Wudu

First Khutbah

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ , نَحْمَدُهُ , وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ , وَنَعُوذُ بِاللهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا , مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ , وَمَنْ يُضْلِلْ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ , وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَهَ إِلَه 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.

(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:

The greatest blessing that Allah has bestowed upon us is the blessing of Islam, which is submission to Allah Almighty, compliance in obedience to Him, and freeing oneself from shirk (ascribing partners to Him) and its adherents.

The rulings and ordainments necessitate faith in them and absolute submission to the All-Wise Ordainer, glorified be He:

آمَنَّا بِهِ كُلُّ مِّنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّنَا وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

Aal-e-Imran (3) 7: We believe in it; all [of it] is from our Lord. And no one will be reminded except those of understanding.

And Allah Almighty said:

قُولُوا آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْنَا

Al-Baqarah (2) 136 :Say, 'We believe in Allah and what has been revealed to us.'

And Allah Almighty said:

صِبْغَةَ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ صِبْغَةً وَنَحْنُ لَهُ عَابِدُونَ

Al-Baqarah (2)138: [And say, 'Ours is] the religion of Allah. And who is better than Allah in [ordaining] religion? And we are worshippers of Him.'

And Allah Almighty said:

وَرَبُّكَ يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيَخْتَارُ مَا كَانَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ شَبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَتَعَالَى عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

Al-Qasas (28) 68: And your Lord creates what He wills and chooses; not for them was the choice. Exalted is Allah and high above what they associate with Him.

Wudu (ablution) is derived from the word 'Al-Wad**ā**ah 'which means beauty and cleanliness. It is named 'Wudu 'because the one performing it cleanses themselves and becomes pure. It is an individual obligation in Islam, as evidenced by the Qur'an, Sunnah, and the consensus of all Muslims. Allah Almighty says in the verse from Surat Al-Ma'idah:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا قُمْتُمْ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ فَاغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ وَأَيْدِيَكُمْ إِلَى الْمَرَافِقِ وَامْسَحُوا بِرُءُوسِكُمْ وَأَرْجُلَكُمْ إِلَى الْكَعْبَيْنَ ۚ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ جُنُبًا فَاطَّهَّرُوا ۚ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ مَرْضَىٰ أَوْ عَلَىٰ سَفَرٍ أَوْ جَاءَ أَحَدٌ مِنْكُمْ مِنَ الْغَابِطِ أَوْ لَامَسْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَلَمْ تَجِدُوا مَاءً فَتَيَمَّمُوا

صَعِيدًا طَيِّبًا فَامْسَحُوا بِوُجُوهِكُمْ وَأَيْدِيكُمْ مِنْهُ ۚ مَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيَجْعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ حَرَجٍ وَلَكِنْ يُرِيدُ لِيُطَهِّرَكُمْ وَلِيُتِمَّ نِعْمَتَهُ عَلَيْكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

Al-Ma'idah (5) 6: O you who have believed, when you rise to [perform] prayer, wash your faces and your forearms to the elbows and wipe over your heads and wash your feet to the ankles. And if you are in a state of major impurity, then purify yourselves. But if you are ill or on a journey or one of you comes from the place of relieving himself or you have contacted women and do not find water, then seek clean earth and wipe over your faces and hands with it. Allah does not intend to make difficulty for you, but He intends to purify you and complete His favor upon you that you may be grateful.

And the Messenger of Allah ملي الله said:

لا يَقْبَلُ اللَّهُ صَلاةً بِغَيْرِ طُهُورٍ وَلَا صَدَقَةً مِنْ غُلُولٍ

Allah does not accept prayer without purification, nor charity from treachery. [Muslim 224a]

He صلى الله also said:

لا يَقْبَلُ اللَّهُ صَلَاةَ أَحَدِكُمْ إِذَا أَحْدَثَ حَتَّى يَتَوَضَّأَ

Allah does not accept the prayer of any one of you if he nullifies his ablution until he performs ablution again. [Al-Bukhari 6954 and Muslim 225]

And he صلى الله said:

وَلاَ يُحَافِظُ عَلَى الْوُضُوءِ إِلاَّ مُؤْمِنٌ

And none maintains ablution except a believer. [Ibn Majah 277, Grade: Hasan (Good)]

So know, that this verse from Al-Ma'idah is among the greatest verses of the Qur'an in terms of matters and contains the most rulings on acts of worship. Rightly so, for it pertains to wudu (ablution), which is half of iman (faith), as authentically reported from the Prophet عيدوسير in Sahih Muslim.

Abu Bakr ibn al-'Arabi said: Some scholars have said that in this verse from Al-Ma'idah, there are a thousand matters. Our companions gathered in Baghdad and enumerated them, reaching eight hundred matters, but they could not reach a thousand. This enumeration is suitable for those who wish to understand the methods of extracting knowledge from hidden corners.

Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah have mercy on him) said about Surah Al-Ma'idah: It is the most comprehensive surah in the Qur'an for the branches of Shariah, including what is permissible, what is forbidden, what is commanded, and what is prohibited. This is why it begins with Allah's words: O you who have believed, fulfill [all] contracts. '[Al-Ma'idah:1]. And contracts are covenants.

Allah prescribed ablution for prayer in an easy manner. The Muslim purifies only four parts of their body: the face and hands up to the elbows by washing, the head by wiping without washing, and the feet up to the ankles by washing.

Sight, smell, and speech emanate from the face. Hearing and thought come from the head. Hands are used for grasping and feet for taking steps.

Since a person's actions in this life almost never occur without involving one of these organs, and since humankind by nature is prone to sin-they may eat or speak about what is forbidden, or look at the prohibited or smell it; he may listen to the unlawful or walk towards it or touch it. Thus, they are in dire need of something to help purify their filth and expiate the sins committed with those limbs. So Allah, in His mercy and wisdom, prescribed ablution to remove the burden of sins.

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When Muslims perform ablution and wash their face, every sin that their eyes looked at leaves with the water or with the last drop of water. When they wash their hands, every sin that their hands have committed leaves with the water or with the last drop of water. When they wash their feet, every sin towards which their feet have walked leaves with the water or with the last drop of water, until they emerge purified from sins.

This is authentically reported from the Prophet عليه وسلم in Sahih Muslim.

It is also narrated in Sahih Muslim that the Prophet عليه وسلم said:

أَلاَ أَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَى مَا يَمْحُو اللَّهُ بِهِ الْخَطَايَا وَيَرْفَعُ بِهِ الدَّرَجَاتِ قَالُوا بَلَى يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ إِسْبَاغُ الْوُضُوءِ عَلَى الْمَكَارِهِ

Shall I not tell you of something by which Allah erases sins and raises ranks? They said: "Yes, O Messenger of Allah." He said: "Performing ablution thoroughly despite difficulties... [Jami` at-Tirmidhi 51: Grade: Sahih]

Difficulties may include severe cold, bodily pain, hot water, or similar circumstances.

Ablution which is repeated multiple times a day is a protective shield, by Allah's command, that keeps the hands clean from filth, the forearms from dirt, the mouth from foulness, the nose from what clings to it, the eyes from discharge, and the feet from unpleasant odors. Moreover, it cools the body's heat, removes sluggishness and lethargy, and revitalizes the body, making one fit to perform prayer properly. This is difficult in a state of laziness and lethargy that often follows bodily excretions. The one who is holding back urine, feces, or gas is like a sick person; each of them is discouraged from praying in such a state, based on the saying of the Prophet

لاَ صَلاَةَ بِحَضْرَةِ الطَّعَامِ وَلاَ وَهُوَ يُدَافِعُهُ الأَخْبَثَانِ

No prayer should be performed in the presence of food or when one is resisting the two unclean things (urine and feces). [Muslim 560a]

When the Muslim performs ablution, all that is removed, and they become active and refreshed.

Furthermore, this renewed ablution reminds us of a great blessing that Allah has bestowed upon His servants-the blessing of pure water:

وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

Al-Anbiya (21) 30: And We made from water every living thing. Then will they not believe?

And Allah Almighty said:

وَأَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً طَهُورًا

Al-Furqan (25) 48: And We have sent down from the sky pure water.

This is so it may quench thirst, grow crops, increase livestock, purify bodies, and bring beauty to appearances.

أَقُولُ مَا تَسْمَعُونَ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الغَفُورُ 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

الحَمْدُ لِلَهِ, وَالصّلَاةُ وَالسّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللهِ , وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَا الله وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنّ مُحَمّداً عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ

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 ablution is of great importance and a significant matter. It is not limited solely to removing minor impurities or when intending to pray; rather, it is prescribed in many situations beyond prayer, such as when angry, and when going to sleep.

As the Messenger of Allah عليةوسلم said to Al-Bara 'ibn 'Azib:

إِذَا أَتَيْتَ مَضْجَعَكَ فَتَوَضَّأْ وَضُوءَكَ لِلصَّلاَةِ

If you go to your bed, perform ablution as you would for prayer. [Al-Bukhari 6311]

It is also prescribed when eating for the one who is in a state of major ritual impurity (janabah). 'Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) said:

كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم إِذَا كَانَ جُنُبًا فَأَرَادَ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ أَوْ يَنَامَ تَوَضَّأَ وُضُوءَهُ لِلصَّلاَةِ

When the Messenger of Allah ﷺ was in a state of major ritual impurity and wanted to eat or sleep, he would perform ablution as he would for prayer. [Muslim 305b]

He صلى الله also said, as narrated by Muslim:

إِذَا أَتَى أَحَدُكُمْ أَهْلَهُ ثُمَّ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَعُودَ فَلْيَتَوَضَّأْ

If one of you is intimate with his wife and then wants additional intimacy with her, let him perform ablution. [Muslim 308]

Ablution is also prescribed for the one who gives the evil eye (al-'ain). The water from their wudu is poured over the one who is afflicted from them.

It is narrated that Sahl ibn Hunayf bathed and he removed a garment he was wearing. 'Amir ibn Rabi'ah was looking at him, and Sahl was a man with beautiful clear skin. 'Amir said: "I have never seen the like of what I see today, not even the skin of a maiden." Sahl immediately fell ill. The Messenger of Allah عيدولله was informed about this and said:

عَلاَمَ يَقْتُلُ أَحَدُكُمْ أَخَاهُ أَلاَّ بَرَّكْتَ إِنَّ الْعَيْنَ حَقٌّ تَوَضَّأْ لَهُ

Why would one of you kill his brother? If you see something of your brother that you like, then pray for blessing for him. The evil eye is real. Perform ablution for him. [Malik in Al-Muwatta 2/938, Grade: Sound Chain (Albani)]

So 'Amir performed ablution and the water from it was poured over Sahl. Then Sahl recovered and left with the Prophet عيهوسلم.

May Allah benefit us and you with the guidance of His Book and the Sunnah of His Prophet عليه وسلي الله. Indeed Allah is All Hearing, Answering.

هَذَا وَصَلُّوا وَسَلِّمُوا عَلَى نَبِيِّكُم كَمَا أَمَرَكُمْ بِذلِكَ رَبُّكُمْ ، فَقَالَ

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

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَا بِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيَّ 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 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 سَأَلَكَ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ الْجَنَّة وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ اللَّهُ مَا عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ عَمَلٍ وَنَعْوَذُ بِكَ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ عَمْلُكَ عَبْدُكَ مَنْ الشَّرِ عُلَيْهُمُ إِنَّا مَنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ اللَّهُمَ اللَّهُمَ عَائَ اللَّهُمَ الْكَهُمَ عَيْرَ مَا عَمَانَ عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُعُنَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ التَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ

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

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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.

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.