

Angel Jibreel's Instructions

First Khutbah

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ , نَحْمَدُهُ , وَنَسْتَغِيثُهُ 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 ﴿١٠٢﴾ [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 instructions of the messengers are weighty and beneficial. For they are facts full of genuine love, perfect compassion, knowledge and utmost clarity. And among the most comprehensive of these instructions is an advice given by Angel Jibreel, peace be upon him, to our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Angel Jibreel said:

يا محمدُ عَشْ مَا شِئْتَ فَإِنَّكَ مَيِّتٌ وَأَحَبُّ مِنْ شِئْتَ فَإِنَّكَ مُفَارِقُهُ وَاعْمَلْ مَا شِئْتَ فَإِنَّكَ
مَجْزِيٌّ بِهِ يَا مُحَمَّدُ شَرَفَ الْمُؤْمِنِ قِيَامُ اللَّيْلِ وَعِزُّهُ اسْتِغْنَاؤُهُ عَنِ النَّاسِ

Oh Mohammad! Live as you will, for you will die. And love whomever you will, for you will leave him. And do as you will, for you will be recompensed for it. Oh Mohammad! The honor of a Muslim is the night prayer! And his pride is independence from the people. [Sahih Al Jami' 73 Grade: Hassan]

What a brief concise instruction full of meaning. Whoever comprehends it and cherishes it will have a happy life, good ending and a resurrection free from humiliation. So what are these instructions? And what is its effect in this world and the next? Angel Jibreel started with:

Oh Mohammad! Live as you will, for you will die.

A fact that this worldly life was founded upon since the advent of creation until they perish. For death is the last station of everyone within it whether they have long or short life spans, and whether they have high or low status. Allah said:

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ -العنكبوت: 57

Al Ankaboot (29) 57: **Every soul will taste death.**

For death has no refuge or escape. When one person is removed from the casket to be buried, another takes their place. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

جَاءَ مَلَكُ الْمَوْتِ إِلَى مُوسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فَقَالَ لَهُ أَجِبْ رَبَّكَ قَالَ فَلَطَمَ مُوسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ عَيْنَ مَلَكِ الْمَوْتِ فَفَقَّأَهَا قَالَ فَرَجَعَ الْمَلَكُ إِلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى فَقَالَ إِنَّكَ أَرْسَلْتَنِي إِلَى عَبْدٍ لَكَ لَا يُرِيدُ الْمَوْتَ وَقَدْ فَقَّأَ عَيْنِي قَالَ فَرَدَّ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ عَيْنَهُ وَقَالَ ارْجِعْ إِلَى عَبْدِي فَقُلِ الْحَيَاةُ تُرِيدُ فَإِنْ كُنْتَ تُرِيدُ الْحَيَاةَ فَضَعْ يَدَكَ عَلَى مَتْنِ ثَوْرٍ فَمَا

تَوَارَتْ يَدُكَ مِنْ شَعْرَةٍ فَإِنَّكَ تَعِيشُ بِهَا سَنَةً قَالَ ثُمَّ مَهْ قَالَ ثُمَّ تَمُوتُ . قَالَ فَلَا أَنْ مِنْ قَرِيبٍ رَبِّ أُمِيتْنِي مِنَ الْأَرْضِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ رَمِيَّةً بِحَجَرٍ

The angel of death was sent to Musa, Peace be upon him, and said to him: respond to your Lord. So Musa, peace be upon him, struck the eye of the Angel of Death, and gouged it. So the Angel of Death went back to his Lord and said: You have sent me to Your servant who does not want to die, and he has gouged my eyes. Allah restored his eye and said: Return to My servant and say : Is it life that you want? If it life that you want put your hand on the back of a bull, and for every hair that your hand covers you will have one year.' He said: 'O Lord, then what?' He said; 'Death.' He said: 'Let me go now.' And cause me to die within a stone's throw of the Holy Land. [Muslim 2372b]

Living in this worldly life while conscious of this inevitable destiny leads to one to take less of this worldly life. And to not incline towards it or to be reassured by it. And it leads to having short hopes in it and increasing the desire for the afterlife. For the one in this state, this world will not be their greatest concern or the extent of their knowledge even if they live for a long time and own what they own. And along these lines the Prophet ﷺ instructed Ibn Omar, may Allah be pleased with him, when he took him by his collar and said:

عش في الدنيا كأنك غريب، أو عابر سبيل فكان ابن عمر يقول إذا أمسيت فلا تنتظر الصباح وإذا أصبحت فلا تنتظر المساء وخذ من صحتك لمرضك ومن حياتك لموتك

Live in this world like a stranger, a wayfarer. And Ibn Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) used to say, "In the evening do not expect [to live until]

the morning, and in the morning do not expect [to live until] the evening. Take [advantage of] your health before illness, and [take advantage of] your life before your death. [Bukhari 16/472]

Hassan Al Basri said: The people before you used bring this matter, that is death, closer. A person used to take water for ablution and then resign himself to the call of nature while fearing that his death would come while he was not in a state of purity. So when he finished he would hurry to perform ablution.

Ad Daqaq explained the fruits of that and said: Whoever remembers death frequently is honored with three matters: hastening to repent, a content heart and being vigorous in worship. And whoever forgets death is punished with three matters: delaying repentance, not being content in what he has, and laziness in worship.

Another fact revealed in the instruction of Jibreel, peace be upon him:

And love whomever you will, for you will leave him.

In addition to this world's briefness, it is to the home of separating from loved ones. **And love whomever you will:** yourself, your children, your wife, your parents, your youth, your wealth, your influence, your family – separation from them is inevitable. And this separation is a disruption such that this worldly life will not deceive them. And so that they will not forget about the afterlife and become losers. And when the people of Iman (faith) internalize that what they love will not remain in this world, they strive for accompanying them in the eternal abode. And the most precious in this regard is their family.

So they strive in providing them advice and guidance. And in being patient. So that they enter into the circle of Iman (faith) so that Allah will reunite them. As Allah said:

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَاتَّبَعَتْهُمْ ذُرِّيَّتُهُمْ بِإِيمَانٍ أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَمَا أَلَتْنَاهُمْ مِنْ عَمَلِهِمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ -الطور: 21

At Tur (52) 21: And those who believed and whose descendants followed them in faith - We will join with them their descendants, and We will not deprive them of anything of their deeds. Every person, for what he earned, is retained.

And likewise their love of wealth drives them to offer their wealth so that they can enjoy it in the hereafter. Narrated by Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her):

أنهم ذبحوا شاة فتصدقوا بها كلها إلا الكتف فقال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم ما بقي منها؟ فقالت عائشة ما بقي منها إلا كتفها، قال بقي كلها غير كتفها

That they slaughtered a sheep and distributed all of it but the shoulder. Then the Prophet (ﷺ) asked, "What has remained of it?" She replied, Nothing, except the shoulder. Thereupon he said, "All of it is left except its shoulder. [Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2470, Grade: Hasan]

And Abdallah bin Ashukhayr (may Allah be pleased with him) said:

أَتَيْتُ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَهُوَ يَقْرَأُ ﴿الْهَاجِمُ التَّكَثُّرُ﴾ [التكاثر: 1] قَالَ يَقُولُ ابْنُ آدَمَ مَالِي مَالِي قَالَ وَهَلْ لَكَ يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ مِنْ مَالِكَ إِلَّا مَا أَكَلْتُ فَأَفْنَيْتَ أَوْ لَبَسْتَ فَأَبْلَيْتَ أَوْ تَصَدَّقْتَ فَأَمْضَيْتَ؟

I went to the Prophet (ﷺ) while he was reciting: Competition in [worldly] increase diverts you. [At-Takathur 1], He said: The son of Adam says: 'My wealth, my wealth. And what do you have from your wealth oh son of

Adam except what you eat that perishes, or what you wear that wears out, or what you give in charity that remains ? [Muslim 2958a]

A man entered the home of Abu al-Darda (may Allah be pleased with him) and did not find many belongings. So he asked: Where are your belongings Abu al-Darda? He replied: we have a home to which we send the best of our belongings.

And the third fact in Angel Jibreel's instruction is that this worldly life is the place of deeds and the recompense is in the hereafter.

And do as you will, for you will be recompensed for it.

For today there are deeds without accounting and tomorrow there will be accounting without deeds. It will said to the people of paradise:

ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

An Nahl (16) 32: **Enter Paradise for what you used to do.**

And it will be said to the people of the fire:

ذُوقُوا عَذَابَ الْخُلْدِ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

As Sajdah (32) 14: **And taste the punishment of eternity for what you used to do.**

And whoever realizes the graveness of this fact will capitalize on each instant of their life to do good. Hatem Al Assam was asked: On what did you build your knowledge? He replied: Four matters:

On an obligation that cannot be offered by other than me, so I occupied myself with it,

and I know that my sustenance will not pass me to other than me, so I confident of getting it,

and I know that I am never away from the Eye of Allah even for the blink of an eye, so I am mindful of Him,

and I know that I have a life span that is hastening to me, so I hasten to it

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:

And in the instruction of Jibreel, peace be upon him, is the correct understanding of honor that many incorrectly think is through influence, power, numbers, wealth and lineage. And how quickly is their delusionary thinking and deviation exposed when they lose their popularity or wealth. Angel Jibreel said:

Oh Mohammad! The honor of a Muslim is the night prayer!

That is the true honor that distinguishes the people of Iman (faith). Through a single unit of prayer in the middle of the night, they will attain that honor and a reward that Allah has hidden by which their eyes will be comforted on the Day of Resurrection.

تَتَجَافَى جُنُوبُهُمْ عَنِ الْمَضَاجِعِ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنفِقُونَ *
فَلَا تَعْلَمُ نَفْسٌ مَّا أُخْفِيَ لَهُم مِّن قُرَّةِ أَعْيُنٍ جَزَاءً بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

As Sajdah (32) 16-17: (16) **Their sides part [i.e., they arise] from [their] beds; they supplicate their Lord in fear and aspiration, and from what We have provided them, they spend. (17) And no soul knows what has been hidden for them of comfort for eyes [i.e., satisfaction] as reward for what they used to do.**

And Omar bin Dhar described the state of these honorable ones by saying: When the worshippers saw the night upon them and they looked at the negligent people who had settled into their beds, and returned to their slumber, they rose to Allah, rejoicing in this good habit, bestowed upon them, of staying up late and performing a lengthy night prayer. So they embraced the night with their bodies, and met the ground with their faces. Thus the night passes and their enjoyment of the recitation does not pass. And their bodies are not tired from the length of worship. And morning comes upon the two groups- one with profit and the other with loss. One group is full of rest and sleep and the other group is eager for the upcoming night. What a huge gap between the groups!

Dignity is the motto of every honorable person. And there is none more honorable than a believer. And this great instruction urges independence from the people.

And his pride is independence from the people.

And that is what the Prophet ﷺ commanded his companions:

ولا تسألوا الناس شيئاً

And do not ask the people for anything. [Muslim 1043]

When a whip fell down from above one of their riding animals they would not ask anyone to pick it up for them. And he ﷺ said:

مَنْ تَكَفَّلَ لِي أَنْ لَا يَسْأَلَ النَّاسَ شَيْئًا وَأَتَكَفَّلَ لَهُ بِالْجَنَّةِ

Who can guarantee to me that they will not ask the people for anything, and I will guarantee paradise for them? [Sunan Abi Dawud 1643, Grade (sahih)]

Thus their dignity rests upon this firm foundation of contentment. And if they need to ask the people, they speak and request with dignity. Mohammed bin Wasi' came to request something from one of the influential people. So he said: I came to you with a need that I placed with Allah before I placed it before you. So if it was permitted for you to fulfill it, you will fulfill it and I will be grateful. And if it was not permitted for you to fulfill it, you are excused.

Oh Allah fill our hearts with Iman (faith) and contentment and grant us foresight, wisdom, honor and dignity. Oh Lord increase us in knowledge and fill our balances with righteous deeds. Indeed Allah is All Hearing, Responsive.

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.

أذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا يَزِدْكُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا يُغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا يَجْعَلْ 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.