



Honoring the Prophet ﷺ

All praises are for Allah, who sent for us His trustworthy Messenger Muhammad. He sent him with guidance, and a clear manifest Truth. So He was a mercy unto the world, and a glad tiding to all the believers. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, who has no partners. And I testify that our Sayyid and Prophet Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger. The best of people in character, and the greatest of creation. So O Allah: Increase Muhammad in honor, may peace and blessings be upon him. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon our Sayyid, our Messenger, Muhammad. And upon his family and companions, all of them. And upon whomever follows their way of guidance till the Last Day.

To continue: I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the enjoining of Taqwa.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَآمِنُوا بِرَسُولِهِ يُؤْتِكُمْ كِفْلَيْنِ مِنْ رَحْمَتِهِ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ نُورًا تَمْشُونَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ.

O you who have believed, fear Allah and believe in His Messenger; He will [then] give you a double portion of His mercy and make for you a light by which you will walk and forgive you; and Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.

O Muslims: Quraish sent its negotiator, 'Urwah bin Mas'ud, in the treaty of Hdaybiyah. He was sent to the Prophet and then he remained observing the companions of the Messenger of Allah. So when he returned back to his people, he was from those who said: "By Allah, I have visited kings. I have visited the Caesar (King of Rome), Chosroes (King of Persia) and Negus (King of Abyssinia) I swear by Allah I have never ever seen a King more honored by his people, to the degree the companions of Muhammad honour him. If he commands them to something, they hasten to fulfil his command. And when he did ablution, it was almost as if they would fight each other to get his water. And when he speaks they all lower their voice to hear him. They occupy themselves with looking at him out of their awe of him."

O Slaves of Allah: This was the manner in which the companions of the Prophet used to esteem him. They revered him, exalted him and loved him. This because they knew that love of him and putting him before the entirety of mankind is from the perfection of faith. The Prophet is reported to have said: لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّىٰ أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ

مِنَ وَالِدِهِ وَوَلَدِهِ، وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ

"None of you will truly have faith till he loves me more than his father, his children and all of mankind."

In such manner are the believers who follow their Prophet, loving them with all of their heart. Such were the disciples of Easa (Jesus), honoring and exalting him, they gathered around Sayyidina Easa and followed him. This was out of honoring him and his pure message, about them Allah says:

قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّونَ نَحْنُ أَنْصَارُ اللَّهِ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَاشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ

The disciples said, "We are supporters for Allah. We have believed in Allah and testify that we are Muslims [submitting to Him].

So he promised them great honor, and gave them glad tidings of the Prophet to come, our Prophet Muhammad,

saying. يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ

يَدَيَّ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ

"O children of Israel, indeed I am the messenger of Allah to you confirming what came before me of the Torah and bringing good tidings of a messenger to come after me, whose name is Ahmad."

Thus the Seal of the Prophets was sent to us, and Allah made his rank of those most esteemed. So high was his station, that he was given precedence over all of creation. Ibn Abbas narrates that Allah never created a soul more honored than the Prophet, and He never took oath by anyone's life in the Qur'an other than the Prophets.

لَعَمْرُكَ إِنَّهُمْ لَفِي سَكْرَتِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ

By your life, [O Muhammad], indeed they [the people of Lot] were, in their intoxication, wandering blindly.

Allah praised the truth of the Prophet's speech, and the beauty of his articulation

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ * إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ

Nor does he speak from [his own] inclination. It is not but a revelation revealed.

Allah also praised him, concerning the nobility of his attributes and traits. He honored his character with the highest honor, when He said: **وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ**

It is not but a revelation revealed.

For the Prophet was indeed the greatest example to be emulated in his character. And the greatest of exemplars in his spiritual wayfaring and deeds. He represents the foundational source of all goodness and virtues, and a model in all his movements and stillness. He was the most noble in his giving, of great generosity, being merciful to the weak. He honored his relatives, showed piety towards his people. So what is it today that prevents us from emulating his noble character, and his honorable guidance? As a poet says:

وَضَمَّ الْإِلَهَ اسْمَ النَّبِيِّ إِلَىٰ اسْمِهِ * * إِذَا قَالَ فِي الْخَمْسِ الْمَوْذُنِ أَشْهَدُ
وَشَقَّ لَهُ مِنْ إِسْمِهِ لِيَجْلَهُ * * فَذُو الْعَرْشِ مُحَمَّدٌ وَهَذَا مُحَمَّدٌ

And Allah joined the Prophet's name to His Name, when the Mu'addhin to the Five Prayers made his call.

And He derived for him a name from His Own Name to honor him, for the Owner of the Throne is Mahmudun (the Praised One) and he is Muhammadun, one praised by all.

O you who revere our Sayyid, and our Prophet, Muhammad: The Companions (may Allah be pleased with them) offered us amazing examples and brilliant displays of their love and veneration for our Beloved Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). In the Sahih Collection of Hadith by al-Imam Muslim (may Allah have mercy on him) on the authority of 'Amr ibn al-'As (may Allah be pleased with him) who said: "There is none

more beloved to me and more august in my eyes than the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him), and I was unable to sustain filling my eyes with him out of veneration for him. If I were to be asked to described him: I would not be able to”.

The Companions (may Allah be pleased with them) raised their children on venerating the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) and holding him in high esteem. Here we have ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Abbas (may Allah be pleased with both of them) who was praying with the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him), and the Messenger (peace and blessings be upon him) took him by the hand, and placed him next to him. ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Abbas (may Allah be pleased with both of them) said: [When the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) engaged in prayer, I moved backwards, and when he finished his prayer, he asked for me. So I said: O Messenger of Allah, does it befit anyone to pray next to you, and you are the Messenger of Allah? ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Abbas said: I had pleased him, and he supplicated to Allah on my behalf to increase me in knowledge and understanding.] We, in this love, veneration, respect and reverence, emulate those before us and follow in their footsteps. Our Messenger, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) is more beloved to us than our mothers, our fathers, our sons, our daughters, and all of humanity. We do not give anything precedence over his Sunnah (Way), nor do we tire of reading his Sirah (Life). His noble sayings find acceptance and approval in our hearts, and he is totally worthy thereof. How can we not love him, revere him, venerate him and value him, while

our Lord has urged us to do so saying:

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا، لِيُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَتَعَزَّوهُ
وَتُوقِرُوهُ وَتُسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا

(O Prophet), We have sent you forth as a witness, as a bearer of good news, and as a warner, so that (all of) you may all believe in Allah and His Messenger, and support him, and revere him, and celebrate Allah's glory, morning and evening.

Never forget that our Lord has promised those who revere our Beloved Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), and emulate him, victory and triumph in what they desire. For Allah Most High says:

فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ مَعَهُ
أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

So those who believe in him and assist him, and support him and follow the Light which has been sent down with him, it is they who shall prosper.

O Allah grant us to love, venerate and revere of our Beloved Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). And bless us all with your devotion, and devotion towards your Messenger Muhammad. And piety towards those You have ordered us to show piety towards

in Your manifest Book, When You said: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا

أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ

O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.

I say this and seek His forgiveness for me and for You.

Second Khutba

All praises are for Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. Who has sent to us the Seal of the Prophets. And made him honored in both the first and the last. As well as honored in the greatest of assemblies, until the Last Day. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing partner in that Oneness. I bear witness that our Sayyid, Muhammad, is the perfect embodiment of servanthood towards Allah and is His Messenger. O Allah: We ask you to bestow Your peace and blessings upon our Prophet, Sayyiduna Muhammad and upon his family and all of his companions. And whomsoever follows them and seeks to emulate them in the best of ways till the Last Day. I counsel you, O servants of Allah, and myself, to adhere to the taqwa of Allah (glorified be He).

O you who believe: Allah Most High says:

لَا تَجْعَلُوا دُعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدُعَاءِ بَعْضِكُمْ بَعْضًا

Do not, among yourselves, consider the calling of the Messenger to be like your calling of one another.

In this noble verse, our Lord explains to us that the station of Prophethood is an exalted station and prohibits people from calling and addressing our Beloved Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) in the same way we call and address one another out of veneration for his station and out of reverence for his status. This the Companions (may Allah be pleased with him) realized and likewise the learned scholars after them, and thus acted and behaved accordingly. Al-Imam al-Bukhari (may Allah

have mercy on him) says in his Sahih Collection that ‘Umar ibn al-Khattab (may Allah be pleased with him) saw two men raising their voices in the Mosque of Allah’s Messenger (peace and blessings be upon him), and reprimanded them saying: You raise your voices in the Mosque of Allah’s Messenger (peace and blessings be upon him)?!. Likewise al-Imam Malik (may Allah have mercy on him) said: Truly, Allah Most High has called upon a certain group of people to behave politely and respectfully towards the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) saying:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ

O you who believe, do not raise your voices above the voice of the Prophet

Likewise Allah Most High has praised another group of people who lowered their voices behaving politely and reverently towards the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) saying:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَغُضُّونَ أَصْوَاتَهُمْ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ
أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ امْتَحَنَ اللَّهُ قُلُوبَهُمْ لِلتَّقْوَى

Truly those who lower their voices in the presence of God’s Messenger — they are the ones whose hearts Allah has tested for Taqwa

Therefore, it is our duty and obligation to venerate the Messenger (peace and blessings be upon him) and instill that into the hearts and minds of our sons and daughters. Having said that, let us invoke abundant salawat and salam on our Messenger all the time, for Allah has honored and revered in among the Exalted Assembly, for He Himself

has sent salawat on him and likewise His Angels, and has made it an obligation on those who inhabit the earth, saying:

And with this, let us send our peace and blessings upon the seal of the Prophets and Messengers as we have been commanded to by the Lord of all the Worlds for He states in His manifest Book:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

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.

O Allah, bestow Your peace, blessings and grace upon our Master Muhammad ﷺ and upon his family and all of his companions. And be pleased with the Righteous Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, and Ali. And with all the companions O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and guide him to all that is good.

And grant success to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates. Bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Maktoum, 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 entry unto Your Paradise.

O Allah, we ask you for forgiveness and reward, for whoever built this Masjid and their children. And for everyone who worked deeds of righteousness therein. And

forgive whoever built for You a Masjid, in which Your name is mentioned. Or anyone who has pledged for you an endowment, which brings perpetual benefit to the sick, orphans, to students and the destitute. Guard such people in their wealth and family, and bless them in their providence. And enter them into Paradise through Your mercy. O most Merciful.

O Allah, continue blessing the UAE with Your blessings, Your grace and Your bounties. And bless it in its goodness and its people. And make it always a place of true happiness. Ever increasing in goodness. O Allah, have mercy on the righteous martyrs and coalition forces, and admit them into Paradise with your elect. And bless their families with the reward for those who are patient, for You are the most gracious of the gracious. O Allah: Aid the Arab coalition forces. And spread peace and stability in the lands of the Muslims, and the entire world.

O Allah, bless us with Your blessings of the Heavens and make us not from those who are ungrateful. O Allah, bless us with an encompassing, surrounding blessing, giving us both the blessings of the Heavens, and making us firm with the blessings of the earth. 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. 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. So stand up for prayer.