

The Prophet Musa

First Khutbah

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ , نَحْمَدُهُ , وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ , وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا , مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ , وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ , وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

Verily, all praise is for Allah. We praise Him, we seek His assistance and we ask for His forgiveness. And we seek refuge in Him from the evils of our selves. Whoever Allah guides, none can misguide. Whoever He misguides, none can guide. And I bear witness that there is no deity other than Allah and I bear witness that Mohammad is His servant and messenger.

(يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ) [آل

عمران:102]

Al Imran(3) 102 : O you who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feared, and die not except in a state of Islam.

Oh Believers:

Be conscious of Allah and obey Him. Be conscious of the One Who created you, sustains you, brought you to life and causes you to die. And to Him is your return.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ هَلْ مِنْ خَالِقٍ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ
وَالْأَرْضِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَأَنْتُمْ تُؤْفَكُونَ-فاطر:3

Fatir (35) 3: O mankind, remember the favor of Allah upon you. Is there any creator other than Allah who provides for you from the heaven and earth? There is no deity except Him, so how are you deluded?

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The narratives of the Prophets (peace be upon them) and what transpired between them and their people is a warning to the heedless, a lesson for those who reflect and a good example for the believers. For they are Allah Almighty's messengers to the people. And they are guides and advisors to the people. They are keen for their welfare and compassionate towards them. And we were commanded to adhere to their guidance and to follow their example.

أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ هَدَى اللَّهُ فَبِهِدَاهُمُ اقْتَدِهْ-الأنعام:90

Al Anam (6) 90: Those are the ones whom Allah has guided, so from their guidance take an example.

And in another verse:

لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي قَصَصِهِمْ عِبْرَةٌ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ مَا كَانَ حَدِيثًا يُفْتَرَى وَلَكِنْ تَصْدِيقَ الَّذِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَتَفْصِيلَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ -يوسف:111

Yusuf (12) 111: There was certainly in their stories a lesson for those of understanding. Never was it [i.e., the Qur'an] a narration invented, but a confirmation of what was before it and a detailed explanation of all things and guidance and mercy for a people who believe.

And Musa bin Imran, peace be upon him, the one who spoke to Allah Almighty, is the most mentioned messenger of Allah Almighty in the Quran. And his narrative is the most well-known. And no one's narrative was mentioned like his; his birth and upbringing, his trial and emigration, his prophethood and message, his debates with Pharaoh, his interactions with the Children of Israel and other matters that are described in the Quran.

Musa, peace be upon him, returned after the long emigration from Madyan with his wife, heading to Egypt, where his mother and brothers were. And on his way, on a blessed night, dark and very cold, he saw a fire burning on the side of the mountain. So he went seeking fire for his family. But it was not fire, it was light from Allah Almighty. Through it Musa, peace be upon him, attained the highest honor and status. Allah Almighty spoke

to him directly without intermediaries. And charged him with His message and trust. So what a great honor and a heavy responsibility.

فَلَمَّا قَضَى مُوسَى الْأَجَلَ وَسَارَ بِأَهْلِهِ آنَسَ مِنْ جَانِبِ الطُّورِ نَارًا قَالَ لِأَهْلِهِ امْكُثُوا إِنِّي آنَسْتُ
نَارًا لَعَلِّي آتِيكُم مِّنْهَا بِخَبَرٍ أَوْ جَذْوَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَصْطَلُونَ فَلَمَّا أَتَاهَا نُودِيَ مِنْ
شَاطِئِ الْوَادِ الْأَيْمَنِ فِي الْبُقْعَةِ الْمُبَارَكَةِ مِنَ الشَّجَرَةِ أَنْ يَا مُوسَى إِنِّي أَنَا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ-

القصص: 29-30

Al Qasas (28) 29-30: (29) **And when Moses had completed the term and was traveling with his family, he perceived from the direction of the mount a fire. He said to his family, "Stay here; indeed, I have perceived a fire. Perhaps I will bring you from there [some] information or burning wood from the fire that you may warm yourselves." (30) But when he came to it, he was called from the right side of the valley in a blessed spot - from the tree, "O Moses, indeed I am Allah, Lord of the worlds."** Allah Almighty honored him with His words. And chose him for His message. And raised his status and elevated his matter. And informed him at this great situation that He the Exalted is His Lord saying:

يَا مُوسَى إِنِّي أَنَا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ-القصص: 30

Al Qasas (28) 30: **O Moses, indeed I am Allah, Lord of the worlds.**

And this indicates that servitude to Allah Almighty is the most honorable station and the highest calling. And for this reason, it was mentioned in the most dignified and lofty situation.

Then Allah Almighty supported him with miracles. And issued the signs through his hands. To strengthen his argument, prove his words and facilitate belief in him.

And from the power of Allah Almighty is that He made these miracles with what was with Musa, peace be upon him, such as his stick and not from anything else. To know that Allah Almighty transformed them from their natural properties to what Allah Almighty wanted. And that is clearer in demonstrating ability, and stronger in proof and argument:

وَمَا تِلْكَ بِيَمِينِكَ يَا مُوسَى قَالَ هِيَ عَصَايَ أَتَوَكَّأُ عَلَيْهَا وَأَهُشُّ بِهَا عَلَى غَنَمِي وَلِيَ فِيهَا مَآرِبُ أُخْرَى قَالَ أَلْقِهَا يَا مُوسَى فَأَلْقَاهَا فَإِذَا هِيَ حَيَّةٌ تَسْعَى قَالَ خُذْهَا وَلَا تَخَفْ سَنُعِيدُهَا سِيرَتَهَا الْأُولَى-طه:17-21

TaHa (20) 17-21: (17) **And what is that in your right hand, O Moses?"** (18) **He said, "It is my staff; I lean upon it, and I bring down leaves for my sheep and I have therein other uses."** (19) **[Allah] said, "Throw it down, O Moses."** (20) **So he threw it down, and thereupon it was a snake, moving swiftly.** (21) **[Allah] said, "Seize it and fear not; We will return it to its former condition.**

For this is the first miracle of Musa, peace be upon him. And it is Allah Almighty's decree is that it would have a great role in combatting Pharaoh's magicians. And that it would destroy their magic. And that it would be a cause for their believing. So what a great miracle and sign. And the One who transforms a lifeless stick into a snake without illusions or deception is the only One Who creates from nothing and gives life to the dead.

أَلَا لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ-الأعراف:54

Al Araf (7) 54: **Unquestionably, His is the creation and the command; blessed is Allah, Lord of the worlds.**

As for the second miracle, Allah Almighty gave Musa light in his hand without harm or disease. He showed it to whomever he wanted and whenever he wanted.

وَاضْمُمْ يَدَكَ إِلَى جَنَاحِكَ تَخْرُجَ بَيْضَاءَ مِنْ غَيْرِ سُوءٍ آيَةً أُخْرَى لِنُرِيكَ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا الْكُبْرَى-

طه:22-23

TaHa (20) 22-23: (22) **And draw in your hand to your side; it will come out white without disease - another sign,** (23) **That We may show you [some] of Our greater signs.**

They are major signs that only the stubborn can deny, and only the arrogant reject. Nevertheless, Musa, peace be upon him, feared that Pharaoh and his people would deny him. So he interceded on the behalf of his brother Aaron before Allah Almighty requesting to send his brother with him as a messenger. So Allah Almighty accepted the intercession of Musa, and he sent his brother Aaron with him as a messenger:

قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي قَتَلْتُ مِنْهُمْ نَفْسًا فَأَخَافُ أَنْ يَقْتُلُونِ وَأَخِي هَارُونُ هُوَ أَفْصَحُ مِنِّي لِسَانًا فَأَرْسَلْهُ مَعِيَ رِدْءًا يُصَدِّقُنِي إِنِّي أَخَافُ أَنْ يُكَذِّبُونِ قَالَ سَنَشُدُّ عَضُدَكَ بِأَخِيكَ وَنَجْعَلُ لَكُمَا سُلْطَانًا فَلَا يَصِلُونَ إِلَيْكُمَا بِآيَاتِنَا أَنْتُمَا وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَكُمَا الْغَالِبُونَ-القصص:35

Al Qasas (28) 34-35: **(34) And my brother Aaron is more fluent than me in tongue, so send him with me as support, verifying me. Indeed, I fear that they will deny me.** (35) [Allah] said, "We will strengthen your arm through your brother and grant you both supremacy so they will not reach you. [It will be] through Our signs; you and those who follow you will be the predominant."

And Musa's intercession for his brother Aaron to be a messenger is the greatest and most beneficial worldly intercession known to mankind. Then Allah Almighty accepted his intercession for his brother, and sent him as a messenger with him. In this regard, some of the predecessors say: no one has done a greater favor for his brother than Musa for Aaron, peace be upon them. For he interceded for his brother until he was made a prophet and a messenger alongside him to Pharaoh and his supporters. And if Aaron was not worthy for intercession, Musa would have not interceded for him, peace be upon them.

This also indicates the high status of Musa with Allah Almighty. And that he was distinguished for Allah accepted his intercession. And Allah Almighty said regarding Musa:

وَكَانَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَجِيهًا-الأحزاب:69

Al Ahzab (33) 69: **And he, in the sight of Allah, was distinguished.**

And Musa and Aaron (peace be upon them) delivered the messages of their Lord. And Pharaoh and his people denied them. So Allah Almighty destroyed them and saved Musa and those with him:

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلْنَا مَعَهُ أَخَاهُ هَارُونَ وَزِيرًا فَقُلْنَا اذْهَبَا إِلَى الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا
بِآيَاتِنَا فَدَمَّرْنَاهُمْ تَدْمِيرًا-الفرقان:35-36

Al Furqan (25) 35-36: **(35) And We had certainly given Moses the Scripture and appointed with him his brother Aaron as an assistant. (36) And We said, "Go both of you to the people who have denied Our signs." Then We destroyed them with [complete] destruction.**

أَقُولُ مَا تَسْمَعُونَ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

I say what you have heard and I seek forgiveness from Allah for me and you from every sin. So seek forgives from Him, Verily He is Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Second Khutbah

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

All praise is to Allah, and peace and blessings upon the Messenger of Allah, and I bear witness that there is no deity other than Allah and I bear witness that Mohammad is His slave and messenger.

Oh people:

Be conscious of Allah and obey Him. And open your new year with the best of your deeds. For Allah knows your secrets and what you reveal. And whoever opens his year with righteous deeds is more likely to maintain the momentum throughout the year. And the beginning of the year is the month of Allah, Muharram. The virtue of this great month is that it is one of the sacred months as indicated in the words of Allah Almighty:

إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ مِنْهَا
أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرْمٌ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ فَلَا تَظْلِمُوا فِيهِنَّ أَنْفُسَكُمْ-التوبة:36

At Tawbah (9) 36: Indeed, the number of months with Allah is twelve [lunar] months in the register of Allah [from] the day He created the heavens and the earth; of these, four are sacred. That is the correct religion [i.e., way], so do not wrong yourselves during them.

So our Lord, the Mighty and Sublime, has forbidden us to do wrong to ourselves in the sacred months, of which this month is one of them. And wronging oneself is forbidden in all months. This prohibition is reinforced in the sacred months. And wronging oneself is through shortcomings in carrying out what was commanded, and by violating the prohibitions. The month of Muharram has another virtue. And it is the superiority of voluntary fasting in it over the other months. Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

أَفْضَلُ الصِّيَامِ بَعْدَ رَمَضَانَ شَهْرُ اللَّهِ الْمُحَرَّمِ ...

The best fasting after the month of Ramadan is the month of Allah, Al-Muharram... [Muslim 1163b]

Regarding the fasting on the tenth of Al-Muharram, Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them) said in the Hadith:

قَدِمَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ الْمَدِينَةَ فَرَأَى الْيَهُودَ تَصُومُ يَوْمَ عَاشُورَاءَ فَقَالَ: مَا هَذَا؟ قَالُوا: هَذَا يَوْمٌ صَالِحٌ، هَذَا يَوْمٌ نَجَّى اللَّهُ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ مِنْ عَدُوِّهِمْ فَصَامَهُ مُوسَى، قَالَ: فَأَنَا أَحَقُّ بِمُوسَى مِنْكُمْ فَصَامَهُ وَأَمَرَ بِصِيَامِهِ. متفق عليه.

When the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم came to Medina, he found the Jews observing fast on the day of 'Ashurah; so he said: What is this. They said: This is a good day, this is the day on which Allah delivered Bani Israel from their enemy so Musa fasted it. He said: We have more right to Moses than you and He fasted it and commanded to fast it. [Bukhari 4680, Muslim 1130a]

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So do not deprive yourselves of this great reward at the beginning of this new year and receive it with the best of your deeds. And do not wrong yourselves in it. For none of us knows when we will reach our term. And the joyful one is the one who concludes his life with the best of his deeds. And the miserable one is the one who meets Allah turning away from His obedience and breaching His prohibitions.

يَوْمَ تَجِدُ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ مُحْضَرًا وَمَا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ سُوءٍ تَوَدُّ لَوْ أَنَّ بَيْنَهَا وَبَيْنَهُ أَمَدًا
بَعِيدًا وَيُحَذِّرُكُمُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ وَاللَّهُ رَعُوفٌ بِالْعِبَادِ-آل عمران:30

Al Imran (3) 30: The Day every soul will find what it has done of good present [before it] and what it has done of evil, it will wish that between itself and that [evil] was a great distance. And Allah warns you of Himself, and Allah is Kind to [His] servants."

May Allah Almighty make us eager to perform the righteous deeds and may He grant us a good conclusion. Indeed He is All Hearing, Answering.

هَذَا وَصَلُّوا وَسَلِّمُوا عَلَى نَبِيِّكُمْ كَمَا أَمَرَكُمْ بِذَلِكَ رَبُّكُمْ , فَقَالَ

I conclude with this and send prayers of blessings and peace upon your Prophet as your Lord commanded:

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

Al Ahzaab (33) 56: 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.

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنَا فِيمَنْ هَدَيْتَ وَعَافِنَا فِيمَنْ عَافَيْتَ وَتَوَلَّنَا فِيمَنْ تَوَلَّيْتَ وَبَارِكْ لَنَا فِيمَا
أَعْطَيْتَ وَقِنَا شَرَّ مَا قَضَيْتَ إِنَّكَ تَقْضِي وَلَا يُقْضَى عَلَيْكَ وَإِنَّهُ لَا يَذُلُّ مَنْ وَالَيْتَ
تَبَارَكْتَ رَبَّنَا وَتَعَالَيْتَ

O Allah, guide us with those whom You have guided, grant us well-being among those You have granted well-being, be an ally to us along with those whom You are an ally to, and bless what You have bestowed upon us, and save us from the evil of what You have decreed. For verily You decree and none can decree over You. He whom You support can never be humiliated. Glory is to You, our Lord, You are Blessed and Exalted.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنَ الْخَيْرِ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنَا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الشَّرِّ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنَا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا سَأَلَكَ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَجْعَلَ كُلَّ قَضَاءٍ قَضَيْتَهُ لَنَا خَيْرًا

O Allah, We ask You for all that is good, in this world and in the Hereafter, what we know and what we do not know. O Allah, we seek refuge with You from all evil, in this world and in the Hereafter, what we know and what we do not know. O Allah, we ask You for the good that Your servant and Prophet has asked You for, and we seek refuge with You from the evil from which Your servant and Prophet sought refuge. O Allah, we ask You for Paradise and for that which brings one closer to it, in word and deed, and we seek refuge in You from Hell and from that which brings one closer to it, in word and deed. And we ask You to make every decree that You decree concerning us good.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

Servants of Allah. Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded.

أذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا يَزِدْكُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا يُغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا يَجْعَلْ
لَكُمْ مِنْ أَمْرِكُمْ مَخْرَجًا ، وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ

Remember Allah, the Great - He will remember you. Thank Him for His favors - He will increase you therein. And seek forgiveness from Him - He will forgive you. And be conscious of Him - He will provide you a way out of difficult matters. And, establish the prayer.