



## So when you finish your prayer – make remembrance of Allah

### The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, Lord of the Heavens and Earth. Who has decreed for us His remembrance at all times. Making from the best of times that which comes after the prayer. And I bear witness, with every facet of my being, that there is nothing worthy of absolute love, adoration and worship, except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing second in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe.

**To Continue:** I advise you, dutiful servants of Allah, and myself, to adhere to a heartfelt consciousness (Taqwa) of Allah. For He, the Most Gloriously

Transcendent, states: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا

قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا\* يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ

يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

**O you who have believed, fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice. He will [then] amend**

**for you your deeds and forgive you your sins. And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger has certainly attained a great attainment.**

[Qur'an: ٩٢:٥-٧]

**O Muslims:**

Our Lord, the most-majestic says in His noble Book:

**فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ الصَّلَاةُ فَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ**

**And when you have completed the prayer, remember Allah [Qur'an: ٤:١٠٣]**

In other words, when you finish your prayers, then hasten towards the remembrance of Allah with your tongue and your hearts, to alleviate any shortcomings and to complete its reward. Some of the scholars have said: “Indeed the times straight after the prayers are times of immense grace for making remembrance of Allah, it is expected that these times are ones of acceptance and the means by which the believer attains unto whatsoever he is hopeful of.”

So when the believer ends his prayer, he begins the remembrance of his Lord. He then seeks forgiveness of Allah, saying ‘*EstaghfurAllah*’ three times. For it is narrated on the authority of Thawban (may Allah have mercy on him) that whenever the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) finished his prayer (i.e. by saying his salaams) he asked forgiveness from Allah. When asked how he used to seek forgiveness, Thawban said: He used to say *EstaghfurAllah* three times. This was a process of asking Allah for His redemptive love

concerning any sense of lack therein, for every person falls short of what is Allah's true due in the prayer, concerning what may come upon him from distracting thoughts and concerns. This is why the *Istighfar* (the process of seeking forgiveness) was set as a powerful example by the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). He (peace and blessings be upon him) followed this by glorifying his Lord, describing His transcendence by stating: **اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ السَّلَامُ وَمِنْكَ السَّلَامُ،**

**تَبَارَكْتَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ**

**O Allah: You are Peace and all Peace comes from You. How blessed You are, O Possessor of Glory and Honour. [Muslim]**

In this supplication is a tremendous one can draw near to Allah; for it is calling upon Him by a great Name from His most beautiful Names. For He is literally *as-Salam* (The All-Peaceful), Who loves Peace, and summons us to the abode of Peace. It is through Him that Peace is sought and through whom one can hope to attain it, in both this world, and the next. As for the meaning of the latter part of the supplication, then the meaning of His being '*tabaarak*' is that His attributes are far transcendent beyond the attributes of creation, and His attributes of Glory are many in this regard. He is the One who has been characterized with Glory and Splendour, He is the One who has absolute independence, Who confers absolute grace and

bounty. From supplications that the believer can call upon His Lord with after the prayer is:

اللَّهُمَّ لَا مَانِعَ لِمَا أَعْطَيْتَ، وَلَا مُعْطِي لِمَا مَنَعْتَ، وَلَا يَنْفَعُ ذَا  
الْجَدِّ مِنْكَ الْجَدُّ

**O Allah, none can withhold what You have given and none can give what You have withheld. And no wealth or fortune can benefit anyone for it is from You that all wealth and fortune ultimately is.**

[an-Nasa'i]

In other words: Whatsoever you give, O Allah, to Your servants, none can prevent that. And whatsoever You prevent us from, none can give us. And no person possessing any means or wealth can benefit himself thereby, for indeed all benefit is through You – hence the only benefit he can acquire is his worship and devotion of You.

**O You who remember Allah:**

From that which is recommended for the believer after the obligatory prayers is to repeat phrases from the "*al-Baqiyaat al-Salihaat*" (literally meaning 'enduring righteousness'). These are phrases that believers are encouraged to say, being: *SubhanAllah*, *Alhamdulillah*, *La ilaaha illa Allah*, and *Allahu Akbar*. So whoever makes remembrance of Allah with any of these phrases thirty-three times and then ends his remembrance with the phrase *La ilaha illa Allah wahdahu la sharika lahu, lahu al-mulk, wa lahu al-Hamd, wa huwa ala kulli*

*shay'in qadir*, will find that Allah will not disappoint him nor cause to waste his reward. The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

مُعْتَبَاتٌ لَا يَخِيبُ قَائِلُهُنَّ دُبْرَ كُلِّ صَلَاةٍ مَكْتُوبَةٍ

**There are phrases of remembrance following the prayer, the one who repeats them will never be deprived of the reward [Muslim]**

In these phrases there is the praise of the believer for his Lord, praise which magnifies his reward and redeems his sins. As the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

مَنْ سَبَّحَ اللَّهَ فِي دُبْرِ كُلِّ صَلَاةٍ ثَلَاثًا

وَتَلَاثِينَ، وَحَمِدَ اللَّهَ ثَلَاثًا وَتَلَاثِينَ، وَكَبَّرَ اللَّهَ ثَلَاثًا وَتَلَاثِينَ،

فَتِلْكَ تِسْعَةٌ وَتِسْعُونَ، وَقَالَ: تَمَامَ الْمِئَةِ: لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا

شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

غُفِرَتْ خَطَايَاهُ وَإِنْ كَانَتْ مِثْلَ زَبَدِ الْبَحْرِ

If anyone extols Allah (by saying *SubhanAllah*) after every prayer thirty-three times, and praises Allah (by saying *Alhamdulillah*) thirty-three times, and declares His Greatness (by saying *Allahu Akbar*) thirty-three times; ninety-nine times in all. Then he says to complete a hundred: "*La ilaha illa Allah wahdahu la sharika lahu, lahu al-mulk, wa lahu al-Hamd, wa huwa ala kulli shay'in qadir* (There is no god but Allah, having no partner with

Him, to Him belongs sovereignty and to Him is praise due, and He is Potent over everything)," his sins will be forgiven even If these are as abundant as the foam of the sea. [Muslim]

These are blessed forms of remembrance that in turn make remembrance of the one who uttered them in Paradise. For the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ مِنْ تَسْبِيحِهِ وَتَحْمِيدِهِ وَتَكْبِيرِهِ وَتَهْلِيلِهِ يَتَعَاطَفْنَ حَوْلَ الْعَرْشِ لَهُنَّ دَوِيٌّ كَدَوِيٍّ النَّحْلِ، يَذْكُرْنَ بِصَاحِبِهِنَّ، أَوْ لَا يُحِبُّ أَحَدَكُمْ أَنْ لَا يَزَالَ عِنْدَ الرَّحْمَنِ شَيْءٌ يُذَكَّرُ بِهِ؟

Those who make remembrance of Allah through saying *SubhanAllah*, *Alhamdulillah*, *Allahu Akbar* and *La ilaaha illa Allah*, shall have their sayings circulating the Divine Throne, having a sound akin to the buzz of bees. They will be making remembrance of the one's who uttered them – would not anyone of you wish that there be something continually making remembrance of him in the presence of the All-Merciful (al-Rahman)?

[Imam Ahmad's Musnad]

Even if one were to suffice with just ten sayings of *SubhanAllah*, *Alhamdulillah* and *Allahu Akbar*; and were to persist upon it after every prayer, they would find their balance would become filled with righteousness. Moreover they would have taken a path

towards Paradise, not being deprived of the reward of these phrases. As the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: **خَصَلْتَانِ لَا يُحَافِظُ عَلَيْهِمَا عَبْدٌ مُسْلِمٌ إِلَّا**

**دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ، هُمَا يَسِيرٌ، وَمَنْ يَعْمَلُ بِهِمَا قَلِيلٌ، يُسَبِّحُ فِي دُبُرِ كُلِّ صَلَاةٍ عَشْرًا، وَيَحْمَدُ عَشْرًا، وَيُكَبِّرُ عَشْرًا، فَذَلِكَ خَمْسُونَ وَمِئَةٌ بِاللِّسَانِ، وَأَلْفٌ وَخَمْسُ مِئَةٍ فِي الْمِيزَانِ**

**There are two qualities or characteristics which will not be adhered to by any Muslim except his entering Paradise. Whilst they are easy, those who act upon them are few. One should say: "Glory be to Allah (*SubhanAllah*)" ten times after every prayer, "Praise be to Allah (*Alhamdulillah*)" ten times and "Allah is Most Great (*Allahu Akbar*)" ten times. For that is like a hundred and fifty on the tongue, but one thousand and five hundred on the scale. [Abu Dawud]**

From that which the Muslim should be avid for after prayer is the recitation of Ayat al-Kursi:

**اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ...**

**Allah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence ...**

[Qur'an: ٢:٢٥٥]

For in it is a great blessing and tremendous reward. The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

مَنْ قَرَأَ آيَةَ الْكُرْسِيِّ دُبْرَ كُلِّ صَلَاةٍ مَكْتُوبَةٍ لَمْ يَمْنَعَهُ مِنْ دُخُولِ  
الْجَنَّةِ إِلَّا الْمَوْتُ

**Someone who recites Ayat-al-Kursi after the end of every Prayer, nothing stands between him from entering Paradise except death.** [Tabarani]

From that which increases the reward of the believer after every prayer, is the recitation of the *Muawidhat*, namely: *Surah al-Ikhlaas*, *Surah al-Falaq* and *Surah al-Naas*. It is narrated on the authority Uqbah ibn Amr (may Allah be pleased with him) who states that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) ordered him to recite the *Muawidhat* after every prayer.

**O You Who Believe:**

Allah ordered His Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) to supplicate after every obligatory prayer, stating: **فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَانصَبْ**

**So when you have finished [your duties], then stand up [for worship]. And to your Lord direct [your] longing.** [Qur'an: ٩٤:٧-٨]

So if a person finishes his prayer, he should direct his longing towards Allah, as well as his needs. This was the way of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), he used to be proficient in his supplication at this blessed time. And in this regard he was followed by his companions (may Allah be pleased with them all). So when the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him)

was asked “Which supplication is heard (i.e. more likely to be answered)?”, he responded by saying:

جَوْفُ اللَّيْلِ، وَأَذْبَارُ الصَّلَوَاتِ الْمَكْتُوبَاتِ

**(During) the last part of the night, and at the end of the obligatory prayers.** [Tirmidhi]

From the supplications that the believer makes after his prayer, is that which the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) advised Muadh ibn Jabal (may Allah be pleased with him), when he said:

لَا تَدْعَنَّ فِي دُبُرِ كُلِّ صَلَاةٍ تَقُولُ: اللَّهُمَّ اعْنِي عَلَي ذِكْرِكَ  
وَشُكْرِكَ وَحُسْنِ عِبَادَتِكَ

**Never leave reciting this supplication after every (prescribed) prayer: "O Allah, help me in remembering You, in giving You thanks, and worshipping You in the best of ways."**

[Abu Dawud]

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) whenever he used to give his salaams after the prayer

used to say: اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي مَا قَدَّمْتُ وَمَا أَخَّرْتُ، وَمَا أَسْرَرْتُ

وَمَا أَعْلَنْتُ، وَمَا أَسْرَفْتُ، وَمَا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنِّي، أَنْتَ الْمَقْدَمُ

وَأَنْتَ الْمُؤَخَّرُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

**"O Allah, forgive me my former and latter sins, what I have kept secret and what I have done openly, and what I have done in extravagance; and**

**what You know better than I. You are the Advancer, the Delayer, there is no god but You."**

[Muslim]

O Allah make us in our prayers to you firm and constant, and upon its supplications and remembrance observant. And may He assist us all in the way of piety and obedience. Piety towards His trustworthy Messenger, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), and may He bless us with the ability to be dutiful towards those He has commanded us to be dutiful towards, in accordance with His words: **O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.** [Qur'an: 4:59]

May Allah bless me and bless you with the Noble Qur'an and with the Way (Sunnah) of His Noble Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). I say this, and I seek forgiveness for me and for you, so seek His forgiveness, for He is the All-Forgiving and the All-Merciful.

## **The Second Khutbah**

All praises are for Allah, Lord of all the worlds. And I bear witness, with every facet of my being, that there is nothing worthy of absolute love, adoration and worship, except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing second in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect

example of dutiful servanthood towards Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. O Allah: We ask you to bestow Your peace, blessings and grace upon him; his family; all of his companions; and whomsoever follows and seeks to emulate him in the best of ways till the Last Day. I advise you, O servants of Allah, and myself, with Taqwa of Allah (glorified be He).

### **O Muslims:**

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) and his companions (may Allah have mercy on them) used to raise their voices in their remembrance of Allah after every obligatory prayer. This was a means of reminding the people about its importance, and a display of one of the great rites to glorify Allah through. For it is narrated on the authority of Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him): “In the time of the Prophet, the people used to raise their voices in remembrance of Allah whenever they left the obligatory prayer.” He (may Allah be pleased with him) also stated: “We used to know that they had finished the prayer by the raised voices that we would hear.” It is for this reason that the Scholars have stated that it is recommended to make remembrance of Allah loud after the obligatory prayer. From that remembrance which was made loud by the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) after the prayer was saying: **لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ** **There is no god but Allah.**

In this regard it is narrated on the authority of Abdullah ibn Zubayr (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet used to say *La ilaha ill Allah* through raising his voice, after every prayer, once he had said his salaams. He would do this by saying:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ  
عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

**There is none worthy of worship except Allah alone, with no partner or associate. His is the Dominion, to Him be all praise, and He is able to do all things.**

[Muslim]

Also from that which the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) used to raise his voice with was the saying: **الله أكبر Allah is great**

For it is narrated on the authority of Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) that they he know the end of the prescribed prayer by the saying of *Allahu Akbar*. Hence some scholars state raising one's voice saying *Allahu Akbar* after the prescribed prayer is a good thing to do. So let us be avid to make supplication and remembrance of Allah after our prescribed prayers, so we can connect devotion with its like, connecting us ever closer to the Lord of such devotion.

And with this, let us send our peace and blessings upon the one we have been commanded to send our peace and blessings upon, as Allah 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.** [Qur'an: ٣٣:٥٦]. So, O Allah, bestow Your peace, blessings and grace upon our Master, our Prophet and upon his family and all of his companions. And may Allah be pleased with the Righteous Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Ali; and the noble companions of the Prophet, the Sahaba, may Allah be pleased with all of them. O Allah, we ask You for soundness in our faith, and trust in good character, and a true success that will be followed by eternal bliss. O Allah, we ask You for Your mercy, for true prosperity, for Your redemptive forgiveness and Your pleasure. O Allah, make us from those who are obedient, respectful, those who venerate their parents, honoring their mothers and their fathers, embodying excellent character towards their families and wider societies.

O 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 seek Your favour in granting him continued good health and care. O Allah, we also ask You to grant success to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates.

O Allah, we ask You to forgive all of the Muslims, both the men and women, the living and dead. O Allah, bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the other late UAE Sheikhs who have passed on to the mercy of their Lord. O Lord, grant them from your abundant mercy and bless them with Your kindness and satisfaction. O Allah, we ask you to admit them into Paradise, being given bounties therein without being taken to account. O Lord, forgive and show mercy on our parents, relatives and whosoever may have a right upon us.

O Allah, we ask You, from your loving kindness, for the immensity of your forgiveness, for the reward of all righteousness, for the safety and protection from all sin. O Allah, we ask you for the ultimate success in attaining Paradise, and the ultimate respite in being saved from the Fire. O Allah, do not allow us to sin except that You forgive us, nor to have any worry except that you relieve us therein, nor for any debt to come upon us except that You see it compensated, nor for there to be any sick amongst us except that You see them healed. Let there be no dead, except that You have covered them in Your mercy, and let there be no pressing need, amongst any of us, except that You see it met and fulfilled. O most Noble of the Noble, You are capable over all things, and You are the most generous in responding to those who call upon You.

We ask You, O Allah, the Lord of all domains, to continue blessing the UAE with stability, welfare,

increase in its bounties, knowledge, civilization, happiness, beauty and tolerance. O Allah, please continue blessing it with safety and security. O 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. O Allah, make the dwelling of the martyrs, their families, parents and relatives with the righteous. Indeed, You are ever-responsive to those who call upon You. O Allah, grant to the people of Yemen that which is good, and unite them upon that which is True and Sacred, and provide for them all manners of prosperity, O most Noble of the Noble.

O Allah, spread peace and security amongst all the Muslim nations, and the entirety of the world. O our Lord, we ask You for the best of this World, the best of the Hereafter, that You will protect us from the punishment of the Fire, and that You enter us into Your paradise with the righteous. Indeed You are the Most Generous and Most Forgiving.

**O Servants of Allah:** Remember Allah, the Majestic, and He will remember you. Thank Him for His blessings and He will increase you therein. And establish the prayer. **So stand up for prayer.**