



Reassurance of souls First Khutba

All praises are due to Allah, Lord and Sustainer of all the Worlds. And I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the uniquely One who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger, may the peace and blessings upon him and upon whomsoever follows them in guidance until the Last Day.

To Continue: I advise you, O slaves of Allah and myself, with the Taqwa of Allah, as Allah says:

إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّاتٍ وَعُيُونٍ

Indeed, the righteous will be within gardens and springs.

[Qur'an: ١٥:٤٥]

O Believers: Allah informs His slaves:

وَقُلْ لِعِبَادِي يَقُولُوا الَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ

And tell My servants to say that which is best.

[Qur'an: ١٧:٥٣]

In this noble verse Allah commands us to employ the best of words, the softest of expressions in our discourse with people.

For He says: وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا

And speak to people good [words] [Qur'an: ٢:٨٣]

Words that are good and positive help instill contentment and reassurance in hearts. This is the methodology of the Qur'an in its spreading hope and optimism. For Allah Himself

comforted the Prophet Musa's (peace and blessings be upon him) mother with words that calmed her heart when He gave her reassurance of the return of her son. So Allah said, glory be to Him:

وَلَا تَخَافِي وَلَا تَحْزَنِي إِنَّا رَادُّوهُ إِلَيْكَ وَجَاعِلُوهُ مِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

and do not fear and do not grieve. Indeed, We will return him to you and will make him [one] of the messengers.

[Qur'an: ٢٨:٧]

Similarly, Allah reassured the Prophet Musa and his brother Prophet Harun (peace and blessings of Allah be upon them both) when they were apprehensive and fearful in their mission, by saying:

"Fear not. Indeed, I am with you both; I hear and I see."

[Qur'an: ٢٠:٤٦]

With these words all apprehension and fear left their hearts and they were left with contentment in their hearts and reassurance for the task that they were faced with. Indeed, the reassurance of souls is from the guidance of the Prophets (peace and blessings of Allah be upon them). So we see Sayyidina Ya'qub (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) instilling into the souls of his children the certainty of faith in Allah, when he called them unto having a good opinion of Allah and holding firm unto that:

وَلَا تَيْأَسُوا مِنْ رَوْحِ اللَّهِ

And despair not of relief from Allah. [Qur'an: ١٢:٨٧]

Similarly, the Angel Jibrail (upon him be peace) brought peace to the heart of Maryam, the mother of Isa (peace and blessings be upon them both) by saying:

فَكُلِي وَاشْرَبِي وَقَرِّي عَيْنًا

So eat and drink and be contented. [Qur'an: ١٩:٢٦]

In this manner, we find our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to be of the best of those who called unto reassurance for souls and to trust in Allah when he (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said to Abu Bakr al-Siddiq (may Allah be pleased with him):

لَا تَحْزَنُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَنَا

"Do not grieve; indeed Allah is with us." [Qur'an: ٩:٤٠]

We ask Allah that He bless us to always have the best of speech and to perform the best of actions. I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most-forgiving, most-merciful.

Second Khutba

All praises are for Allah, the One, and may peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and companions, and whomsoever follows them in the best of ways.

O Believers: Indeed, goodly words are positive words. These are words that have deep affect upon the souls of people bringing about much good and benefit. They are those words and speech that enter happiness into the hearts of others. In their use is the pleasure of our Lord, for the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

إِنَّ أَحَدَكُمْ لَيَتَكَلَّمُ بِالْكَلِمَةِ مِنْ رِضْوَانِ اللَّهِ، مَا يَظُنُّ أَنْ تَبْلُغَ مَا
بَلَغَتْ، فَيَكْتُبُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لَهُ بِهَا رِضْوَانَهُ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ

One of you may speak a word that pleases Allah, and not know how far it reaches, but Allah will record for him as pleasure, until the Day of Resurrection due to that word.

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So, let us be avid in spreading this reassurance and positivity, and let us oversee and instill its effects in our children, family members and whomsoever we interact with. And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon all of the Prophets and Messengers, and especially on the seal of them, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon him, and upon his family, his companions, all of them.

O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates. and guide them to all that is good and what pleases You. O Allah: Bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the other late UAE Sheikhs who have passed on to Your mercy. We ask you to admit them into Paradise by Your grace. O Allah have mercy on the martyrs, and grant their families with patience and a great reward.

And have mercy, our Lord, upon our fathers and mothers, and upon whoever has a right upon us. And continue perpetuating blessings and bounties upon the UAE. O Allah, confer upon us Your blessings and do not make us from those who despair. O Allah, bless us, bless us, bless us. O Allah: Give us

in this life that which is beautiful and in the next life that which is beautiful, and save us from the fire. Remember Allah and He will remember you, Stand up for prayer.