Obeying the Prophet

First Khutbah

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ , نَحْمَدُهُ , وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ , وَنَعُوذُ بِاللهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّعَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا , مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ , وَمَنْ يُضْلِلْ فَلَا هَادِى لَهُ , وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا يَعْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ لَا اللهُ 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.

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:

All praise is due to Allah. He sent the messengers as warners and bearers of good tidings. And He revealed the books as guidance to all creation. So glory be to the merciful Lord. He established evidence for His lordship. He has great wisdom in His creation and arrangement. And He has the conclusive argument in His commands and prohibitions. He sent His prophet Mohammad with the clear proofs and supported him with miracles. And He reinforced him and made him prevail over his adversaries.

So be conscious of Allah the Most High and turn to Him during every hardship. And seek refuge in Him in every great matter. For He is the Magnificent and nothing escapes Him.

As-Shura (42) 29: And of His signs is the creation of the heavens and earth and what He has dispersed throughout them of creatures. And He, for gathering them when He wills, is competent.

From Allah Almighty's mercy on those responsible is that He guided them to the path to Him. For He sent the messengers as warners and bearers of glad tidings. And He obliged mankind to obey them. For they are the emissaries between Allah and His servants. They issue from Him, receive His revelation, and convey His messages. And on the Day of Resurrection, they will be asked about their conveyance and mankind will be questioned about their response.

Al Maedah (5) 109: [Be warned of] the Day when Allah will assemble the messengers and say, "What was the response you received?

And since Mohammad was the last and seal of the Messengers, there is no prophet after him, it is obligatory for everyone to whom his call has reached to believe and follow him. Otherwise, he is an enemy to Allah Almighty and all the prophets even if he claims that he believes in some as is the case of the people of the book after Mohammad was sent. That is why they were called disbelievers in the Noble Quran, and they were linked with the polytheists. And they were described as the worst of creation and the fire is their abode.

Al Bayyinah 6: Indeed, they who disbelieved among the People of the Scripture and the polytheists will be in the fire of Hell, abiding eternally therein. Those are the worst of creatures.

And Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah # said:

By Him in Whose Hand is the life of Muhammad, no one among this community, Jew or Christian, who hears about me and dies not affirming his belief in what I have been sent with, except that he is one of the companions of Hell-Fire. [Muslim 153]

And the noble verses converged on the obligation to follow and obey the Messenger and warn against disobeying him. And obeying him is obeying Allah Almighty as Allah said:

An Nisa (4) 80: **He who obeys the Messenger has obeyed Allah;** Among the verses that state the obligation to obey the Messenger ::

Al Hashr (59) 7: And whatever the Messenger has given you - take; and what he has forbidden you - refrain from. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty.

The Quranic verses bring good tidings to the one who obeys the Prophet with reward in the Hereafter

An Nisa (4) 13: These are the limits [set by] Allah, and whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger will be admitted by Him to gardens [in Paradise] under which rivers flow, abiding eternally therein; and that is the great attainment.

Then the very next verse came warning whoever disobeys the Prophet #:

An Nisa (4) 14: And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger and transgresses His limits - He will put him into the Fire to abide eternally therein, and he will have a humiliating punishment.

Imam Ahmad, may Allah have mercy on him, looked up the verses about obedience to the Messenger said: "I looked in the Quran and found obedience to the Messenger in thirty-three places, then he began to recite:

An Noor 63: So let those beware who dissent from his [i.e., the Prophet's] order, lest trails and affliction strike them or a painful punishment.

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

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:

The Prophet # informed about people who would come after him and refute the Prophetic Sunnah. Limiting themselves to the Quran in their

rotten claim and faulty understanding. And this indicates the genuiness of his prophethood.

The Prophet **said:**

Beware! I have been given the Qur'an and something like it, yet the time is coming when a man replete on his couch will say: Keep to the Qur'an; what you find in it to be permissible treat as permissible, and what you find in it to be prohibited treat as prohibited. [Sunan Abi Dawud 4604]

The authentic prophetic sunnah is revelation from Allah. It is a good aid for understanding the Book of Allah Almighty. No one can claim that the Quran suffices them from the Sunnah. For the Prophet is the most knowledgeable person about the words of Allah Almighty. And from his roles is to explain the meanings of the Quran. Allah Almighty says:

An Nahl (16) 44: And We revealed to you the message [i.e., the Qur'ān] that you may make clear to the people what was sent down to them and that they might give thought.

Shaikh Al Islam ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: And the sunnah of the messenger of Allah explains the Quran just as it explained the number of prayers and the amount of Quranic recitation within them. As well as reciting out either loudly or quietly. Just as the sunnah explains the zakat and its requirements. Just as it explains the hajj rites and the number of rounds of tawaf. As well as the sa3ee and throwing the jamarat. And if a sunnah is authenticated then all the Muslims agree on the obligation to follow it.

May Allah make us among those who obey the Prophet . Verily, Allah is All Hearing, Answering.

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

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 اهْدِنا فِيمَنْ هَدَيْتَ وَعَافِنا فِيمَنْ عَافَيْتَ وَتَوَلَّنا فِيمَنْ تَوَلَّيْتَ وَبَارِكْ لنا فِيمَا أَعْطَيْتَ وَقِنا شَرَّ مَا قَضَيْتَ إِنَّكَ تَقْضِى وَلاَ يُقْضَى عَلَيْكَ وَإِنَّهُ لاَ يَذِلُّ 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 عَلِمْنا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الشَّرِ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا مَأْلُكَ عَرْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مَنْ شَرِّ مَا عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِیُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مَنْ شَرِّ مَا عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِیُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ

الْجَنَّةَ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلِ وَنَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَجْعَلَ كُلَّ قَضَاءٍ قَضَيْتَهُ لَنا 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 اللهِ اللهِ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِى الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنكرِ 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.

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.