

### 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:

Before Allah Almighty sent His Messengers and revealed His Books, Humankind was overtaken by delusions and unsettled with worries, with constant anxiety, lasting confusion, and never-ending turmoil.

They remained wandering in darkness. They saw no light and knew no good. They were characterized by ignorance, injustice, cruelty, deviation, misguidance, division, conflict, and disagreement. Humanity remained this unguided state until Allah sent His Messengers and revealed His Books

Allah completed the line of Messengers with Muhammad ﷺ, granting him eminence. He Almighty sealed the revealed Books with the Noble Qur'an—the Book of Allah, His Speech, revealed, not created, free from every imperfection, devoid of defects, and protected from contradictions. Within it is guidance, illumination, and healing.

Allah Almighty says:

الر كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ لِتُخْرِجَ النَّاسَ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ الْعَزِيزِ  
الْحَمِيدِ - إبراهيم 1

Ibrahim (14) 1: **Alif, Lām, Rā.** [This is] a Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muḥammad], that you might bring mankind out of darkneses into the light by permission of their Lord - to the path of the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy

And Allah Almighty says:

الر كِتَابٌ أُحْكِمَتْ آيَاتُهُ ثُمَّ فُصِّلَتْ مِنْ لَدُنْ حَكِيمٍ خَبِيرٍ - هود 1

Hud (11) 1: **Alif, Lām, Rā.** [This is] a Book whose verses are perfected and then presented in detail from [one who is] Wise and Aware

And Allah Almighty says:

وَأِنَّهُ لَكِتَابٌ عَزِيزٌ \* لَا يَأْتِيهِ الْبَاطِلُ مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَلَا مِنْ خَلْفِهِ تَنْزِيلٌ مِنْ حَكِيمٍ حَمِيدٍ -  
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Fussilat (41) 41-42: **(41)** And indeed, it is a mighty Book. **(42)** Falsehood cannot approach it from before it or from behind it; [it is] a revelation from a [Lord who is] Wise and Praiseworthy.

And Allah Almighty said:

قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ نُورٌ وَكِتَابٌ مُبِينٌ \* يَهْدِي بِهِ اللَّهُ مَنِ اتَّبَعَ رِضْوَانَهُ سُبُلَ السَّلَامِ  
وَيُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَيَهْدِيهِمْ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

Al-Ma'idah (5) 15-16: **(15) There has come to you from Allāh a light and a clear Book [i.e., the Qur'ān] (16) By which Allāh guides those who pursue His pleasure to the ways of peace and brings them out from darknesses into the light, by His permission, and guides them to a straight path.**

Pause and reflect on the grandeur of these verses. The Qur'an is the noblest revelation. The Book of Allah is the greatest blessing from the Greatest Bestower, the most generous gift from the most Generous Giver. It is admonition, healing, guidance, and mercy.

Allah Almighty said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مَوْعِظَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَشِفَاءٌ لِّمَا فِي الصُّدُورِ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ  
لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ \* قُلْ بِفَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَبِرَحْمَتِهِ فَبِذَلِكَ فَلْيَفْرَحُوا هُوَ خَيْرٌ مِّمَّا يَجْمَعُونَ -يونس 57-58

Yunus (10) 57-58: **(57) O mankind, there has come to you instruction from your Lord and healing for what is in the breasts and guidance and mercy for the believers. (58) Say, "In the bounty of Allāh and in His mercy - in that let them rejoice; it is better than what they accumulate.**

The Quran contains rectification for both worldly and religious affairs. It is the means to honor, glory, dignity and manifest victory. Allah Almighty says:

لَقَدْ أَنزَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ كِتَابًا فِيهِ ذِكْرُكُمْ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ -الأنبياء 10

Al-Anbiya (21) 10: **We have certainly sent down to you a Book [i.e., the Qur'ān] in which is your mention. Then will you not reason?**

Your mention, meaning your honor, your pride, and your elevated status. That is, if you remember, reflect and implement the truthful news contained in it, it will serve as your source of pride and honor. If you obey its commands, you will rise in status and dignity, and your renown and honor will be elevated, provided you firmly believe and act according to the truths within it.

In the Quran, Allah distinguished between disputing parties, resolves conflicts, clarified every path; clearly differentiating truth from falsehood, misguidance from righteousness, deviation from guidance, and happiness from misery.

Through the Quran, Allah differentiated between the believer and the disbeliever, between the pious and the wicked, between the truthful and the liar. He distinguished among the various sects and faiths, clarified their beliefs and methodologies, elevated the truth, lowered falsehood, made paths clear, and guided towards the straight path. Allah says:

وَكَذَلِكَ نَفْصِّلُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يُذَكِّرُونَ

Al-An'am (6) 55: **And thus do We detail the verses, and [thus] the way of the criminals will become evident.**

The Quran leaves no matter unexplained, no ruling undetailed, and no path without clearly revealing its outcome and consequence. Allah says:

وَكُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَصَّلْنَاهُ تَفْصِيلًا

Al-Isra (17) 12: **And everything We have set out in detail.**

The Quran corrects distortions, refines character, softens hard hearts, purifies innermost intentions, and awakens consciences. If the inanimate were addressed by it, qualities of life would be infused into them:

لَوْ أَنزَلْنَاهَا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ عَلَى جَبَلٍ لَّرَأَيْتَهُ خَاشِعًا مُّتَصَدِّعًا مِّنْ خَشْيَةِ اللَّهِ وَتِلْكَ الْأَمْثَالُ نَضْرِبُهَا  
لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ-الحشر 21

Al-Hashr (59) 21: **If We had sent down this Qur'ān upon a mountain, you would have seen it humbled and splitting from fear of Allāh. And these examples We present to the people that perhaps they will give thought.**

The Quran is profound wisdom and decisive proof, with which Allah challenged mankind and jinn, who utterly failed:

قُلْ لِّئِنْ اجْتَمَعَتِ الْإِنْسُ وَالْجِنَّ عَلَى أَنْ يَأْتُوا بِمِثْلِ هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لَا يَأْتُونَ بِمِثْلِهِ وَلَوْ كَانَ  
بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيرًا-الإسراء 88

Al-Isra (17) 88: **Say, "If mankind and the jinn gathered in order to produce the like of this Qur'ān, they could not produce the like of it, even if they were to each other assistants.**

The Quran is the foundation of religion, the basis of wisdom, the sign of prophethood, and the backbone of faith. No path leads to Allah except through it. There is no salvation except by it. Can anyone call to Allah except with Allah's Book? Can humanity be rectified without Allah's Word?

Allah Almighty said:

وَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَيَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنُ لِأُنذِرْكُمْ بِهِ وَمَنْ بَلَغَ-الأنعام 19

Al-An'am (6) 19: **And this Qur'ān was revealed to me that I may warn you thereby and whomever it reaches.**

It was revealed for recitation, contemplation, applying its commands, heeding its admonitions, and judging according to it:

كِتَابُ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ مُبَارَكٌ لِيَدَّبَّرُوا آيَاتِهِ وَلِيَتَذَكَّرَ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ - ص 29

Sad (38) 29: **[This is] a blessed Book which We have revealed to you, [O Muḥammad], that they might reflect upon its verses and that those of understanding would be reminded.**

Indeed, in this worldly life there is darkness that nothing can dispel except the light of the Qur'an. Indeed, within souls is a sense of loneliness that cannot be removed except through the verses of the Qur'an. Truly, within hearts is unrest that cannot be calmed except by acting upon the Qur'an. And Turning away from the Qur'an is clear misguidance:

كَذَلِكَ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِ مَا قَدْ سَبَقَ وَقَدْ آتَيْنَاكَ مِنْ لَدُنَّا ذِكْرًا \* مَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَنْهُ فَإِنَّهُ يَحْمِلُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وِزْرًا \* خَالِدِينَ فِيهِ وَسَاءَ لَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ حِمْلًا - طه 99-101

Taha (20) 99-101: (99) **Thus, [O Muḥammad], We relate to you from the news of what has preceded. And We have certainly given you from Us a message [i.e., the Qur'ān]. (100) Whoever turns away from it - then indeed, he will bear on the Day of Resurrection a burden [i.e., great sin], (101) [Abiding] eternally therein, and evil it is for them on the Day of Resurrection as a load -**

The Quran purifies, protects, intercedes, and elevates. How many unknown and overlooked people became elevated by their connection to the Qur'an! And how many famous individuals, highly regarded people, fell into obscurity because they turned away from the Qur'an!

It is narrated from Umar ibn al-Khattab (may Allah be pleased with him), who said: I heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ say:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْفَعُ بِهَذَا الْكِتَابِ أَقْوَامًا وَيَضَعُ بِهِ الْآخَرِينَ

**Indeed, Allah elevates some people through this Book and debases others through it. [Muslim 817a]**

Whoever recites the Qur'an and acts upon it, the Qur'an will intercede for them and argue in their favor on the Day of Judgment. It was narrated from Al-Nawwas ibn Sam'an (may Allah be pleased with him) who said: I heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ say:

يُؤْتَى يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بِالْقُرْآنِ وَأَهْلِيهِ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ بِهِ فِي الدُّنْيَا تَقْدُمُهُ سُورَةُ الْبَقَرَةِ وَآلِ عِمْرَانَ، تُحَاجَّانِ عَنْ صَاحِبَيْهِمَا

**The Qur'an and its people who acted upon it in this world will be brought forth on the Day of Resurrection, preceded by Surah Al-Baqarah and Al 'Imran, both arguing on behalf of their companion. [Muslim 805]**

The people of the Qur'an are the people of virtue and honor. They are the special servants of Allah, His chosen ones, the best and most noble of this Ummah. There is no teacher nobler than the one teaching the speech of Allah, and no student higher than one learning the words of Allah.

It was narrated from Uthman ibn Affan (may Allah be pleased with him), who said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ

**The best among you are those who learn the Qur'an and teach it. [Bukhari 5027]**

How great is the status and honor of the Teachers and learners of the Qur'an ! A virtue that is unmatched and good deeds that are unparalleled. Who can compare in virtue to those who are dedicated to learning and teaching the Qur'an? Blessed are they, and how excellent is their final abode!

And for reciters of the Quran, it suffices as an honor that through it good deeds multiply greatly. And through it, they ascend to lofty ranks

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، وَأَشْهَدُ 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:

Ramadan is the blessed month in which the Quran was revealed. In this month, believers should renew and deepen their relationship with the Book of Allah. Allah Almighty says:

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ

Al-Baqarah (2) 185: **The month of Ramaḍān [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'ān, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion.**

Indeed, Ramadan was the time when Jibrīl (Gabriel) would study and review the Quran with the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ):

Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَجْوَدَ النَّاسِ بِالْخَيْرِ وَكَانَ أَجْوَدَ مَا يَكُونُ فِي رَمَضَانَ  
حِينَ يَلْقَاهُ جِبْرِيلُ، وَكَانَ جِبْرِيلُ يَلْقَاهُ فِي كُلِّ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ فَيُدَارِسُهُ الْقُرْآنَ

**The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was the most generous of people, and he was most generous in Ramadan when Gabriel would meet him. Gabriel would meet him every night of Ramadan to study the Quran with him.**

[Bukhari 1902, Muslim 2308a]

The companions would increase their recitation and devotion to the Quran during Ramadan significantly.

Uthmān ibn ‘Affān (may Allah be pleased with him) used to complete the recitation of the Quran once every day during Ramadan.

Imām ash-Shāfi‘ī (may Allah have mercy on him) would complete the recitation of the Quran sixty times during Ramadan.

When Ramadan entered, Imām Mālik, would not attend scholarly gatherings and would dedicate himself fully to reciting the Quran.

Imam al-Zuhri summarized the practice of the righteous predecessors :

Once Ramadan entered, it was dedicated for reciting the Quran and feeding people.

Indeed Ramadan is the month to strengthen our bond with Allah’s Book. So do not let this opportunity pass. Ramadan is our chance to reconnect with the Quran. It is a gift from Allah for purification, guidance, and success. Let us seize this blessed month and make the Quran our companion, our guide, and our source of comfort.

May Allah Almighty grant us the ability to recite, reflect upon, and act upon His Book. Indeed Allah is All Hearing, 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  
تَبَارَكَتَ 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, 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 الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى 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 يَجْعَلَ 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.

