

Pilgrimage to Allah's Sacred House

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:

The Sacred House of Allah was built for the sake of Tawhid. Its foundations were raised by Ibrahim, and his son Ismael, peace be upon them. This Sacred House has endured through time, standing robust in its construction, secure and safeguarded by Allah. Generations continue to perform pilgrimage to it, and Muslims compete to reach it, where Tawhid, security, goodness, and blessings abound. As Allah said:

وَإِذْ بَوَّأْنَا لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ مَكَانَ الْبَيْتِ أَنْ لَا تُشْرِكْ بِي شَيْئًا-الحج 26

Al-Hajj (22) 26: **And [mention, O Muḥammad], when We designated for Ibrahim the site of the House, [saying], "Do not associate anything with Me.**

And Allah Almighty said:

وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ آمِنًا وَاجْنُبْنِي وَبَنِيَّ أَنْ نَعْبُدَ الْأَصْنَامَ (35) رَبِّ إِنَّهُمْ
أَضَلَّلَنِي كَثِيرًا مِّنَ النَّاسِ - إبراهيم 35-36

Ibrahim (14) 35-36: **(35) And [mention, O Muḥammad], when Ibrahim said, "My Lord, make this city [i.e., Makkah] secure and keep me and my sons away from worshipping idols. (36) My Lord, indeed they have led astray many among the people.**

Indeed, the Prophet ﷺ was sent with a radiant light and a brilliant radiance, which illuminated the path and clarified the way. Allah purified the Arabian Peninsula through him from the filth of paganism and the prevalence of idols. In the ninth year of the Hijra, he ﷺ proclaimed:

أَلَا لَا يُحُجُّ بَعْدَ الْعَامِ مُشْرِكٌ وَلَا يَطُوفُ بِالْبَيْتِ عُرْيَانٌ

No polytheist is to perform Hajj after this year, and no one is to circumambulate the House unclothed. [Bukhari 1622, Muslim 1347]

Tawhid is embodied in the Hajj through raising of voices in the Talbiyah, declaring that Allah is free of partners:

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ، لَبَّيْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لَبَّيْكَ، إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ وَالنِّعْمَةَ لَكَ وَالْمُلْكَ، لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ

Here I am, O Allah, here I am. Here I am, You have no partner, here I am. Indeed, all praise, grace, and sovereignty belong to You. You have no partner. [Bukhari 1549, Muslim 1184a]

With this talbiyah, the Prophet ﷺ eliminated the talbiyah that the polytheists used to repeat during their pilgrimage. They used to recite: Here I am, You have no partner except a partner You possess, You own him and all that he owns.

Exalted is Allah above what they say!

Anyone who reflects on the Hadiths related to Hajj, will find that its perfection is through righteousness and that the greatest reward is for a

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Haj Mabroor (an accepted Hajj). And there are conditions for attaining an accepted Hajj.

The first condition is sincerity to Allah - Exalted be He.

As Allah Almighty says:

وَأَتِمُّوا الْحَجَّ وَالْعُمْرَةَ لِلَّهِ

Baqarah (2) 196: **And complete the hajj and 'umrah for Allāh.**

So, the motivation behind one's Hajj should not be to show off or gain fame. Showing off is common in Hajj because it is a visible action and a major ritual. People talk about it and share pictures of the pilgrims and all of the media cover it. In a Hadith Qudsi, Allah Almighty says:

أَنَا أَغْنَى الشُّرَكَاءِ عَنِ الشَّرِكِ مَنْ عَمِلَ عَمَلًا أَشْرَكَ فِيهِ مَعِيَ غَيْرِي تَرَكْتُهُ وَشِرْكُهُ - رَوَاهُ
مُسْلِمٌ

I am the Most Self-Sufficient and I have no need for an associate. Thus he who does an action for someone else's sake as well as Mine will have that action renounced by Me to him whom he associated with Me.

[Muslim 2985]

The second condition is completing the rituals according to the guidance of the Prophet ﷺ. Whoever falls short in performing the rituals, and breaches the conditions or pillars or obligations of Hajj, his Hajj is not accepted. During his Hajj, the Prophet ﷺ commanded people to learn the rites from him. And this was so that they could convey them and put them into practice. And it has reached us completely and perfectly through the perfection and completion of the religion. Thus, it is obligatory for those intending to perform Hajj to understand its rulings, follow the guidance of the Prophet ﷺ in its rituals, and to embrace the spiritual meanings and purposes of the Hajj rites.

The third condition is that the pilgrimage must be financed with lawful wealth. This is because the rituals are acts of worship to Allah, and Allah - Exalted be He - is Pure and accepts only what is pure. The Prophet ﷺ mentioned a man who traveled long distances, appearing disheveled and

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dusty, stretching his hands towards the sky, saying, "O Lord, O Lord," while his sustenance is unlawful, his drink is unlawful, his clothing is unlawful, and he is nourished unlawfully; how then can his supplication be answered?

The fourth condition is to avoid intimacy, immorality, and quarreling while performing the rituals. As Allah Almighty said:

فَمَنْ فَرَضَ فِيهِنَّ الْحَجَّ فَلَا رَفَثَ وَلَا فُسُوقَ وَلَا جِدَالَ فِي الْحَجِّ

Al-Baqarah (2) 197: **Whoever has made hajj obligatory upon himself therein [by entering the state of ihram], there is [to be for him] no sexual relations and no disobedience and no disputing during hajj.**

Controlling oneself from these prohibitions results in the forgiveness of past sins and wrongdoings, which is among the greatest rewards. As the Prophet ﷺ said:

مَنْ حَجَّ لِلَّهِ فَلَمْ يَرْفُثْ وَلَمْ يَفْسُقْ رَجَعَ كَيَوْمَ وَلَدَتْهُ أُمُّهُ

Whoever performs Hajj for Allah's sake only and does not have intimacy, and does not do disobedience, will return (from his Hajj free from sins) as on the day that his mother gave birth to him. [Bukhari 1521, Muslim 1350a]

Allah has forbidden intimacy, which includes intercourse and what leads to it. This requires lowering the gaze and avoiding discussions related to marriage. Fusuq (wickedness) involves disobedience to Allah - Exalted be He - especially with actions that violate the sanctity of the state of Ihram. Some pilgrims take these violations lightly, while others indulge in sinful speech such as backbiting, slander and lying. Disputes are common during Hajj, whether in discussions about the rituals without the proper knowledge, or among those sharing the same tent or campaign or while going through the congestion.

Also, those intending to perform Hajj, should obtain the required permissions, and adhere to the instructions issued by the authorities to organize and facilitate Hajj. The Council of Senior Scholars have emphasized the necessity of obtaining the necessary permissions, stating

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that performing Hajj without it is not permissible. Because doing so is not complying with the directions of the authority which were issued to ensure public interest. If one is obligated to perform Hajj but is unable to obtain a permit, then they are considered among those who are unable to perform it. As Allah Almighty says:

فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ

At-Taghaabun (64) 16: **So fear Allāh as much as you are able.**

Therefore, it is essential for those preparing for Hajj to learn its virtues, to adhere to the rituals pleasing to their Lord, and to strive as much as they can to perfect it; so that their Hajj may be accepted.

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, وَأَشْهَدُ 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:

Hajj is an obligation and a pillar of Islam. It's obligation is a well-known matter within the religion, undisputed among Muslims, and even a young child is not ignorant of it. However, some Muslims have delayed performing the Hajj obligation due to obstacles that are merely Satan's

adornments and human procrastination. The Prophet ﷺ urged those who are able to perform Hajj to hasten to fulfill their obligation, so that they do not encounter any emergency that prevents them from performing Hajj. A person may fall ill or a need may arise. For it is impossible for one's current state to last forever. Ibn Abbas - may Allah be pleased with them - reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

تَعَجَّلُوا إِلَى الْحَجِّ فَإِنَّ أَحَدَكُمْ لَا يَدْرِي مَا يَعْزُضُ لَهُ

Hasten to perform Hajj (the obligatory Hajj) for none of you knows what may happen to him. [Ahmad 2867, Grade: Hasan (Arnaout)]

And the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

مَنْ أَرَادَ الْحَجَّ فَلْيَتَعَجَّلْ فَإِنَّهُ قَدْ يَمْرُضُ الْمَرِيضُ وَتَضِلُّ الضَّالَّةُ وَتَعْرِضُ الْحَاجَةُ

Whoever intends to perform Hajj, let him hasten to do so, for he may fall sick, lose his mount, or be faced with some need. [Sunan Ibn Majah 2883, Grade: Hasan]

To those who can afford to perform Hajj, do not miss out on going, and hasten to reap its virtues. If you have performed the obligatory Hajj, it is a blessing if you are able, for the reward is paradise and emancipation from the Fire. If you have not performed the obligatory Hajj, then fear your Lord and hasten to fulfill your duty. Know that health may not last, ease may be followed by hardship, and those able to go but delay fulfilling their obligatory Hajj are sinful. Do not deprive yourself of good, and hasten while you are able.

Do not pay attention or listen to those who discourage you. Whoever resolves to please Allah Almighty by performing this obligation and seeks Allah's help, Allah Almighty will help them and make things easy for them. We ask Allah Almighty to make us among those who hear His commands and obey. Indeed Allah 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 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 لَهُ يَزِدْكُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا لَهُ يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاتَّقُواهُ 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.