allāh forgives all sins. Indeed, it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

Allahu Akbar, Allah established worshipping of Him in all situations, times and places. And He did not limit it to Ramadan. And He the Almighty ordained voluntary prayers, fasting, charity and acts of kindness, in every day and every night. As a favor from Him upon His servants so that they can draw nearer to Him with what they are able to do. For the Prophet // said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ مَا تُطِيقُونَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَمَلُّ حَتَّى تَمَلُّوا، وَإِنَّ أَحَبَّ الْأَعْمَالِ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَا دُووِمَ عَلَيْهِ وَإِنْ قَلَ

Do (good) deeds according to your capacity, for by Allah, Allah never grows weary (of giving rewards) unless you grow weary (of doing good deeds), and the best deed in His sight is that which is done regularly. [Bukhari 1151, Muslim 785]

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Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Laa Ilaha illaLah, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, wa wa liLahil Hamd

Oh people:

Iman (faith) is a necessity. For there is no comfort without iman, and there is no tranquility for the hearts except with iman. For that reason, iman is the most important of necessities. Through iman one's heart will have peace and their soul will be content, and their happiness increases, and their sadness fades, and their worry and distress vanish. And one will taste the sweetness of life. Through iman, one is able to face life's burdens, problems, and hardships. So they sleep with peace of mind. And they toil in fulfilling their worldly affairs , armed with iman (faith).

With iman, ones knows their beginning and ending and are certain of their return to their Lord. Allah Almighty said:

الَّذِينَ يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ مُلَاقُو رَبِّهِمْ وَأَنَّهُمْ إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ-الْبَقَرَةِ. 46

Al Baqarah (2) 46: Who are certain that they will meet their Lord and that they will return to Him.

Through Iman one knows the two paths and their respective destinies. Allah Almighty said:

إِنَّا هَدَيْنَاهُ السَّبِيلَ إِمَّا شَاكِرًا وَإِمَّا كَفُورًا-الْإِنْسَانِ

Insan (76) 3: Indeed, We guided him to the way, be he grateful or be he ungrateful.

And Allah Almighty said:

فَرِيقٌ فِي الْجُنَّةِ وَفَرِيقٌ فِي السَّعِيرِ-الشُّورَى 7

Ash Shurah (42) 7: A party will be in Paradise and a party in the Blaze.

And with Iman, a person knows that their sustenance and lifespans are written and decreed. No one owns sustenance and lifespans except Allah Almighty, so a person does not worry or occupy themselves with them. Sustenance and the lifespan are coupled and guaranteed. As long as their is lifespan left the sustenance will come. Allah Almighty said:

وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ رِزْقُهَا-هُودٍ 6

Hud (11) 6: And there is no creature on earth but that upon Allāh is its provision,

And Allah Almighty said:

أَيْنَمَا تَكُونُوا يُدْرِكْكُمُ الْمَوْتُ-النِّسَاءِ 78

An Nisa (11) 78: Wherever you may be, death will overtake you

And with Iman, a person works for their afterlife because it is the permanent home. And works in their worldly life seeking their afterlife for their knowledge that this world is fleeting and the abode of afflictions.

Allah Almighty said:

وَابْتَغِ فِيمَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ وَلَا تَنْسَ نَصِيبَكَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا-الْقَصَصِ 77

Al Qasas (28) 77: But seek, through that which Allāh has given you, the home of the Hereafter; and [yet], do not forget your share of the world.

And with Iman, a person knows that this world is a fleeting enjoyment. So they are not deceived by what fortunes come to them, nor are they distressed by what they miss out on.And they do not envy anyone for its sake. And they do not devote themselves to it.

Allah Almighty said:

وَفَرِحُوا بِالْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا فِي الْآخِرَةِ إِلَّا مَتَاعُ-الرَّعْدِ 26

Ar Rad (13) 26: And they rejoice in the worldly life, while the worldly life is not, compared to the Hereafter, except [brief] enjoyment.

And Allah Almighty said:

وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاعُ الْغُرُورِ-الْحَدِيدِ 20

Al Hadid (57) 20: And what is the worldly life except the enjoyment of delusion.

And with Iman, a person spends from their worldly life to maintain their religion. And they do not spend their religion for the sake of maintaining their worldly life. For they will inevitably leave it.

Allah Almighty said:

مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ الْعَاجِلَةَ عَجَّلْنَا لَهُ فِيهَا مَا نَشَاءُ لِمَنْ نُرِيدُ ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَا لَهُ جَهَنَّمَ يَصْلَاهَا مَدْمُومًا مَدْحُورًا *وَمَنْ أَرَادَ الْآخِرَةَ وَسَعَى لَهَا سَعْيَهَا وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنُ فَأُولَبٍكَ كَانَ سَعْيُهُمْ مَشْكُورًا-الْإِسْرَاءِ 18-19

Al Isra (17) 18-19: (18) Whoever should desire the immediate - We hasten for him from it what We will to whom We intend. Then We have made for him Hell, which he will [enter to] burn, censured and banished. (19) But whoever desires the Hereafter and exerts the effort due to it while he is a believer - it is those whose effort is ever appreciated [by Allāh].

And with Iman, a person is steadfast through trials of ease and hardship. So they are not deceived by good fortune that has befallen them, nor do they despair because of an adversity that has befallen them because of their knowledge that trials and tribulations are afflictions from Allah Almighty and those who respond appropriately will be greatly rewarded.

Allah Almighty said.

وَنَبْلُوكُمْ بِالشَّرِّ وَالْخَيْرِ فِتْنَةً وَإِلَيْنَا تُرْجَعُونَ-الْأَنْبِيَاءِ 35

Al Anbiya (21) 35: And We test you with evil and with good as trial; and to Us you will be returned.

And with Iman, a person fulfills the rights and obligations due to Allah Almighty and His creation. So the person does not shortchange anyone because they are mindful of Allah regarding their obligations and do not monitor what others are obligated to do. Allah Almighty said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَى أَهْلِهَا-النِّسَاء 58

An Nisa (4) 58: Indeed, Allāh commands you to render trusts to whom they are due.

And every right that you owe to others is a trust that you must fulfill.

And the person whose heart is filled with Iman, loves for others what they love for themselves. And they hate for others what they hate for themselves. So they love Iman and the sunnah for others and they call others to them. And they hate disbelief, bida' (introduced matters without a basis) and sin. So out of kindness and goodwill and genuine concern, they deter and advise others away from them. For the believers, good is for themselves and others and they do not like bad for others.

Allah Almighty said:

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَبِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ-آلِ عِمْرَانَ 104

Al Imran (3) 104: And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful.

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أَقُولُ مَا تَسْمَعُونَ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الغَفُورُ 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

الحَمْدُ لِلَهِ, وَالصَلَاةُ وَالسَلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللهِ , وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلاَ الله وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنّ مُحَمّداً عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ

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:

So be conscious of Allah Almighty and thank Him on this great day. For it is a day of having gratitude for His great favors and abundant gifts and bestowals.

Allah Almighty said:

وَإِنْ تَعُدُّوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصُوهَا-النَّحْلِ 18

An Nahl (16) 18: And if you should count the favors of Allāh, you could not enumerate them.

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Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Laa Ilaha illaLah, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, wa liLahil Hamd

Not having Iman is misguidance and loss. And reduction of Iman is a reduction of happiness and peace of mind. And in death a person will see the reward of their Iman and righteous deeds. And those who lost their Iman will lose out.

Allah Almighty said:

الْمُلْكُ يَوْمَبِذٍ لِلَّهِ يَحْكُمُ بَيْنَهُمْ فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ *وَالَّذِينَ حَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا فَأُولَبٍكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُهِينُ-الْحَجّ 56-57

Al Hajj (22) 56-57: **(56) [All] sovereignty that Day is for Allāh; He will judge** between them. So they who believed and did righteous deeds will be in the Gardens of Pleasure. **(57)** And they who disbelieved and denied Our signs - for those there will be a humiliating punishment.

All people need Iman and it's requirements, to equip them in facing life's difficulties. And no one will withstand the trials of our times except the people of firm Iman. And no one will walk safely among life's minefields and their dangers and reach their destination, except for those who equip themselves with iman and practically implement it in their lives, and are conscious of its parts and its details, and are cautious of its nullifiers and reducers.

All the ordainments of Islam are from Iman. And all rulings are from Iman. Falling short in any of them reduces Iman. And every act of obedience is from Iman and increases Iman. And every sin reduces Iman. And Iman is not by wishing, rather Iman is through conscious speech and deeds.

And parents have an obligation to raise their children upon Iman and to instill it in their hearts. For it is a much greater necessity than food, water and air.

So parents and particularly mothers instill Iman in your infants through the remembrance of Allah in front of them. And teach your toddlers Iman when they start to crawl by accustoming them to the remembrance of Allah. And when they take their first steps, teach your children Iman by attributing all blessings to Allah. And when they can discern, teach your children the Quran. For it is the Book of Iman. And teach them the pillars of Iman and Islam. And instill in your children's hearts that Iman is the most valuable

matter that they possess. So they can lose everything in this world but must not lose Iman. For whoever possesses Iman possesses everything. And whoever loses Iman, loses everything.

Allah said:

إِنَّ الْخَاسِرِينَ الَّذِينَ خَسِرُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَأَهْلِيهِمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَلَا ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْخُسْرَانُ الْمُبِينُ-الزُّمَرِ 15

Az Zumar (39) 15: Indeed, the losers are the ones who will lose themselves and their families on the Day of Resurrection. Unquestionably, that is the manifest loss.

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Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Laa Ilaha illaLah, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, wa liLahil Hamd

Oh Muslims:

Rejoice in Eid within the limits of what Allah Almighty has permitted. And advise each other to truth and advise each other to patience. And avoid evils, for they destroy Iman and remove blessings and lead to punishment.

اللَّهُمَّ احْفَظْ عَلَيْنَا إِيمَانَنَا، وَزِدْنَا إِيمَانًا وَيَقِينًا، وَحَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا الْإِيمَانَ وَلِأَهْلِنَا وَأُوْلَادِنَا، وَزَيِّنْهُ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، وَكَرِّهْ إِلَيْنَا الْكُفْرَ وَالْفُسُوقَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ، وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنَ الرَّاشِدِينَ.

Oh Allah preserve our Iman and increase us in Iman and conviction. And endear Iman to us. And endear Iman to our families and children. And make it appealing in our hearts. And make disbelief, rebelliousness, and disobedience detestable to us. And make us among the rightly guided.

وَتَقَبَّلَ اللَّهُ مِنَّا وَمِنْكُمْ صَالِحَ الْأَعْمَالِ

Make Allah accept from us and you the righteous deeds.

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ.

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هَذَا وَصَلُّوا وَسَلِّمُوا عَلَى نَبِيِّكُم كَمَا أَمَرَكُمْ بِذلِكَ رَبُّكُمْ ، فَقَالَ

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

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَابٍكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيَّ 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 اهْدِنا فِيمَنْ هَدَيْتَ وَعَافِنا فِيمَنْ عَافَيْتَ وَتَوَلَّنا فِيمَنْ تَوَلَّيْتَ وَبَارِكْ لنا فِيمَا أَعْطَيْتَ وَقِنا شَرَّ مَا قَضَيْتَ إِنَّكَ تَقْضِى وَلاَ يُقْضَى عَلَيْكَ وَإِنَّهُ لاَ يَذِلُّ 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 عَلِمْنا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الشَّرِ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنا 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 مِنْ شَرِّ مَا عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ عَمْلُكَ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ وَنَعِيْمَ إِنَّا فَسْأَلُكَ عَنْ شَرِ مَا عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ عَمْ لَكَ عَنْ الْحَبْنَةِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ التَّارِ وَمَا قَرَبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ التَّارِ وَمَا قَرَبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلِ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ التَّارِ

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.