



The Blessing of Daughters The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah who gives both sons and daughters as the best of His favors and gifts. And I bear witness, with every facet of my being, that there is nothing worthy of absolute love and adoration, except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing second in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Master, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and His sent Messenger unto the entire 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: وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا

وَذُرِّيَاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

And those who say, “Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous.”

[Qur'an: ٢٥:٧٤]

O Muslims:

Indeed sons and daughters are from the biggest of blessings from Allah, gifts from His noble

countenance. For they are the joy of souls, delight of the homes, and dearest of things to hearts, being a source of happiness for both parents. In this regard, Allah has specifically identified daughters as being of great honor and nobility, for He mentioned them before His mentioning sons when He stated:

يَهَبُ لِمَن يَشَاءُ إِنَاثًا وَيَهَبُ لِمَن يَشَاءُ الذُّكُورَ

He gives to whom He wills girls, and He gives to whom He wills boys. [Qur'an: ٤٢:٤٩]

Similarly the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) clarified the status of daughters, and their beautiful traces in the lives of their parents stating: **“Indeed they [girls] are precious joys”** [Ahmad]. He (peace and blessings be upon him) directed us to always embody compassions and mercy towards them, being beautiful in our behavior towards them, ensuring that we look after their needs and guard them from danger, always trying to enter happiness into their hearts. He (peace and blessings be upon him) promised whosoever is given daughters and is able to honor them, look after them, teach them and give them the best of upbringings, that they in turn will be looked after and safeguarded from torment on the Day of Judgment. That they will be entered by Allah’s grace into His paradise, for on the authority of Jabir ibn Abdullah it is narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: “Anyone who has three daughters and provides for them, clothes them and

shows mercy to them will definitely enter the Garden." A man from the people said, "And [what about doing the same for] two daughters, Messenger of Allah?" He said, "And two." [Ahmad]. Some scholars in commenting on this Hadith have said that were the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) to have been asked "And what about one daughter?", he would have said "And one too". Similarly, it is reported that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "I will enter Paradise with someone who brings up two daughters until they come of age, and we will be like these two [and he indicated by joining his index finger and middle finger]." [Muslim]. In other words, raising a daughter bequeaths companionship of the Prophet in Paradise, what an amazing gift that is.

O servants of Allah:

From the way of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) is that he would rejoice at the birth of a daughter, giving them the best and noblest of names. For on the authority of Ibn Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) it is narrated that Umar used to have a daughter called Asiyah and the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) called her Jamilah (lit. the beautiful one). He (peace and blessings be upon him) used to interact with girls with softness and gentleness, honoring them with the greatest degree of honor. In this capacity, he joined between the mercy that was in his Prophethood and his own clemency as a father. His heart would soften for them out of compassion,

gentleness, love and tender kindness. For it is narrated on the authority of Anas (may Allah be pleased with him) : “The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) was of the most merciful of people to his family [especially children].” The children used to play around him, allowing for them to grow up in a sound, balanced and upright manner. So on the authority of Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) it is narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) used to play with Zaynab the daughter of Umm Salamah (may Allah be pleased with her) whilst she was a young girl, saying to her: “O Zuwaynab! O Zuwaynab! [An affectionate way of saying Zaynabs name]. Similarly, the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) used to hold Umamah his grand-daughter from Zaynab (may Allah be pleased with her) on his shoulders whilst he was praying, so when he went into the bowing position, he would place her down and when he was returning from the prostration he would pick her up again.

O noble parents:

From the honoring of daughters and looking after them is paying special attention to their education and guidance. For this is from that which the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) specifically emphasized. And how great are the words of the poet who said: “Raise your daughters upon nobility for this is a must: Indeed there is for those who are entrusted with them - ‘goodness and trust’.”

Indeed the earlier generations attained this great bounty, for they taught their daughters the Qur'an and all forms of beneficial knowledge. Being persevering and advising others in this. You see them when waking up reading their portion from the Qur'an and then when it is time for Asr he calls his daughters and his nieces, teaching them the Qur'an and its knowledge. Similarly a successful family is one wherein there is attention paid to education, especially that of girls ensuring the best upbringing for them possible.

O Servants of Allah:

The Prophet (peace and blessing be upon him) used to interact with daughters when they grew up with an increase in gentleness, softness, mercy and love. So for example, whenever Fatima (may Allah be pleased with her) used to enter in upon him, he used to stand up for her, giving her happiness in this. He used to spread out his cloak for her [to sit upon it], making her sit in the places he used to sit. Then he would speak to her and her to him, trusting her with the most intimate details and secrets of his life. It is narrated on the authority of Ayesha (may Allah be pleased with her): Fatima once came upon us, her way of walking similar to the way the Prophet (peace and blessing be upon him) would walk. So he (peace and blessing be upon him) said to her: 'Welcome, O my daughter.' Then he made her sit down and said something to her that caused her to cry.

I [i.e. Ayesha] asked her, "Why are you crying?" She

responded: “ I am not from those who reveal the secrets of the Messenger of Allah” [Bukhari and Muslim].

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) used to be concerned about his daughters and follow up on their lives and affairs. He used to honor them whenever remembering them, for it is narrated that he used to say about Fatima (may Allah be pleased with her): "Fatima is a part of me, and he who makes her angry, makes me angry." [Bukhari]. Likewise, whenever his daughters were ill, he would be concerned and hasten to alleviate their distress. So when his daughter Ruqayyah (may Allah be pleased with her) fell ill, and the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) had intended to travel at the time on an expedition, he commanded her husband, Uthman ibn Affan (may Allah be pleased with him) to stay with her to take care of her, giving him glad tidings of the great reward there was in doing so.

O Servants of Allah:

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) used to consult with his daughters in the matter of their marriage, honoring them therein, and giving them their right in this affair. When choosing, he would choose the most suitable people for them, making their dowry something reasonable, allowing them to get married easily without impediment, so they can settle down and enjoy the marital bliss of family life. His care and concern for them would continue even after their

marriage, so he would visit them often in their homes, sitting with them, asking about how they were. They in turn would turn to him whenever they had any problems, seeking his counsel and support. Hence he (peace and blessings be upon him) was for them a model of a caring father, someone of gentle heart, who would take part in their happiness, being keen to ensure their happiness and the happiness of their households.

So may Allah bless us in our daughters. And preserve and keep safe our children, making them a means of happiness for us. And may He assist us all in the way of piety and obedience. Piety towards Your trustworthy Messenger, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), the ability to be dutiful towards those You have commanded us to be dutiful towards, in accordance with Your words: **O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.** [Qur'an: ٤:٥٩]

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, we praise Him with an immense praise deserving of His rank. And we thank Him for His constant blessings, for gratitude begets nothing but the good in turn. And I bear witness, with every facet of my being, that there is nothing worthy of absolute love and adoration, except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing second in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Master, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon his name), 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 Worshippers:

Indeed the care of parents for their daughters and their concern for their upbringing and education, spends back of itself for the parents in this world and the next. Being of the best of dispositions to one's children is nothing but loyalty to the trust that has been given to parents. This will all come back as a beautiful reward. For it is a form of honoring the command of Allah as

He says: **وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا**

and to parents do good [Qur'an: ٤:٣٦]

Hence we find that daughters are often the most merciful of people to their mothers [and fathers]. Giving them company, giving them happiness, being concerned for their welfare, becoming a support for them in their old age. For her father she becomes a source of respect and honor, being concerned about him and his welfare. Just look at the example of Fatima (Allah be pleased with her) with the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him). For just as he did for her, whenever he would come to visit her, she in turn would stand up and make him sit next to her. Let us not forget also the immense value of the supplication of a righteous daughter for her parents, all of this being a result of the circle of goodness in how they treated and raised her, returning back to them. So as the Qur'an notes the children saying:

رَبِّ اَرْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيْتَنِي صَغِيرًا

Say, "My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small."

[Qur'an: ١٧:٢٤]

Thus, let us take special care and be avid to honor our daughters. Giving them the best of education and guidance, being kind to them, so that we can raise up healthy families both spiritually and psychologically, and in turn we raise up – a generation of immense worth and potential.

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 honorable 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.**