

Qualities Loved by Allah

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:

The full moon is missed during a dark night. And shade is sought and refreshing breezes are coveted when the sun blazes with scorching heat. How wonderful is justice when injustice prevails, and fairness when wrongdoing abounds.

And how amazing are those in the prime of their youths who triumph over their overwhelming desires. And what great fortune and abundant success is attained by those perpetually attaching their hearts to every masjid.

And how blessed are two men who love each other for the sake of Allah, who do not meet except for His sake, and do not part except for His sake.

And how wonderful are chastity and fear of Allah when temptations appear and obstacles diminish. How beneficial is the charity given secretly in extinguishing the wrath of the Lord. And how sweet are tears flowing in seclusion, streaming down the cheeks of the remorseful and repentant to their Lord.

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

سَبْعَةٌ يُظِلُّهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى فِي ظِلِّهِ يَوْمَ لَا ظِلَّ إِلَّا ظِلُّهُ: إِمَامٌ عَدْلٌ، وَشَابٌّ نَشَأَ فِي عِبَادَةِ اللَّهِ، وَرَجُلٌ قَلْبُهُ مُعَلَّقٌ فِي الْمَسَاجِدِ، وَرَجُلَانِ تَحَابَّا فِي اللَّهِ، اجْتَمَعَا عَلَيْهِ وَتَفَرَّقَا عَلَيْهِ، وَرَجُلٌ دَعَتْهُ امْرَأَةٌ ذَاتُ مَنْصِبٍ وَجَمَالٍ فَقَالَ: إِنِّي أَخَافُ اللَّهَ، وَرَجُلٌ تَصَدَّقَ بِصَدَقَةٍ فَأَخْفَاهَا حَتَّى لَا تَعْلَمَ شِمَالُهُ مَا تُنْفِقُ يَمِينُهُ، وَرَجُلٌ ذَكَرَ اللَّهَ خَالِيًا، فَفَاضَتْ عَيْنَاهُ

There are seven whom Allah will shade in His shade on the Day when there is no shade but His: a just ruler; a young man who grew up in the worship of Allah; a man whose heart is attached to the mosques; two men who love each other for the sake of Allah, meeting for that and parting upon that; a man who is called by a woman of status and beauty but he says, 'Indeed, I fear Allah'; a man who gives in charity and hides it so that his left hand does not know what his right hand has spent; and a man who remembers Allah in seclusion, and his eyes overflow with tears.
[Bukhari 1423, Muslim 1031]

How desperately we all need to be shaded by the shade of the Most Merciful, on a difficult day in which the affliction is great and the distress is severe. On the day when the sun draws near to creation, until it is only a mile away from them.

In every era and every land, how great is the virtue of the just leader, the one entrusted with authority. That is, everyone who is given responsibility over the affairs of the Muslims and acts justly therein.

The just authority is the one who follows the command of Allah by placing everything in its proper place, without excess or negligence. He is like a father to the people, and they are like his children, teaching the ignorant, comforting the poor, and treating the sick. He sees the strong as weak until he takes what is due upon them, and sees the weak as noble until he restores what is due to them.

When ‘Umar ibn ‘Abd al-‘Azīz assumed the Caliphate, he sent a message to al-Ḥasan al-Baṣrī requesting him to describe the just authority to him. So among what al-Ḥasan wrote to him was: Know, O Commander of the Faithful, that Allah has made the just authority the one who straightens every crookedness, a means to correct every injustice. He is like the compassionate shepherd toward his camels, who searches for the best pastures for them. He is like the kind merciful mother towards her child. He is like the heart among the limbs, if it is sound, the limbs are sound, and if it is corrupt, the limbs are corrupt.

O Allah, shade us under Your shade on the Day when there is no shade but Your shade.

The young Muslim who deserves to be one of these seven is the youth, who has not yet grown old, whose heart is attached to his Lord. Repelling the pitfalls of psychological desires and the passions of the body.

Allah Almighty said:

وَلَا تَمُدَّنَّ عَيْنَيْكَ إِلَىٰ مَا مَتَّعْنَا بِهِ أَزْوَاجًا مِّنْهُمْ زَهْرَةَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا لِنَفْتِنَهُمْ فِيهِ ۚ وَرِزْقُ رَبِّكَ
خَيْرٌ وَأَبْقَىٰ

Taha (20), 131: **And do not extend your eyes toward that by which We have given enjoyment to [some] categories of them, [its being but] the splendor of worldly life by which We test them. And the provision of your Lord is better and more enduring.**

The youth are prone in this stage to all types of unstable behavior, and more likely to fall prey to dangerous pitfalls.

Youth is one of the most risky phases of life, for it is a period of strength between two weaknesses, the weakness of childhood and the weakness of old age.

And people will be questioned as to how they spent their youth. For the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

لَا تَزُولُ قَدَمُ ابْنِ آدَمَ بَيْنَ يَدَيِ رَبِّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ حَتَّى يُسْأَلَ عَنْ خَمْسٍ خَصَالٍ عُمُرِهِ
فِيمَا أَفْنَاهُ وَعَنْ شَبَابِهِ فِيمَا أَبْلَاهُ

The son of Adam's feet will not move on the Day of Resurrection until he is asked about five things, about his life and how he spent it, about his youth and how he used it.. [Sahih at-Targhib (128), Graded: Hasan li-ghayrihi]

O Allah, shade us under Your shade on the Day when there is no shade but Your shade.

Masjeds are the houses of Allah. And the places of worshipping Him and the best spots on earth. Allah honors those who frequent Masjeds and visit them, and He rewards for the steps taken towards them.

Allah Almighty said:

فِي بُيُوتٍ أَذِنَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تُرْفَعَ وَيُذْكَرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ فِيهَا بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ * رَجُلٌ لَا
تُلهِيهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَإِقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ يَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا تَتَقَلَّبُ فِيهِ
الْقُلُوبُ وَالْأَبْصَارُ

An-Nur (24) 36-37: (36) [Such niches are] in houses [i.e., mosques] which Allāh has ordered to be raised and that His name be mentioned [i.e., praised] therein; exalting Him within them in the morning and the evenings (37) [Are] men whom neither commerce nor sale distracts from the remembrance of Allāh and performance of prayer and giving of zakāh. They fear a Day in which the hearts and eyes will [fearfully] turn about -

Almighty Allah rejoices over the visitors of the masjeds. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

مَا تَوَطَّنَ رَجُلٌ مُسْلِمٌ الْمَسَاجِدَ لِلصَّلَاةِ وَالذِّكْرِ إِلَّا تَبَشَّشَ اللَّهُ لَهُ كَمَا يَتَبَشَّشُ أَهْلُ الْغَائِبِ
بِغَائِبِهِمْ إِذَا قَدِمَ عَلَيْهِمْ

A muslim does not regularly attend the mosques to perform prayer and remember Allah, but Allah feels happy with him just as the family of one who is absent feels happy when he comes back to them. [Sunan Ibn Majah 800, Grade: Sahih]

O Allah, shade us under Your shade on the Day when there is no shade but Your shade.

Believers in this life find it extremely difficult to live alone and isolated, without a friend or companion, someone they can confide in, share their joy, and support them during hardship and comfort them.

The relationships of many people in this day and age have become shallow and flawed, they are established and sustained for some worldly benefits and gains.

Indeed Islam is the religion of brotherhood, love, and unity. Allah Almighty said:

وَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ لَوْ أَنْفَقْتَ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مَا أَلَّفْتَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِهِمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَلَّفَ بَيْنَهُمْ

Al-Anfal (8) 63: **And brought together their hearts. If you had spent all that is in the earth, you could not have brought their hearts together; but Allāh brought them together. Indeed, He is Exalted in Might and Wise.**

Love and hatred for the sake of Allah are among the strongest bonds of faith, and through them, hearts are brought together.

Those who love each other for the sake of Allah have lasting companionship and enduring affection that only strengthens with time.

Allah Almighty said:

الْأَخِلَاءُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ

Az-Zukhruf (43) 67: **Close friends, that Day, will be enemies to each other, except for the righteous.**

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

إِنَّ مِنْ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ لَأُنَاسًا مَا هُمْ بِأَنْبِيَاءَ وَلَا شُهَدَاءَ يَغِبُّهُمْ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ وَالشُّهَدَاءُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بِمَكَانِهِمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى . قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ تُخْبِرُنَا مَنْ هُمْ . قَالَ هُمْ قَوْمٌ تَحَابُّوا بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ عَلَى غَيْرِ أَرْحَامٍ بَيْنَهُمْ وَلَا أَمْوَالٍ يَتَعَاطَوْنَهَا فَوَاللَّهِ إِنَّ وُجُوهَهُمْ لَنُورٌ وَإِنَّهُمْ عَلَى نُورٍ لَا يَخَافُونَ إِذَا

خَافَ النَّاسُ وَلَا يَحْزَنُونَ إِذَا حَزَنَ النَّاسُ . وَقَرَأَ هَذِهِ الْآيَةَ أَلَا إِنَّ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

Indeed, among the servants of Allah are people who are neither prophets nor martyrs, yet the prophets and martyrs will envy them on the Day of Resurrection because of their rank with Allah, the Exalted." They said, "O Messenger of Allah, tell us who they are" He said: "They are people who love one another for the sake of Allah, without there being family ties between them and without exchanging wealth between them. By Allah, their faces will be light, and they will be upon (pulpits of) light. They will not fear when the people are afraid, and they will not grieve when the people grieve." Then he recited the verse: 'Unquestionably, [for] the allies of Allah there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.' [Sunan Abi Dawud 3527, Grade: Sahih (Albani)]

O Allah, shade us under Your shade on the Day when there is no shade but Your shade.

When the paths of temptation are opened, and the calls and allurements to sin surround someone, they are in desperate need to witness the proofs of their Lord and for the light of guidance to shine within their heart.

There is no trial more severe than the one in which a man overcomes his passion and instincts. When a beautiful woman of high status offers herself to him, while he is in the prime of his manhood.

In such a situation, a man should not despair. For fear and watchfulness of his Lord remind him of what Allah Almighty said about Yusuf, peace be upon him:

وَرَاوَدَتْهُ الَّتِي هُوَ فِي بَيْتِهَا عَنْ نَفْسِهِ

Yusuf (12) 23: And she, in whose house he was, sought to seduce him.

Indeed, many factors were present that could have led Yusuf (peace be upon him) to commit indecency. He was young and youth has its temptations.

وَلَقَدْ هَمَّتْ بِهِ^ط وَهَمَّ بِهَا

Yusuf (12) 24: **She advanced towards him, and he would have done likewise...**

And she locked the doors. She was the lady of the house and knew well the timings and what was possible when. So what happened then?

قَالَ مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ^ط إِنَّهُ رَبِّي أَحْسَنَ مَثْوَايَ^ط إِنَّهُ لَا يُفْلِحُ الظَّالِمُونَ

Yusuf (12) 23: **He said, "[I seek] the refuge of Allāh. Indeed, he is my master, who has made good my residence. Indeed, wrongdoers will not succeed.**

In this was seeking refuge in Allah, purification, and abhorrence of sin. What was the reason? Because he worshiped Allah as though he saw Him, and so Allah showed him the proof of his Lord.

Allah Almighty said:

وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ وَنَهَى النَّفْسَ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ ﴿٤٠﴾ فَإِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ هِيَ الْمَأْوَىٰ ﴿٤١﴾

An-Nazi'at (79), 40-41: **(40) But as for he who feared the position of his Lord and prevented the soul from [unlawful] inclination, (41) Then indeed, Paradise will be [his] refuge.**

So fear Allah, and adopt the character of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, and follow his guidance, you will succeed. And the promise will be fulfilled for you, to be shaded under the shade of the Most Merciful on the Day when there is no shade but His.

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 forgives 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:

And know that among the people are those upon whom Allah has bestowed wealth, and they do not deny the bounty of Allah upon them. Rather, they spend generously, and they give discretely to the poor, knowing that among the needy are those who are embarrassed by being given openly .

Such a man has overcome the obstacle of greed. Allah has rescued him from being among those who worship wealth. For the lovers of wealth have chained themselves with the shackles of miserliness and withholding, sentencing themselves to live sick despite their health, poor despite their wealth and occupied despite their free time. And they are unaware of the saying of the Prophet ﷺ :

الْيَدُ الْعُلْيَا خَيْرٌ مِنَ الْيَدِ السُّفْلَى

The upper hand is better than the lower hand. [Bukhari 1429 and Muslim 1033]

Indeed, the human soul by nature inclines toward showing off its deeds, especially acts of charity, in order to be praised.

So if someone strives against their soul in this regard, they become deserving of being among the seven whom Allah will shade under His shade on the Day when there is no shade but His.

How blissful are the moments when a person sits alone with themselves, calling upon their Lord and Creator, and their tears flow, sweet and pure, untainted by the pollution of showing off.

Indeed, the fires of sin that strike a believer's heart igniting it into a burning charcoal, can only be extinguished by those tears. Tears that flow as a result of remembering the Creator and fearing Him.

Indeed, Ibn Sīrīn used to laugh during the day, but when night would fall, he would weep as if he had slain the entire village.

So fear Allah. And know that there must be fear and weeping, either in the avenue of worship and devotion, or in the abyss of banishment and rejection.

Either you burn your heart, with the fire of tears over your shortcomings, or know that the fire of Hell is far more intense. Allah Almighty said:

فَلْيُضْحَكُوا قَلِيلًا وَلْيَبْكُوا كَثِيرًا جَزَاءً بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ

At-Tawbah (9) 82: **So let them laugh a little and [then] weep much as recompense for what they used to earn.**

So look, at those who weep in seclusion, they have settled on the shores of their rivers of tears. If you were to walk just a few steps away from your desires, you would see their tents appear before you and hear their weeping and sobbing.

O Allah, shade us under Your shade on the Day when there is no shade but Your shade. 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 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 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.

أَذْكُرُوا 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.