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The Mother – The Teacher

The First Khutbah

All praise is due to Allah, the One who made the Mother a teacher of generations and a maker of men. I bear witness there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no partner 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. O Allah send your peace and blessings upon him and upon his family and companions all of them, and upon whoever follows them in the best of ways until the Last Day.

To continue: Allah says:

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَيَعْلَمَكُمُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

And fear Allah and Allah will teach you. And Allah is

Knowing of all things. [Quran: ٢:٢٨٢]

O Believers: It is narrated on the authority of Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) who said: My mother took me by the hand and she went with me to the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him), she then said: "O Messenger of Allah, this is my son. He is a young man who can read and write." This was the mother of Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him), her name was Sahla bint Milhan (may Allah be pleased with her) and she was a model example of a mother who

sacrificed and gave of herself. This was demonstrated in how her primary focus was on the raising of her child, teaching him and taking care of him, and instilling the love of knowledge within him from a young age. She was conscious of this responsibility that was facing her, she had present in her heart the saying of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him):

وَالْمَرْأَةُ رَاعِيَةٌ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِ زَوْجِهَا، وَوَلَدِهِ وَهِيَ مَسْئُولَةٌ عَنْهُمْ

The woman is the guardian of her husband's home and of his children and is responsible and accountable for them in this regard. [Sahih al-Bukhari]

For this reason she was avid to invest the time of her son Anas in that which benefitted him, until he became someone who could read and write. This was rare at the time as literacy was not widespread, so Anas was distinguished and stood out in this regard. At that point she went with him and all that he had learned from her blessed home, all the knowledge he had gained, and with that readiness she put him forth to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). This was so that he could now take in that higher degree of knowledge of the Prophet, a knowledge that was embodied in his person, through his noble character and manners. She was especially desirous that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) make a supplication for Anas. So when the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) once visited her and when he made supplication for her and for her family, she said: "O Messenger of Allah, I have a need (from you)". So the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "What is it?" So she said: "It is about my son Anas" Upon hearing

this the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) made a special supplication for Anas that ensured all goodness for him in this temporal world and in the perpetually abiding hereafter when he said:

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْهُ مَالًا وَوَلَدًا وَبَارِكْ لَهُ

O Allah increase him in wealth and children and give him Baraka (Divine grace and blessings)

[Bukhari and Muslim]

In this manner this mother gave her son, who was her major concern and about whom she was most avid, she gave him up to the Prophet. So Allah fulfilled her hopes based on her sincerity of intention, so He raised the esteem of her son, and his rank in knowledge became plain. Anas went onto become a great and distinguished teacher, among the last of the prominent Sahaba to die, he became the distinguished teacher of the generation that was to follow the Sahaba, the Tābi'een. His honor was such that Sayyidina Umar ibn al-Khattab (may Allah be pleased with him) is reported to have said to none other than Sayyidina Abu Bakr al-Siddiq (may Allah be pleased with him and them both): "Indeed Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) is an intelligent, judicious, and learned scribe, so seek his aid."

So O Allah confer Your blessings upon Anas and upon his mother, and upon all the Sahaba, the companions of the Prophet, both the men and the women of them. And bless us with regards to our mothers, bless their efforts with the success they intend, and grant Your eternal mandated success to their striving.

I say this, and seek your forgiveness for myself and

for you, so seek His forgiveness, indeed He is the most forgiving, most merciful.

The Second Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, the One, and peace and blessings upon the Prophet after whom there is no other, and upon his companions and those that follow him.

O Slaves of Allah: The mother that gives of herself (following the example of the mother of Anas) is one who supports the role of the school or educational establishment that she sends her children to. She echoes their message of education and character development by being its first embodiment wherein the house she manages is the first real school for the child. So the children find that they learn from her the way of patience, the way of determination and seriousness in pursuing knowledge, and that in this regard she is equal in her treatment of her children, be they boys and girls. She is avid to educate them in their religion, in their morals and character. So she sows in their hearts a love for their homeland, and a love for humanity at large, which translates to a respect and honor for laws, regulations, customs and traditions that serve humanity and society. Women have always had a leading role to play in this regard, not just as the makers of men, but in their playing leading roles themselves at the forefront of these endeavours. So you will find women who are leaders in their contributions to economic, commercial, industrial, medical, educational and all forms of general activities and societal efforts. This cannot be denied, for women are

equal partners in the efforts of building society, and accordingly they have full rights in this regard, as Allah

says: **لِلرِّجَالِ نَصِيبٌ مِّمَّا كَتَبُوا وَلِلنِّسَاءِ نَصِيبٌ مِّمَّا كَتَبْنَ**

For men is a share of what they have earned, and for women is a share of what they have earned.

[Quran: ٤:٣٢]

And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon the best of those who had a good opinion of Allah, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. May Allah send His peace and blessings upon him, upon his family, his companions, all of them. O Allah protect our mothers, and give them good health and wellbeing. Bless them in their time and fulfill their reward and fruits therein. Bless every woman who has sacrificed for the sake of Allah that which is precious to her. O Allah You are the One who gives and bless with favours.

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. Stand up for prayer.