



Insights on selected advises of the Messenger of Allah pbuh

First Sermon

All praise is due to Allah Who urges the believers to advise one another to kindness. He also enjoins them to cooperate in righteousness. 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. He sent him with comprehensive ordinances and beneficial wisdom. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family and all of his companions, and those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

As to what follows,

I urge you and myself, **O Believers**, to be aware that you are asked to obey Him the Almighty, for Allah has instructed the former and the later people to do so. Fear of Allah is also one of the greatest ordinances of the Prophet pbuh. On this account, it was narrated that Muadh Ibn Jabal, may Allah be pleased with him said, “O Messenger of Allah, advise me.” He pbuh said, “Fear Allah wherever you are.” Indeed, such advice encompasses all the qualities of goodness.

In this sense, amongst the aspects of being mindful of Allah the Most Exalted is to be piously shy before Him, for shyness before Him is the cause of every good. The Messenger of Allah pbuh said to some of His companions in this regard, “I advise you to be modest in front of Allah the Most Exalted as you would be modest in front of a righteous man among your people.” That is to say: to be conscious of Allah and know that He is ever watching over His servants.

Furthermore, from the guidance of the Messenger of Allah pbuh is to always return in repentance to Allah the Almighty for any misdeed. It was narrated that he pbuh once said to Muadh Ibn Jabal, may Allah be pleased with him, advising him, “Whatever sin you do, repent to Allah for it.” More to this, from the aspects of perfect repentance to Allah the Almighty is that the sinner should follow a bad deed with a good one since the latter will wipe the former. It was narrated that Abu Dharr, may Allah be pleased with him, reported that he said to



the Prophet pbuh, “O Messenger of Allah, advise me.” The Prophet pbuh said, “If you perform an evil deed, follow it with a good one to wipe it out.”

Moreover, one of the greatest ordinances of the Messenger of Allah pbuh to Muslims was to maintain the five prescribed prayers for they are the firmest foundation of Islam. It was narrated that the Prophet pbuh said to Abu Ad-Dardaa, may Allah be pleased with him, “Never abandon a prescribed prayer deliberately.” To this effect, amongst the means of maintaining prayers is to establish them on their prescribed times. To this, it was narrated that Abu Dharr, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “My closest friend (i.e. the Prophet pbuh) has advised me to observe prayer at its proper time.”

Another way to uphold the prescribed prayers is to recite Dhikr after each one, for this was amongst the instructions of the Messenger of Allah pbuh. It was narrated that Muadh, may Allah be pleased with him, reported that the Messenger of Allah pbuh took hold of his hand and said, “O Muadh! My advice to you is to never leave to recite (this supplication) after every (prescribed) prayer: O Allah, help me in remembering You, in praising You properly, and worshipping You well.”

O Seekers of the advices of the Prophet pbuh,

Please know that one of the greatest instructions of the Messenger of Allah pbuh to Muslims is to treat people in kindness. The reason is that doing so is conducive to strengthen the relationship amongst people. This is why one of the advices of our Master Muhammad pbuh to Abu Dharr, may Allah be pleased with him, was: “and treat the people with good behaviour.”

In this sense, the people who are most worthy of good treatment are one’s parents. Allah the Most Exalted has ordered man to be dutiful to their parents and treat them in kindness, for He says, “**and We have enjoined upon man, to his parents, good treatment.**” (Al-Ahqaf: ١٥). In like manner, the Prophet pbuh has enjoined Muslims to obey their parents. It was narrated in this regard that Abu Ad-Dardaa, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “The Messenger of



Allah pbuh advised nine things to me; one of them was: ‘Obey your parents’.”

One other righteous quality that the Prophet pbuh has emphasised was keeping good ties with one’s kith and kin. On this account, Abu Dharr, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “The Prophet pbuh advised me to keep good relationship with my kin and kith, even if they have severed (relationship with me).” Undoubtedly, strengthening the ties of kinship is a means of achieving affection and harmony, especially if one was sincere in doing so and not only as a repayment for a favour. The Messenger of Allah pbuh said, “Al-Wasil (the person who perfectly maintains the ties of kinship) is not the one who recompenses the good done to him by his relatives, but Al-Wasil is the one who keeps good relations with those relatives who had severed the bond of kinship with him.”

Furthermore, honouring women and treating them in kindness is one other righteous deed that the Messenger of Allah pbuh has advised Muslims to ensure doing. He pbuh said, “And I advise you to take care of the women.” Thus, a husband should follow the guidance of the Prophet pbuh by safeguarding the rights of his wife and treat her in leniency and mercy. Allah, the Most Merciful, says, “**and live with them in kindness.**” (An-Nisaa: ١٩).

More to the point, another part of the community that is worthy of good treatment is one’s neighbours. One should honour their neighbours, keep good bonds with them and visit them. The Prophet pbuh said, “I advise you (a good treatment of) your neighbours.” Truly, the right of the neighbour is great and their status in the sight of Allah the Almighty is gracious. In an indication of such status, Jibreel (Gabriel) pbuh has advised our Master Muhammad pbuh to honour them. The Prophet pbuh said, “Jibreel kept on recommending me about treating the neighbours (in a kind and polite manner), so much so that I thought that he would order (me) to make them (my) heirs.”



Amongst the aspects of honouring the neighbour is to offer them from the food that Allah has provided to us. This was another great instruction of the Messenger of Allah pbuh. It was narrated in this regard that Abu Dharr, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “My closest friend has advised me saying, ‘Whenever you prepare a broth, put plenty of water in it, and then choose one of your neighbours and give some out of this to them with courtesy.’”

O Believers,

Amongst the noblest of characters and most decent manners that the Messenger of Allah pbuh has enjoined upon Muslims to embrace was to guard one’s tongue and hands (from evil words and deeds). One of the Prophet’s companions, may Allah be pleased with them, said to him, “O Messenger of Allah, advise me.” He pbuh said, “Do you own your tongue?” He said, “I would own nothing if I don’t own my tongue!” The Prophet pbuh then said, “Do you own your hand?” The man said, “I would own nothing if I don’t own my hand!” The Prophet pbuh said, “Then, say not with your tongue except that which is good and extend not your hand except with that which is good.”

Indeed, such is the example of the believer; a praiseworthy behaviour, a nice temper, sweet words of mouth, and a smiling face. He says that which is good so that he gets rewarded, or keeps silent and safeguards himself. In fact, this was one of the advices that the Messenger of Allah pbuh has given to one of his companions when the latter asked him for advice. He pbuh said, “Do not abuse anyone and do not look down upon any good work, even it was meeting your brother (Muslim), with a cheerful face.”

Bearing this in mind, let us pray to Allah the Almighty to make us amongst those who follow the advices of our Master Muhammad pbuh and those who race to all that which is good.

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



obey the Messenger and those in authority amongst 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 as befitting to His Sublime Countenance and Supreme Status. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master 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 Exalted and Sublime.

O Worshipers,

Please know that offering Nawafil prayer is amongst the advices of the Messenger of Allah pbuh. On this matter, it was narrated that Abu Huraira, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “My close friend (the Prophet pbuh) has advised me to do three things and I shall not leave them till I die, these are: To fast three days every month, to offer the Duha prayer, and to offer Witr prayer before sleeping.” Verily, amongst the best and most rewarded days for fasting is the Day of Arafa. The Prophet pbuh was once asked about fasting this day and he said, “Indeed, I anticipate that Allah will forgive (the sins) of the year before it, and the year after it.”

You are, therefore, advised to follow the guidance of the Messenger of Allah pbh for his advices are great in benefit, rewarded abundantly and encompass all the good qualities. Let us always remember them and remind each other to adhere to them. This way, we will, by Allah’s grace, be amongst His true believers about whom the Almighty says, **“and then being among those who believed and**



advised one another to patience and advised one another to compassion. Those are the companions of the right.” (Al-Balad: ١٧-١٨).

Thus, let us supplicate to Allah the Almighty to make us amongst the companions of the right who will attain Paradise as perpetual abode.

That is said, please bear in mind that you are instructed to invoke peace and blessings on the Prophet pbuh. Allah, the All-High, 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).

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 Lord, please make us amongst those who are rightful to their fathers and mothers 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 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.

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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