

Awakening the Ummah

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 ﴿١٠٢﴾ [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:

All praise is due to Allah, the All-Knowing Creator. He created humans and He is the most knowledgeable of them, and nothing of their affairs is hidden from Him. We praise Him for guiding and selecting us to be Muslims, and we are grateful to Him for what He has given and bestowed upon us. Allah selects from the Prophets whomever He wills, chooses from the angels whom He wills, favors from the communities whom He wills, and elevates individuals as He wills. No one can overturn His decree, no one can alter His judgment, and He is not questioned about what He does, exalted in His loftiness.

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Be conscious of Allah, the Exalted, and obey Him, for you are in a time in which truth is mixed with falsehood, standards have been changed, history has been falsified, the voices of the vile have risen, the voices of the virtuous have been silenced. And only what is correct is correct. Falsehood is temporary, while the truth lasts until the Hour. As Allah Almighty says:

بَلْ نَقْذِفُ بِالْحَقِّ عَلَى الْبَاطِلِ فَيَدْمَغُهُ فَإِذَا هُوَ زَاهِقٌ وَلَكُمُ الْوَيْلُ مِمَّا تَصِفُونَ-الْأَنْبِيَاءِ 18

Surah Al-Anbiya (21) verse 18: **But We hurl the truth against falsehood, and it prevails over it, and behold, falsehood is vanishing. And woe to you for what you describe.**

Indeed, Allah has distinguished the Muslim Ummah in dealing well with life's adversities and their branches. They are grateful to Allah in moments of prosperity and have beautiful patience during hardships. If they achieve victory, they know that the victory is from Allah, and if they are defeated, they know that it from their own selves, as their Lord, the Most High, taught them:

أَوْلَمَا أَصَابَتْكُمْ مُصِيبَةٌ قَدْ أَصَبْتُمْ مِثْلَيْهَا قُلْتُمْ أَنَّى هَذَا قُلْ هُوَ مِنْ عِنْدِ أَنْفُسِكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ

عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ-آل عمران 165

Surah Aal-E-Imran (3) 165: **Why [is it that] when a [single] disaster struck you [on the day of Uḥud], although you had struck [the enemy in the battle of Badr] with one twice as great, you said, "From where is this?" Say, "It is from yourselves [i.e., due to your sin]." Indeed, Allāh is over all things competent.**

The Muslim Ummah in this era has been tested with the erupting informational volcano and the raging technological wave, which brought the distant closer and unveiled the hidden. The result of this flood of civilization, which indulged the body and starved the soul, is that the entire world became like one mass, uniting the tyranny of 'Ad, the disobedience of the people of Lot, the magic of Pharaoh and his people,

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the cheating of Madyan, the mockery of the people of Noah, and the plotting of Yusuf's brothers.

Our Ummah has become among those burned by the flames of this fire, engulfed by civilization's concerns, worries, hardships, and troubles, which added fuel to the fire, intensifying their pain, and multiplying their distress.

Their pains have multiplied, their hopes have been extinguished, their lands and homes have been destroyed, their wealth and possessions have been looted, forced to swallow falsified truths, while they choke on injustice and bias, only to admit that their truth is falsehood, while the falsehood of others is the truth.

Then the veil was lifted from the falsehood of this civilization and the miscarriage of justice within it, and the so-called "human rights" appeared with its gloomy face, with the Muslim Ummah having no share of it. The Muslims suffer under the screeching of instruments of war, which harvest their lives without any oversight or accountability, and without any conscious or human mercy.

The Muslim Ummah is a dignified community that does not resort to hired mourners, no matter how dire its circumstances, because tears are not borrowed, and crying does not resurrect the dead. The only option for the Muslim Ummah is to hold tightly to the rope of its Creator, then to the rope of unity and uniting to support its cause, and to defend it with all its might and capability, to wipe away the tears of orphans, widows, and the injured who have been affected by wars of injustice, oppression, and tyranny.

The Ummah of Islam has the foundation of its religion through which it can be the strongest of communities and the most just of communities, if it is united by its religion, and cooperates in righteousness and piety; if it achieves that, then its adversary will not be able to overwhelm it.

The Muslim Ummah may weaken, but it does not die; it may be defeated, but it does not surrender. For Allah Almighty says:

وَلَا تَهِنُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَأَنْتُمْ الْأَعْلَوْنَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ * إِنْ يَمَسُّكُمْ قَرْحٌ فَقَدْ مَسَّ الْقَوْمَ
قَرْحٌ مِثْلُهُ وَتِلْكَ الْأَيَّامُ نُدَاوِلُهَا بَيْنَ النَّاسِ وَلِيَعْلَمَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَيَتَّخِذَ مِنْكُمْ شُهَدَاءَ
وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الظَّالِمِينَ * وَلِيُمَحِّصَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَيَمْحَقَ الْكَافِرِينَ-آل عمران 139-141

Aal-E-Imran (3)139-141: **Do not weaken and do not grieve, for you will be superior if you are [true] believers. If a wound should touch you - there has already struck the [opposing] people a wound similar to it. And these days [of varying conditions] We alternate among the people so that Allah may make evident those who believe and [may] take to Himself from among you martyrs - and Allah does not like the wrongdoers - and that Allah may purify the believers [through trials] and destroy the disbelievers.**

Indeed, the Muslim Ummah must seek, in every hardship, a glimpse of ease, and in every distress, a glimpse of relief. For the Prophet ﷺ commanded optimism and forbade pessimism. He said:

وَيُعِجِبُنِي الْفَأَلُ قَالَ قِيلَ وَمَا الْفَأَلُ قَالَ الْكَلِمَةُ الطَّيِّبَةُ - رواه البخاري ومسلم

I am fond of optimism, They asked, What is optimism? He replied, A good word. [Al-Bukhari 5776 and Muslim 2224b]

Hence, it is incumbent upon the Muslim Ummah to allow optimism to prevail in its life so that the calamities of wars and troubles do not destroy it, and so it is not overpowered by the cycles of distress; because everything on the earth or in the sky is under the dominion and control of Allah, the Most High. And because the Muslim Ummah is neither wrongdoing nor transgressing, and it has never been in its nature to oppress, betray, deny rights or shed blood. It is a community of justice and servitude to Allah, the Exalted; for whoever knows Allah, the Most High, He aids them and extends His support and success to them. And there is no room for despair and hopelessness for those placing trust in Allah Almighty and His promise, by embracing His Book and the Sunnah of His Prophet ﷺ. Allah, the Most High, said:

مَنْ كَانَ يَظُنُّ أَنْ لَنْ يَنْصُرَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ فَلْيَمْدُدْ بِسَبَبٍ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ ثُمَّ لِيَقْطَعْ
فَلْيَنْظُرْ هَلْ يُذْهِبَنَّ كَيْدَهُ مَا يَغِيظُ-الحج 15

Al-Hajj (22) 15: **Whoever thinks that Allah will not help him in this world and the Hereafter, let him extend a rope to the sky, then sever it, and see if his plot can remove that which enrages him.**

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 forgiveness 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 know that we must all realize that the victory or defeat of Muslims does not necessarily result from the strength or weakness of their enemies. In reality, it depends on the Islamic Ummah itself. If the Ummah has tawhid (Divine Unity) of its Lord and unifies its word, it will undoubtedly be victorious. Allah Almighty said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ -محمد 7

Muhammad (47) 7: **O you who have believed, if you support Allah, He will support you and plant firmly your feet.**

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Being few or many is not a real criterion. Muslims won the Battle of Badr while they were a few in number and a humbled group, yet they were defeated in the Battle of Hunayn when they were numerous.

We must understand that the truth is not diminished even if years of hardship pass over it, and its essence is not lost just because temporary ailments have afflicted its people. We must also be certain that falsehood is not called truth because a cycle of time gave them power and authority on earth. The crimes of Pharaoh did not turn into virtues just because he held the authority to command and prohibit, to kill sons, and to spare women. Our ancestors faced such trials and emerged victorious after rectifying themselves and, before that, rectifying what was between them and Allah. Allah Almighty said:

وَاللَّهُ غَالِبٌ عَلَىٰ أَمْرِهِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ - يوسف 21

Yusuf (12) 21: **But Allah is predominant over His affair, but most of the people do not know.**

And know that it is one of Allah's Sunnahs (Divine Laws) to let civilization reap what it sows, to experience the taste of what is cut or broken during the harvest. No bird soars and elevates without falling just as it flew. Allah Almighty said:

وَلَا يَزَالُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا تُصِيبُهُم بِمَا صَنَعُوا قَارِعَةٌ أَوْ تَحُلُّ قَرِيبًا مِّن دَارِهِمْ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَ وَعْدُ

اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ - الرعد 31

Ar-Ra'd (13) 31: **And those who disbelieve are ever struck, for what they have done, by calamity - or it will descend near their home until there comes the promise of Allah. Indeed, Allah does not fail in [His] promise.**

We ask Allah Almighty to strengthen this Ummah and relieve their suffering. Indeed Allah is All Hearing, Responsive.

هَذَا وَصَلُّوا وَسَلِّمُوا عَلَىٰ 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
سَأَلْنَاكَ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا عَادَ 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

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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 الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ 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.