

The Mother

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:

Upon the vast expanse of this earth walks a compassionate and tender-hearted person. Overflowing with mercy, empathy and love. She goes to great efforts and has immense virtue. Through her noble deeds are earned that save from sin. In spite of this, the neglectful may overlook her. Those whose eyes see not, whose ears hear not, and whose hearts comprehend not.

She is a trooper without an army, a guardian without a throne. She has the power of affection and instinct of compassion that captures the hearts.

She commands and sways the heart, subtle and grand, as though she were its living pulse.

The eye never looks upon her except that the gaze returns again in longing, and no glance rests upon her without bringing joy to the soul.

Indeed, she is the mother, the origin of one's being, the foundation upon which a person leans, and the refuge to which they always return.

وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ بَنِينَ وَحَفَدَةً

Al-Nahl (16) 72: **And Allah has made for you from yourselves mates and has made for you from your mates sons and grandchildren.**

To be both the origin and the pillar is a clear proof of exalted rank and lofty status. For the mother of humankind is Ḥawwā' (Eve), the Mother of the Book is al-Fātiḥah, the Mother of Cities is Makkah, and among the treasures of knowledge stands Imām al-Shāfi'ī's masterpiece, Kitāb al-Umm.

She is half of humanity, and from between her ribs springs forth the other half. So it is as though she alone were an entire nation, for within her wombs are born the generations of humankind.

جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، مَنْ أَحَقُّ النَّاسِ بِحُسْنِ صَحَابَتِي؟ قَالَ أُمُّكَ، قَالَ: ثُمَّ مَنْ؟ قَالَ ثُمَّ أُمُّكَ، قَالَ ثُمَّ مَنْ؟ قَالَ ثُمَّ أُمُّكَ، قَالَ ثُمَّ مَنْ؟ قَالَ ثُمَّ أَبُوكَ

A man came to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and said: "O Messenger of Allah, who among the people has the greatest right to my good companionship?" He said: "Your mother." He asked, "Then who?" He said: "Then your mother." He asked, "Then who?" He said: "Then your

mother." He asked, "Then who?" He said: "Then your father." [al-Bukhari 5971 and Muslim 2548a]

And Allah's Prophet 'Isa, peace be upon, said:

وَبَرًّا بِوَالِدَتِي وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْنِي جَبَّارًا شَقِيًّا

Maryam (19) 32: **And [He has made me] dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me a wretched tyrant.**

Indeed, the elevation of the mother's status within society, according to the limits and principles set forth by the Wise Ordainer, is among the foremost causes of honor and strength in the Muslim household.

Conversely, the relentless efforts to erode her divinely ordained role, whether she realizes it or not, are without doubt among the chief causes of moral decline, the loss of generations, the disintegration of the family bond, and the inversion of the natural human order. From this arise broken homes, the collapse of responsibility, and the neglect of sacred duties.

How often does a mother undervalue herself, unaware of the greatness of her worth! Yet were she to cast even a fleeting glance at the radiant pages of the noble Sunnah of the Chosen Prophet ﷺ she would find therein his saying:

وَالْمَرْأَةُ رَاعِيَةٌ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِ زَوْجِهَا وَوَلَدِهِ

And the woman is a shepherd over the household of her husband and his children. [Al-Bukhari 5200]

It is well known that the trust of guardianship is given only to one who possesses both ability and authority over those under their care. Yet today, the mother's role in nurturing and guiding her children upon the path of righteousness has grown weak—either through ignorance, or

because foreign ideas and alien concepts have taken hold of her mind. Thus she drifts with opposing currents that carry her away from the very nature upon which she was created. Neglect has followed, and children have been lost.

Those who belittle the station of the homemaker are, in truth, unaware of the gravity of this position and of its deep and lasting influence upon both the mother's present life and her radiant hereafter. Indeed, the burdens of this noble calling are no less weighty, nor its rewards less honorable, than the toil and responsibility borne by men beyond the walls of their homes.

The unique talents and abilities that some mothers possess do not justify their abandonment of this sacred trust, a trust that none can truly fulfill but them, and for which they alone were created.

فَظَرَّتِ اللَّهُ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ

Al-Rum (30) 30: **The fitrah of Allah upon which He has created all people. No change should there be in the creation of Allah.**

The mother is that pure and chaste woman whose heart is illuminated by the light of faith and obedience, and whose path is guided by adherence to the Book and the Sunnah. To her husband and her children she is the very essence of inspiration. She is their strength, their joy, and the one who eases their pain. Through her grace, she makes her husband and her children nobler and greater than herself. It has long been said: 'Behind every great man stands a woman.'

Thus, O people, the woman is either a compassionate wife or a nurturing mother. Or she is journeying toward that noble station, of a foundational pillar in the structure of a righteous family. Allah Almighty said:

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَاتَّبَعَتْهُمْ ذُرِّيَّتُهُمْ بِإِيمَانٍ أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَمَا أَلَتْنَاهُمْ مِنْ عَمَلِهِمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ
كُلُّ امْرِئٍ بِمَا كَسَبَ رَهِيْنٌ

Al-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.**

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:

Fear Allah, and know that the mother holds a station that many have grown heedless of. Heedless because of the weakness of faith that shields the soul from sin and from an evil end.

Know, too, that the mother is the most compassionate of caregivers. Tender in her manner, patient before harshness and hurtful words. She

forgives before forgiveness is sought, and pardons before remorse is shown.

She carries her child within her for nine long months. With every day that the child grows, her weakness increases, and the burden laid upon her surpasses her strength. Her body weakens, her energy fades, yet she endures the bitterness of nausea and the weight of craving. Within her heart a strange blend of joy and delight is kindled, emotions that only mothers truly know, mingled with physical hardship and emotional strain. Every task that was once light upon her becomes heavy and wearisome. She carries her child in weakness upon weakness, rejoicing at every movement within her and trembling with worry at stillness.

Then comes the hour of birth, an hour of agony and trial, until she nearly despairs of life itself, as though her very soul cries out:

الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا

Al-Kahf (18) 46: **Wealth and children are [but] adornment of the worldly life.**

Then she devotes herself wholly to her child, night and day, without rest or complaint. She nourishes her baby from her own health, growing weak so that her child may grow strong. She trembles at the gentlest breeze upon her infant, and fears even the buzz of a fly. She prefers her child over herself in food, in sleep, and in comfort. She endures the hardship of nursing and the trial of weaning. She toils in care and cultivation, bearing pains that make her forget the anguish of pregnancy and the torment of childbirth

‘A’ishah—may Allah be pleased with her—said:

“A poor woman came to me carrying two daughters. I gave her three dates. She gave each of her daughters a date and raised one date to her

mouth to eat, but her daughters asked for it. So she split the date she intended for herself between them. That amazed me, and I mentioned what she had done to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ who said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَوْجَبَ لَهَا بِهَا الْجَنَّةَ أَوْ أَعْتَقَهَا بِهَا مِنَ النَّارِ

'Indeed, Allah has made Paradise obligatory for her because of it, or He has saved her from the Fire because of it.' [Muslim 2630]

Allāhu Akbar! How great is the station of the sincere, believing mother!

So let the children fear Allah, and let them recognize the right of their mother, honoring her with dutifulness and gratitude. And let those who have fallen into disobedience toward their mothers desist, before the punishment of Allah and His calamity descend upon them.

In al-Bukhari and Muslim, the Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمْ عُقُوقَ الْأُمَّهَاتِ

Indeed, Allah has forbidden you to be undutiful to your mothers. [Bukhari 5975, Muslim 593]

And the Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يُوصِيكُمْ بِأُمَّهَاتِكُمْ.

Indeed, Allah, Mighty and Majestic, enjoins you to be dutiful to your mothers," and he repeated it three times. [Sunan Ibn Majah 3661, Grade: Hasan]

So let no one boast of their dutifulness to their mother, nor magnify the good he does for her—for honoring one's mother is the very path to Paradise. And it is well known that the path to Paradise is not paved with ease: whoever strives upon it must travel through the night, and whoever

journeys through the night will surely reach the destination. Yet it is also known, and witnessed, that one who keeps turning back will never arrive swiftly.

It is related by al-Bayhaqi in Shu'ab al-Iman and by al-Bukhari in al-Adab al-Mufrad that Abu Burdah ibn Abi Musa al-Ash'ari narrated:

He witnessed Ibn 'Umar seeing a man from Yemen performing tawaf around the Ka'bah carrying his mother on his back, saying, "I am for her a humble camel. If her mount is frightened, I will not be frightened. My Lord is Allah, the Possessor of Majesty, the Most Great. I have carried her more than she carried me—have I, O Ibn 'Umar, repaid her?" Ibn 'Umar replied, "No, not even for a single sigh."

O Allah, have mercy on our mothers and fathers as they raised us when we were young. Reward them for their goodness with even greater goodness, and for their shortcomings with Your pardon and forgiveness. Grant us dutifulness to them in their lives and after their deaths. Make us a source of joy and comfort for them. And cause us and them to pass while You are pleased with us.

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.