



## **On the qualities of those who there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve**

### **First Sermon**

All praise is due to Allah the Lord of the Worlds. He expands the breasts of His believing servants with assurance and security. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. He is the Protector of the righteous. I also bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is the Servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

### **As to what follows,**

I urge you and myself, **O Servants of Allah**, to be aware that you are asked to obey Him the Most Exalted and strive to be amongst the people who embrace certain qualities that makes them amongst those who there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.

Such qualities are mentioned in many places in the holy Quran. For instance, Allah the Almighty says, **“unquestionably, [for] the allies of Allah there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve. Those who believed and were fearing Allah. For them are good tidings in the worldly life and in the Hereafter. No change is there in the words of Allah. That is what the great attainment is.”** (Yunus: ٦٢-٦٤). In this Aya, Allah the Most High is giving glad tidings to those who are friends of Him of attaining abundant blessings in this world and perpetual Gardens of Pleasures in the Hereafter.

Such good news are brought to them by Allah’s Messengers pbut, for the Almighty says, **“and We send not the messengers except as bringers of good tidings and warners. So whoever believes and reforms - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.”** (Al-Anaam: ٤٨).

That is to say: We only send the messengers to give the people of righteousness promises with pleasant livelihood in this life as well as attaining a great attainment on the Day of Resurrection. Therein, the angels will be sent to those who have believed in all that which the Messengers brought and obeyed their Lord to assure them of the

great rewards that are prepared for them. On this record, Allah the Almighty says, **“the angels will descend upon them, [saying], ‘Do not fear and do not grieve but receive good tidings of Paradise, which you were promised. We were your allies in the worldly life and in the Hereafter. And you will have therein whatever your souls desire, and you will have therein whatever you request As accommodation from a [Lord who is] Forgiving and Merciful.’”** (Fussilat: ٣٠-٣٢).

On the Day of Judgment, Allah, the Exalted is He, will call on the righteous servants and say, **“O My servants, no fear will there be concerning you this Day, nor will you grieve.”** (Az-Zukhruf: ٦٨). This means, O My servants, today you should not fear My punishment, for you are secured with My satisfaction. You should not be distressed for leaving the temporal world, because what you will attain in the Hereafter is much better for you.

That Day, upon hearing Allah’s calls, those who are not worthy of attaining such a great status will slave over it until they hear Allah the Almighty saying, **“[You] who believed in Our verses and were Muslims. Enter Paradise, you and your kinds, delighted.”** (Az-Zukhruf: ٦٩-٧٠). That is to say: rejoice and cherish the happiness. Then, the true believers who are elevated in status will be called: **“enter Paradise, [O People of the Elevations]. No fear will there be concerning you, nor will you grieve.”** (Al-Aaraf: ٤٩).

Thereupon, they will enter Paradise, wherein they will be adorned with ample adornments and, thus praise their Lord, the Most Exalted, for such an excellent reward and a great tranquil eternal abode. About them, Allah the Most Gracious says, **“[for them are] gardens of perpetual residence which they will enter. They will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold and pearls, and their garments therein will be silk. And they will say, ‘Praise to Allah, who has removed from us [all] sorrow. Indeed, our Lord is Forgiving and Appreciative - He who has settled us in the home of duration out of His bounty. There touches us not in it any fatigue, and there touches us not in it weariness [of mind]’.”** (Fatir: ٣٣-٣٥).

So, excellent is the reward of the righteous; they are delighted in this life with the satisfaction of their Lord and are secured on the Day of Resurrection with the good deeds that they have accomplished. The Most Exalted says, **“those [among them] who believed in Allah and the Last Day and did righteousness - will have their reward with their Lord, and no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve.”** (Al-Baqara: ٦٢).

This brings us to advise each other on how can one attain such a glorious position in the sight of their Lord?

**Dear Muslims,**

The answer to this question is that whoever desires such a great status should draw nearer to Allah the Almighty by adhering to His ordains. An illustration of this can be found in the following Aya: **“whoever follows My guidance - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.”** (Al-Baqara: ٣٨). This is because following the righteous path is conducive to impart comfort and serenity to the heart of the righteous in this life and joy in the next. To this, Allah the Most Exalted says, **“then whoever follows My guidance will neither go astray [in the world] nor suffer [in the Hereafter].”** (Taha: ١٢٣).

Furthermore, one other way of achieving such a high place in the view of Allah the Almighty and attaining an eternal residence in Paradise on the Day of Judgment is to observe acts of worship that the Most Exalted has enjoined upon His servants. Those are illustrated in this Aya: **“indeed, those who believe and do righteous deeds and establish prayer and give Zakat will have their reward with their Lord, and there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.”** (Al-Baqara: ٢٧٧). This means, those who believe in Allah the Most High and perform righteous acts, observe the prescribed prayers, spend for Zakat and in the way of Allah the Most Beneficent, they will be rewarded by their Lord and they need not be afraid (of His punishment). Allah, the Most Merciful, has accentuated this in another Aya, for He says, **“those who spend their wealth [in Allah’s way] by night and by day, secretly and publicly - they will have their reward with their Lord. And no**

**fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve.”** (Al-Baqara: ٢٧٤).

Truly, Allah the Exalted in Might does not allow the reward of the doers of good to be lost. He rather gives them glad tidings that are conducive to touch their hearts with happiness and impart assurance to them. The Exalted is He says, **“yes [on the contrary], whoever submits his face in Islam to Allah while being a doer of good will have his reward with his Lord. And no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve.”** (Al-Baqara: ١١٢).

More to the point, amongst the other acts of righteousness that protects the believers from grieve on the Day of Judgment is being persistent on performing the acts of worship and doing plenty of good deeds. These are verily from the causes of happiness in this world and means of realising tranquillity in the Hereafter. Allah, the Most Exalted, has explained this in His holy Book, for He says, **“indeed, those who have said, ‘Our Lord is Allah,’ and then remained on a right course - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve. Those are the companions of Paradise, abiding eternally therein as reward for what they used to do.”** (Al-Ahqaf: ١٣-١٤).

The reason for attaining such a great recompense is that they were steadfast on adhering to the commandments of their Lord, thus, they remained obedient to Him; following that which is lawful, avoiding that which He has forbidden and perfecting themselves in action and in words. This very steadfastness on righteousness was also amongst the advices of the Messenger of Allah pbuh that he gave to one of his companions when the latter asked him, “O Messenger of Allah, tell me something about Islam which I can ask of no one but you.” He pbuh said, “Say I believe in Allah — and then be steadfast.”

With this in mind, let us seek Allah’s grace to expand for us our breast and make us amongst those who will be admitted to Paradise as their eternal dwelling.

May Allah guide us all to obey Him and obey His Messenger Muhammad pbuh and obey those He have commanded us to obey in line with His orders: **“O you who have believed, obey Allah and**

**obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.”** (An-Nisaa: ٥٩).

May Allah direct us all to the blessings of the Glorious Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger pbuh.

I say this and ask Allah for forgiveness for me and you, so invoke Him for forgiveness, for He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

### **Second Sermon**

All praise is due to Allah Who makes Paradise a better settlement for His Mercy. Therein shall reside those who are steadfast on His obedience and who observe acts of worship regularly. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad, his pure family, companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

I urge you, **O Servants of Allah**, and myself to be aware that you are asked to obey Him, the Most High and Exalted.

### **O Worshipers,**

Please know that love and harmony amongst people are of the causes of expanding the breast and imparting tranquillity to the soul. This is also conducive to offering peace of mind and security in this world as well as achieving the great attainment in the Hereafter. On this account, the Messenger of Allah pbuh said, “There are people from the servants of Allah who are neither prophets nor martyrs; the prophets and martyrs will envy them on the Day of Resurrection for their rank from Allah, the Most High.” The people asked him, “Tell us, Messenger of Allah, who are they?” He pbuh replied, “They are people who love one another for the spirit of Allah (i.e. the sake of Allah), without having any mutual kinship or giving property to one another. I swear by Allah, their faces will glow and they will be (sitting) in (pulpits of) light. They will have no fear (on the Day) when the people will have fear, and they will not grieve when the people will grieve.”

That is said, please bear in mind that you are instructed to invoke peace and blessings on the Prophet pbuh. Allah, the Most Sublime,

says, **“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.”** (Al-Ahzab: ٥٦).

On the same matter, the Prophet pbuh said, “For everyone who invokes a blessing on me will receive ten blessings from Allah.”

O Allah, please confer Your blessings and grant peace upon our Prophet Muhammad pbuh, his family and all of the companions.

May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali, and all of the noble Companions.

O Allah, we implore to You to continue blessing us with Your bounties, endow upon us Your favours and make us rejoice peace of mind and wellbeing. O Allah, please accept our good deeds and accept our prayers.

O Lord, may we also ask You to rewards us in multiples for our good deeds, forgive us our past and future mistakes and honour us with happiness in this world and in the Hereafter.

O Lord, please make us amongst those who are dutiful to their parents and kind to their kith and kin.

May Allah grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and guide him to all that is good. O Allah, we also seek Your favour to grant him continued health and care. May Allah also ensure success to his Vice-President, trustworthy Crown Prince and his brothers, Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Emirates.

O Allah, please forgive all of the Muslims, men and women, living and dead. We pray to Allah to show mercy on late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the late UAE Sheikhs. O Lord, grant them abundant mercy and bless them with Your kindness and satisfaction.

O Lord, forgive and show mercy on our parents, relatives and whoever has done a favour to us.

O Allah, may we ask You to guide us to all that may help us attain Your mercy and forgiveness and grant us rewards for our good deeds.

O Allah, we implore to You to protect us from every major sin and grant us the reward of every good deed. O Allah, we seek Your grace

to make us amongst those who will win Your Paradise and save us from the Hellfire.

O Allah, we implore You at this instance not to let a sin un-forgiven, a distress unrelieved, a debt unpaid, an illness unhealed, a dead without mercy or a need unsatisfied, for You are the Most Generous and over all things Competent. Indeed, You are to prayers ever responding.

We pray to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, to continue blessing the UAE with stability and welfare and increase it in bounties, knowledge, civilisation, happiness, beauty and tolerance. O Allah, please continue blessing it with happiness and security.

May Allah have mercy on the honourable martyrs of our nation and gather them with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favour of the prophets. May Allah make the dwelling of the martyrs, their families, parents and relatives with the righteous. Indeed, You answer to the supplications.

O Allah, please grant the best reward for the families of the martyrs and offer them patience and solace. May Allah grant victory to the soldiers of the Arab Coalition who gathered to restore the rights to their owners. O Lord, please be by their side and guide the Yemeni people to everything that is good. O Allah, make them rally for the word of truth and legitimacy, and bless them with welfare and stability, O the Most Generous.

O Lord, we beseech You to bless all of the Muslim countries and the whole world with stability and peace.

Our Lord, give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire. O Allah, admit us to Your Paradise with the righteous. Indeed, You are Exalted in Might and Forgiving.

O Allah, we seek Your favour to send us wealthy rain and make us not amongst those who are despondent. O Allah, relieve us! O Allah, relieve us! O Allah, relieve us! O Allah, give us from the blessings of the sky and grow for us from the blessings of the earth.

Remember Allah and He will remember you. Be grateful of His benevolence and He will increase His blessings to you.

Please stand up for prayer.

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## **Official announcement from Awqaf**

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### **O Worshipers,**

Every year on October ١٣, the world marks the International Day for Disaster Reduction, which is focused on prevention, protection and reduction of the number of people affected by disasters. On this occasion, the UAE's National Emergency, Crisis and Disasters Management Authority calls upon all the members of the public to learn about their duties at times of crises by promoting their awareness. The aim is to protect themselves, their families and their community from the risks of disasters and limiting their impacts on them.

That is said, we beseech Allah to confer His blessings and grant peace upon our Prophet Muhammad pbuh, his family and all of the companions.