The Enmity of Satan

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 يَالُهُ 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 Believers:

The wisdom of Most Just of judges decreed that mankind would be a successive authority on this earth. That was initially a bit trying for the honorable angels but they quickly responded to the command of their Lord, in obedience and submission. And all of them prostrated to Adam, peace be upon him. However, satan displayed his inner envy and arrogance and refused to prostrate to this creation made of clay. Allah Almighty said:

وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَابِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ قَالَ أَأَسْجُدُ لِمَنْ خَلَقْتَ طِينًا-الْإِسْرَاءِ 61

Al Isra (17) 61: And [mention] when We said to the angels, "Prostrate to Adam," and they prostrated, except for Iblees. He said, "Should I prostrate to one You created from clay?"

And satan claimed that he was better and superior. Allah Almighty said:

Al Araf (7) 12: [Allāh] said, "What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?" [Satan] said, "I am better than him. You created me from fire and created him from clay [i.e., earth]."

And from that moment the enemy of Allah began an eternal enmity towards the children of Adam. And he took an oath upon himself to lie in wait for them and plot against them.

Al Araf (7) 16-17: (16) [Satan] said, "Because You have put me in error, I will surely sit in wait for them [i.e., mankind] on Your straight path. (17) Then I will come to them from before them and from behind them and on their right and on their left, and You will not find most of them grateful [to You]."

And satan took mankind an enemy in all situations from birth until death. Satan does not leave an opportunity to harm and deviate mankind. For satan's first attempt to harm people is at birth when they exit from their mothers' womb and embrace this world. Satan pokes them and they start crying because of that. Abu Hurairah, may Allah be pleased with him, narrated that the Allah's Messenger said:

ما من بني آدمَ مولودٌ إلا يمَسُّه الشَّيطانُ حينَ يولَد؛ فيَستَهِلُّ صارخًا من مَسِّ الشَّيطانِ غيرَ مريمَ وابنِها"، قال أبو هريرة اقرؤوا إن شئتم وَإِنِّي أُعِيذُهَا بِكَ وَذُرِّيَّتَهَا مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ-آل عمران 36

No child is born but the devil touches him when he is born, whereupon he starts crying loudly because of having been touched by the devil, except for Maryam and her son. Abu Hurairah then recited Al Imran (3) 36: I seek refuge for her in You and [for] her descendants from Satan, the expelled [from the mercy of Allāh]. [Bukhari 3431, Muslim 2366]

And from satan's stealth plotting and cunning are the fearful and depressing whispers that he casts. And what satan spreads to people of disturbing and worrying thoughts while they are asleep and awake. Allah Almighty said:

Al Mujadalah (58) 10: Private conversation is only from Satan that he may grieve those who have believed, but he will not harm them at all except by permission of Allāh.

And Abu Qatadah, may Allah be pleased with him, narrated that the Prophet said:

A good dream is from Allah and a bad dream is from Satan, so if anyone of you has a dream that makes them afraid, let him spittle dryly to his left three times, and seek refuge in Allah from its evil, then it will not harm him. [Bukhari 3292, Muslim 2261]

And if a person intends to pray, then satan pours his plotting upon them and harms them. This is because prayer is the motto of the believer and the crown of their righteousness and success. And the prostration is the most honorable part of the prayer because it is the utmost humility to Allah Most Blessed, Most High.

Abu Hurairah, may Allah be pleased with him, narrated that the Messenger of Allah said:

When a son of Adam recites a (verse calling for) prostration and prostrates, satan retreats weeping, saying, Woe unto him, the son of Adam was commanded to prostrate and he prostrated, so Paradise is for him, and I was commanded to prostrate and I refused, so the Fire is for me. Hadith [Muslim 81a]

Therefore, the satan focuses on prayer and tries to avert Muslims from offering it in the first place. Allah Almighty said:

إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ يُوقِعَ بَيْنَكُمُ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ فِي الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ وَيَصُدَّكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَعَنِ الصَّلَاةِ فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُنْتَهُونَ-الْمَايِدَةِ 91

Al Maedah (5) 91: Satan only wants to cause between you animosity and hatred through intoxicants and gambling and to avert you from the remembrance of Allāh and from prayer. So will you not desist?

Abu Hurairah, may Allah be pleased with him, narrated that the Messenger of Allah **s** said:

يَعْقِدُ الشَّيْطَانُ عَلَى قَافِيَةِ رَأْسِ أَحَدِكُمْ إِذَا هُو نَامَ ثَلَاثَ عُقَدٍ يَضْرِبُ كُلَّ عُقْدَةٍ عَلَيْكَ لَيْلُ طَوِيلٌ، فَارْقُدْ فَإِنِ اسْتَيْقَظَ فَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ، انْحَلَّتْ عُقْدَةً، فإنْ تَوَضَّأَ انْحَلَّتْ عُقْدَةً، فإنْ تَوَضَّأَ انْحَلَّتْ عُقْدَةً، فإنْ صَلَّى انْحَلَّتْ عُقْدَةً، فأصبَحَ نَشِيطًا طَيِّبَ النَّفْسِ وإلَّا أَصْبَحَ خَبِيثَ النَّفْسِ عَقْدَةً، فإنْ صَلَّى انْحَلَّتْ عُقْدَةً، فأصبَحَ نَشِيطًا طَيِّبَ النَّفْسِ وإلَّا أَصْبَحَ خَبِيثَ النَّفْسِ كَسْلَانَ

During your sleep, Satan ties three knots at the back of the head of each one of you, and he seals each knot with the following words: the night is long, so keep on sleeping. When that person wakes up and remembers Allah, one knot is undone; when he makes ablution a (second) knot is undone and when he prays, a (third) knot is undone, and he gets up in the morning active and in good spirits, otherwise he gets up in bad spirits and sluggish. [Bukhari 1142, Muslim 776]

And when Muslims gets up to pray, the satan comes between them and their prayer through his whispers. The Prophet said:

When any one of you gets up and prays, the satan comes to him an confuses him until he does not know how many (units of prayer) he prayed. [Bukhari 1232, Muslim 389]

And if satan find gaps in the rows of the prayers, he enters between them. The Prophet said:

And close the gaps, for the satan enters in between you. [Ahmad 22263, Grade: Sahih]

And Allah Almighty is in front of the face of everyone praying in a manner befitting His majesty. And looking around in prayer is from the plotting of satan. The Prophet said:

It is a way of stealing by which the satan steals a portion of a servant's prayer. [Bukhari 751]

And the satan is extremely keen to cutoff people's prayers. The Prophet said:

When anyone of you performs prayer, let him pray facing towards a sutrah (a raised partition), let him get close to it and not allow the satan to sever his prayer. Hadith [Sahih ibn Khuzaimah 65/2, Grade: Sahih]

And the Prophet said:

وَمَا مِنْ ثَلَاثَةٍ فِي قَرْيَةٍ وَلَا بَدْوٍ لَا تُقَامُ فِيهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ إِلَّا قَدِ اسْتَحْوَذَ عَلَيْهِمُ الشَّيْطَانُ-وراه أبو داود

There are no three people in a town or encampment among whom prayer is not established, but the satan takes control of them. [Abu Dawood 547, An Nisai 847, Grade: Sahih]

And from satan's shocking plotting and cunning is adorning the ugly and making the good ugly. For he beatifies sins for people and adorns sins before their eyes. And satan makes performing acts of obedience ugly and burdensome for people. Allah Almighty said:

An Nahl (16) 63: By Allāh, We did certainly send [messengers] to nations before you, but Satan made their deeds attractive to them. And he is their [i.e., the disbelievers] ally today [as well], and they will have a painful punishment.

And the enemy of Allah has adorned the love of nudity to many of the children of Adam to cause discord and to ignite the fire of lust and to take away the light of iman (faith), and to destroy the beauty of modesty and to change Allah's command and ordainment. And it is an ancient ploy that he used on our parents, Adam and Eve, until he stripped off their clothing. Allah Almighty said:

يَا بَنِي آدَمَ قَدْ أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكُمْ لِبَاسًا يُوَارِى سَوْآتِكُمْ وَرِيشًا وَلِبَاسُ التَّقْوَى ذَلِكَ خَيْرُ ذَلِكَ مِنْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَذَّكُرُونَ * يَا بَنِي آدَمَ لَا يَفْتِنَنَّكُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ كَمَا أَخْرَجَ

أَبَوَيْكُمْ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ يَنْزِعُ عَنْهُمَا لِبَاسَهُمَا لِيُرِيَهُمَا سَوْآتِهِمَا إِنَّهُ يَرَاكُمْ هُوَ وَقَبِيلُهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ-الْأَعْرَافِ 27-27 حَيْثُ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ-الْأَعْرَافِ 26-27

Al Araf (7) 26-27: (26) O children of Adam, We have bestowed upon you clothing to conceal your private parts and as adornment. But the clothing of righteousness - that is best. That is from the signs of Allāh that perhaps they will remember. (27) O children of Adam, let not Satan tempt you as he removed your parents from Paradise, stripping them of their clothing to show them their private parts. Indeed, he sees you, he and his tribe, from where you do not see them. Indeed, We have made the devils allies to those who do not believe.

And in this manner, the enemy of Allah, satan, strives to mislead the children of Adam through various ploys and non-stop attempts until the end of a person's life when they are in the throws of death. And the Prophet taught his community a supplication in this regard:

And I seek refuge with You from being led astray by the Satan at the time of death [Sunan an-Nasa'i 5531, Grade: Hasan]

Whoever is loyal to Allah Almighty antagonizes satan. And whoever turns away from Allah Almighty allies with the satan. And Allah is the guardian and supporter of those loyal to Him. And satan betrays those loyal to him. So it is necessary for us all to repent to Allah and to carry out His commands and to avoid disobeying Him. For glory and honor is in obeying Allah and carrying out His commands. And disappointment and loss is in falling into the traps and temptations of satan. And whoever does that incurs the wrath and punishment of the Lord that cannot be pushed away. I seek refuge in Allah from the outcast satan:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقُّ فَلَا تَغُرَّنَكُمُ الْحُيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا وَلَا يَغُرَّنَكُمْ بِاللَّهِ الْغَرُورُ * إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لَكُمْ عَدُوُّ فَاتَّخِذُوهُ عَدُوًّا إِنَّمَا يَدْعُو حِزْبَهُ لِيَكُونُوا مِنْ أَصْحَابِ الشَّعِيرِ-فَاطِرٍ: ٥-٠٠ السَّعِيرِ-فَاطِرٍ: ٥-٠٠

Fater (35) 5-6: **(5) O mankind, indeed the promise of Allāh is truth, so let not the worldly life delude you and be not deceived about Allāh by the Deceiver [i.e., Satan]. (6) Indeed, Satan is an enemy to you; so take him as an enemy. He only invites his party to be among the companions of the Blaze.**

أَقُولُ مَا تَسْمَعُونَ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنّهُ هُوَ الغَفُورُ الرّحِيمُ 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:

So know, oh believers, that Satan, even if he is a means for corruption, that Allah Almighty has amazing secrets in His creation, and wondrous wisdom. From it is what imam Ibn Al Qayim, may Allah have mercy on him, mentioned. He said that it would not be possible to attain the

different types of servitude to Allah Almighty had iblis not been created. Such as the servitude of enjoining good and forbidding evil, and the servitude of opposing whims, and the servitude of patience and the servitude of prioritizing the love of the Lord over the love of one's self. And from among them is attaining the servitude of repentance and returning to Him and repenting. For Allah loves the repenting and loves their repentance. And from among them is attaining the servitude of opposing the enemy of Allah and humiliating and enraging him. And it is from among the most beloved servitudes to Allah Almighty. And only the bright and astute are conscious of this servitude. And from among them, is the servitude of seeking refuge in Allah from His enemy and protection from satan and from his plotting and harm. And from among them is the servitude of abandoning perpetual false hope. For their fear and caution intensify when they see what happened to Allah's enemy by disobeying Him the Almighty, and satan's fall from the angelic rank to the satanic rank.

Seeking refuge in Allah Almighty, relying upon Allah, remembrance of Allah and not following lusts repel the plotting of satan.

Seeking refuge in Allah protects from satan's evil. For Allah protects those seeking refuge in Him. Allah Almighty said:

Al Araf (7) 200: And if an evil suggestion comes to you from Satan, then seek refuge in Allāh. Indeed, He is Hearing and Knowing.

Relying upon Allah repels the plotting of satan. For those relying upon Allah are safe from satan's plotting and cunning. Allah Almighty said:

An Nahl (16) 99-100: (99) Indeed, there is for him no authority over those who have believed and rely upon their Lord. (100) His authority is only over those who take him as an ally and those who through him associate others with Allāh.

Continuous remembrance of Allah Almighty repels the plotting of satan. For the plotting of satan is weak and confined to whispers. And whispers are done away with by the remembrance of Allah Almighty. For the one making remembrance is encompassed by the help of Allah. And when Allah is mentioned, satan is humiliated, degraded, and belittled. For this reason, satan is called the retreating whisperer.

And being cautious to not follow lusts repels the plotting of satan,. For if a person is cautious of lusts, they are safe from the plotting and evil of satan. And if they fall into lusts, they should hasten to erase their effects though seeking forgiveness and repenting and renewal of acts of obedience. For that enrages the enemy of Allah, drives him away him, and repels his evil.

We ask Allah Almighty to protect us from the plotting and cunning of satan and make us among His righteous servants. Indeed Allah is All Hearing, Answering.

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

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَابِكَتَهُ 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 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 اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا مِنْ الشَّرِ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا سَأَلُكَ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مَنْ شَرِّ مَا عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا فَسْأَلُكَ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا فَسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا فَسْأَلُكَ عَمْلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ 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 إِلَيْهُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ

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.

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.