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Shaban: A month in which deeds are raised

First Khutba

All praise is due to Allah, the most Noble, the most Merciful. 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 of Allah 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: I advise you O slaves of Allah and myself with Taqwa, for Allah says: **يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي**

خَلَقَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous –

[Quran: ٢:٢١]

O Muslims: It is narrated on the authority of Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

افْعَلُوا الْخَيْرَ دَهْرَكُمْ، وَتَعَرَّضُوا لِنَفْحَاتِ رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ، فَإِنَّ لِلَّهِ
نَفْحَاتٍ مِنْ رَحْمَتِهِ، يُصِيبُ بِهَا مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ

Do good throughout your lives and open yourself up to the fragrant breezes of the mercy of Allah. For Allah has fragrant breezes from His mercy, affecting thereby whom He wills from His slaves.

[Mu'jam al-Kabir from Tabarani]

Know that the days of this month of Shaban are blessed, for in it are raised our deeds to the Lord of the Heavens and the Earth. So, it would indeed be a beautiful thing that a person acquire tremendous reward through his performing acts of devotion therein, occupying his time with worship, such that his faith is increased and that his spiritual rank is raised. This would be consistent with the example of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), for when he was asked about striving for devotion in Shaban

he said: **ذَلِكَ شَهْرٌ يَغْفُلُ النَّاسُ عَنْهُ بَيْنَ رَجَبٍ وَرَمَضَانَ، وَهُوَ**

شَهْرٌ تَرْفَعُ فِيهِ الْأَعْمَالُ إِلَى رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

That is a month to which people do not pay much attention, between Rajab and Ramadan. It is a month in which the deeds are taken up to the Lord of the worlds, and I like that my deeds be taken up when I am fasting. [Sunan an-Nasa'i]

Some of the Scholars have said: For the reason that Shaban serves as an introduction to Ramadan, there has been

legislated in it that which is legislated in Ramadan itself concerning worship and devotion.

So, let us strive in the worship of our Lord in these days, so that we can ready our hearts for Ramadan and to habituate our souls towards devotion towards the Most Merciful. This, so that the words of Allah can be true towards us:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَتْلُونَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ
سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً يَرْجُونَ تِجَارَةً لَّن تَبُورَ * لِيُؤْفِيَهُمْ أَجُورَهُمْ وَيَزِيدَهُمْ
مِنْ فَضْلِهِ إِنَّهُ غَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ

Indeed, those who recite the Book of Allah and establish prayer and spend [in His cause] out of what We have provided them, secretly and publicly, [can] expect a profit that will never perish - That He may give them in full their rewards and increase for them of His bounty.

Indeed, He is Forgiving and Appreciative.

[Quran: ٣٥:٢٩-٣٠]

So, O Allah bestow and bless us to invest in the month of Shaban, and aid us in remembering You and being grateful to You, and in having a good opinion of Your slaves, O Most Merciful.

I say this, and seek your forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness, indeed He is the most forgiving, most merciful.

Second Khutba

All praises are due to Allah, the Noble, the Most Merciful, and peace and blessings upon the Prophet and upon his companions and those that follow him until the Last Day.

Slaves of Allah:

Know that in the night of the middle of Shaban, Allah sends His mercy on those who seek mercy, and seeks His forgiveness and purification for those who do wrong. For it is narrated on the authority of Abu Musa al-Ashari (may Allah be pleased with him) on the authority of Messenger of Allah who said: **«إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَيَطَّلِعُ فِي لَيْلَةِ النِّصْفِ مِنْ**

شَعْبَانَ، فَيَغْفِرُ لَجَمِيعِ خَلْقِهِ إِلَّا لِمُشْرِكٍ أَوْ مُشَاحِنٍ».

God most high looks down on the middle night of Sha'ban and forgives all His creatures, except a polytheist or one who is hostile. [Ibn Majah]

So, what is more beautiful than one who forgives a human being who wronged them and reconciles with those who hurt them, and who seeks much forgiveness through supplication and humility towards the Lord of the Heavens and Earth. Such a person asks mercy from the most Merciful of the Merciful, a means by which they enter Ramadan through a clean and pure slate.

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.