The Most Important Necessity

First Khutbah

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

Imān (faith) is a necessity and there is no comfort without imān, and there is no tranquility for the hearts except with imān. For imān is the most important of necessities. Through imān, one's heart will have peace and their soul will be content, and their happiness will increase, and their sadness fades, and their worry and distress vanish. And with Imān, one will taste the sweetness of life. Through imān, 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, equipped with imān (faith).

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

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

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

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

And Allah Almighty said:

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

And with Imān, 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 there is lifespan left, the sustenance will come. Allah Almighty said:

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

And Allah Almighty said:

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

And with Imān, 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:

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 Imān, 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:

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:

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

And with Imān, 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:

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 Imān, 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.

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

And with Imān, 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 does not monitor what others are obligated to do. Allah Almighty said:

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 Imān, loves for others what they love for themselves. And they hate for others what they hate for themselves. So they love Imān 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:

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.

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 لِلّهِ, وَالصّلَاةُ وَالسّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللهِ , وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَا اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَا اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنّ مُحَمّداً 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:

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

Allah Almighty said:

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 Imān 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 Imān. And no one will walk safely among life's minefields and their dangers and reach their destination, except for those who equip themselves with imān 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 Imān. And all rulings are from Imān. Falling short in any of them reduces Imān. And every act of obedience is from Imān and increases Imān. And every sin reduces Imān. And Imān is not by wishing, rather Imān is through conscious speech and deeds.

And parents have an obligation to raise their children upon Imān 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 Imān in your infants through the remembrance of Allah in front of them. And teach your toddlers Imān when they start to crawl by accustoming them to the remembrance of Allah. And when they take their first steps, teach your children Imān by attributing all blessings to Allah. And when they can discern, teach your children the Quran. For it is the Book of Imān. And teach them the pillars of Imān and Islam. And instill in your children's hearts that Imān is the most valuable matter that they possess. So they can lose everything in this world but must not lose Imān. For whoever possesses Imān possesses everything. And whoever loses Imān, loses everything.

Allah said:

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.

Oh Allah preserve our Imān and increase us in Imān and conviction. And endear Imān to us. And endear Imān 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.

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.

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 مَا عَلِمْنا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا مَأَلَكَ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مَنْ 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 عَمَلِ وَنَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَجْعَلَ كُلَّ قَضَاءٍ 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 وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِى الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنكرِ 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.

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.