



## **My Opinion of You, My Lord, is always Good. The First Khutbah**

All praises are due to Allah, Who has stated in a Hadith al-Qudsi: «أَنَا عِنْدَ ظَنِّ عَبْدِي بِي»

**I am in the opinion of My slave as he thinks of Me.**

[Bukhari and Muslim]

I bear witness there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no partner in that Oneness. 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. He taught us to always have a good opinion of Allah, as he said to his companion in a time of strife:

مَا ظَنُّكَ يَا أَبَا بَكْرٍ بِأَتَيْنِ اللَّهَ ثَالِثَهُمَا

**"O Abu Bakr! What do you think of two (persons) the third of whom is Allah?"**

[Bukhari and Muslim]

O Allah send your peace, blessings and grace upon our Sayyid, our Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) and upon all his family, companions and those who follow them.

**To Continue:** So have Taqwa, O servants of Allah, and have a good opinion of Allah always.

**O Worshippers:**

The father of the Prophets, Ibrahim (peace and blessings be upon him) came with his wife Hajar (Allah be pleased with her) and their still suckling child, Ismail (peace and blessings be upon him) to Mecca. In those days Mecca did not have any water, nor were there any inhabitants, in-fact it was completely desolate of any life. Ibrahim (peace and blessings be upon him) gave his wife and child some food and water, and then left. His wife followed him whilst saying: "O Ibrahim, where are you going whilst leaving the two of us in this [desolate] valley?" He did not turn back to look at her, so she said: "Is it Allah who has ordered you to do this ?" He said: "Yes". So she said: "Then He will never abandon us [Bukhari: ٣٣٦٤]. "

This is an example of having a good opinion of Allah. This is the great value of faith, that made this believing woman think well of Allah. She was confident that He will not destine for her except what is good and best. Our Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) commanded us to have such a good opinion of God, when he said: "See that none of you dies except without having a good opinion of God [Muslim: ٢٨٧٧]."

In other words, persist and continue in your having a good opinion of Allah in all the affairs of your life, until the end. This should be the way of the believer, they should bring this awareness throughout their lives, so it brings contentment to their heart, and expands their heart, giving a way out of all difficulties. Allah says to His servants: "**and they were certain that there is no refuge from Allah**

**except in Him."** Then He said clarifying how He sends down success at these moments stating: **"Then He turned to them so they could repent** (Quran: ٩:١١٨)."

Some of the wise people said: "Utilize having a good opinion of Allah in each and every one of your tests and tribulations, for that is always closer to success." O Allah we beautify and make good our opinion of You, so respond to our supplication, and make true our hope.

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 for Allah, to the degree of praise His majesty deserves. And may peace and blessings be upon our Master and Prophet, Muhammad, and upon all those who follow his guidance afterwards.

O Worshippers: Indeed the believer should be one who always has a good opinion of Allah, so he busies himself with doing good, and makes this an attribute of his life.

**My opinion of You, O my Lord, is good.  
So actualize for me, O Allah, my opinion.**

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 we ask you for absolute sincerity in our trust in You, and that we always have a good opinion of You.

O Allah make us from those who have a good opinion of you, for they are those who You always have a good outcome. O Allah we ask You to raise from and remove from the entire world this plague, You are the one who answers the supplications of the distressed.

**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.