



Uthman ibn Affan (May Allah be pleased with him) The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah who has allowed us to reach the month of Ramadan. Who has made it a season for good and Ihsan as well as the recitation of the Qur'an. 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, sent as a Mercy unto the entire universe, with the noblest of companions chosen to accompany his mission. 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.

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 وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ

O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are true. [Qur'an: ٩:١١٩]

O Muslims:

We remember in this blessed month the lives of the righteous prior generations, first and foremost being the companions of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). They are those who Allah has praised and raised their ranks, stating His being pleased with them:

وَالسَّابِقُونَ الْأَوَّلُونَ مِنَ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ وَالْأَنْصَارِ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُمْ
بِإِحْسَانٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي
تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

And the first forerunners [in the faith] among the Muhajireen and the Ansar and those who followed them with good conduct - Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him, and He has prepared for them gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the great attainment. [Qur'an: ٩:١٠٠]

From those righteous predecessors, we recall in this Khutbah, a companion who had a pure heart, noble character, generosity in abundance, and who was of immense stature and station. We are speaking of Uthman ibn Affan (may Allah be pleased with him), who was of those most firm in their following the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). He himself states:

Indeed Allah sent Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) with the Truth, and I was of those who responded to the call of Allah and His Messenger, so I believed in that which he was sent with...I kept the company of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) and made my oath of allegiance to him. By Allah! I never disobeyed him nor did I cheat him [till Allah took him unto Himself]. [Bukhari]

He was of those companions who most resembled the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in his faith and purity and was close to him in lineage.

O lovers of our Master Uthman:

Indeed Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him) was an example in self-sacrifice and generosity. Serving as an exemplar in kindness and virtue, always hastening to the good, towards righteousness. Illustrative of this, once the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) encouraged his companions to give charity, and it was Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him) who was first to hasten to the call, coming with a thousand dinars (each dinar was approximately equal to ۴,۲۰ grams of gold) in his garment in order to give it as charity. He did this only in seeking the pleasure of his Lord, and to come to the aid of his religion and nation. So the Prophet turned the money around with his hands and said: **Nothing Uthman does after today will harm him** [Tirmidhi].

He used to constantly give money to whoever was in need, bringing joy to the hearts of the poor and destitute. So whenever the situation of the people became hard and their food supply little, they used to come to Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him) and complain of their situation. On one occasion a group of traders who were otherwise poor came to him requesting support. He responded by saying: “In love and honor, enter unto the markets and buy (i.e. Uthman gave them money to buy food)”. They responded to him by saying: “We will sell [whatever food we buy] with a profit of five for every ten (i.e. they thought he had given them the money to trade on his behalf)”, upon which Uthman said: “I have been given more [profit].” They then said: “O Abu Umar, there are no traders in Madinah other than us, so who is it that is offering you more than that? Uthman said: Allah has increased me for every dirham spent, ten times the like.” He intended thereby to state that Allah increases all good by ten times the like of it. He then said to them: “Can you give me more [profit]?” When they said: “No”, he said: I bear witness to Allah that I have given this food as charity unto the poor.”

Similarly, Uthman has made tremendous contribution to the institution of perpetual charitable endowments (waqf). From that, is when the Muhajirun first arrived at Madinah he bought for them the well of Rumah which he then pledged for the sake of Allah as being a charitable endowment (waqf). So to him returns the

honor of whoever drinks from it, alongside the fact that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) promised him a spring in paradise as reward.

Likewise he (may Allah be pleased with him) also spent a great deal on the mosques, for it was his significant contribution of money that contributed to the expansion of the Prophet's mosque. This was also in response to the Prophet's call when he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Who will buy the plot of the family of so and so and add it to the Mosque, in return for a better plot in Paradise?" So the reward of this expansion pledged as a waqf goes back to Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him) and he will continue to get the reward of whoever prays in the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah until the Day of Judgment.

O Muslims:

Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him) had a special relationship with the Qur'an. He took it directly from hearing from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and is reported to have been one of those who memorized the Qur'an during the Prophet's life. He would regularly recite it, reflect upon it and teach it. He would recite during the day and pray with it during the night, actualizing the words of Allah:

أَمَّنْ هُوَ قَانِتٌ آنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ سَاجِدًا وَقَائِمًا

Is one who is devoutly obedient during periods of the night, prostrating and standing [in prayer - like one who does not]? [Qur'an: ۳۹:۹]

When the above verse was revealed, Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) said that it described Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him). The implication is that Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him) was known to be of those who stood and prayed in the night with love and obedience. He also has a significant position in the annals of history for Allah preserved the religion through him. And united the Muslims through him. For through him Allah joined the Muslims on one Mushaf that agreed with the recitation of the Prophet. It was Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him) that sent this standard Mushaf to every Muslim land alongside a teacher who can teach people the Qur'an. This is why the standard Mushaf we recite from is called the Mushaf-al-Uthmani. Hence there is no Muslim who recites from the Qur'an or donates it to someone else, except that a portion of that recitation and reward returns back to Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him). He himself used to love reading from the Mushaf and used to say: "I dislike that a day comes and I have not looked at the Mushaf". When asked why that was the case, he responded: "It is a blessed book. Coming to us through a blessed Prophet." The Mushaf of the Qur'an was his companion right until the last moments of his life, and it was the Prophet who prophesized his being from the people of Paradise during his life,

stating: أَبُو بَكْرٍ فِي الْجَنَّةِ، وَعُمَرُ فِي الْجَنَّةِ، وَعُثْمَانُ فِي الْجَنَّةِ
الْجَنَّةِ، وَعَلِيٌّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ

**Abu Bakr is in Paradise, 'Umar is in Paradise,
'Uthman is in Paradise, 'Ali is in Paradise...**

[Tirmidhi]

O Allah make us from those who people who spend of themselves and Ihsan. And grant us the ability to recite the Qur'an in the best of ways. To follow the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) and the Companions (may Allah be pleased with them all) in what we have been asked to follow them in. So assist us all in the way of piety and obedience. Piety towards Your trustworthy Messenger, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), and 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, proficient praise, pure and blessed praise as is commensurate to our Lord and His pleasure. 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 Qur'an of Allah is summarized form of the word of Allah. It was first revealed in the month of Ramadan. A month of forgiveness and mercy, a month of freedom from the fires of perdition. The example of our master Uthman (may Allah be pleased with him) should encourage us as he did, to adhere to the Qur'an. To read it, to spread its teachings amongst people. What a beautiful example to emulate. To invest our time in this month, the way this great Sahabi invested his life. So let us occupy ourselves with the Qur'an, making it our main concern. Not only in reciting it, but

in deep contemplation on its meanings. To not only understand, but to act in accordance with the understandings we gain. Such that we find we are of those who have joined between the two intercessions on the Day of Judgment, the intercession of the month of Ramadan and the intercession of the Qur'an. For the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) is reported to have said:

الصِّيَامُ وَالْقُرْآنُ يَشْفَعَانِ لِلْعَبْدِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، يَقُولُ الصِّيَامُ: أَيُّ رَبِّ مَنَعْتَهُ الطَّعَامَ وَالشَّهَوَاتِ بِالنَّهَارِ، فَشَفِّعْنِي فِيهِ. وَيَقُولُ الْقُرْآنُ: مَنَعْتَهُ النَّوْمَ بِاللَّيْلِ، فَشَفِّعْنِي فِيهِ. فَيَشْفَعَانِ

The fasting [in Ramadan] and the Qur'an both intercede for the sincere servant on the Day of Judgment. The fasting of one says: "O my Lord, I deprived him of food and lustful desires through the day [for your sake], so accept my intercession for him. And the Qur'an will say: "I deprived him of sleep in the night, so accept my intercession for him. So they will both be granted intercession for him.

[Ahmad]

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.