

Love of the Prophet

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:

Indeed consciousness of Allah - exalted be He is a provision for the believer in this world, and salvation and elevation on the Day of Resurrection. Through it, sustenance is obtained, and distress is removed.

Allah Almighty said:

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ

Talaq (65) 2-3: (2) **And whoever fears Allāh - He will make for him a way out (3) And will provide for him from where he does not expect.**

And Allah Almighty said:

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِ يُسْرًا

Talaq (65) 4: **And whoever fears Allāh - He will make for him of his matter ease.**

It is from the generosity and blessings of Allah Almighty upon His servants that He has granted them hearts that carry religious affection with which they ascend to Him Almighty if they nurture and fill them with His love and the love of His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم and do not separate between these two loves in word, deed, and thought.

Indeed, the love of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم is part of the love of Allah, and someone who does not love His Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم does not love Allah even if they make the sternest of oaths that they love Allah. For Allah - the Exalted and Glorious - says:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ

Al Imran (3) 31: **Say, [O Muḥammad], "If you should love Allāh, then follow me, [so] Allāh will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allāh is Forgiving and Merciful**

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم is the leader of the children of Adam. He is the guided mercy and the bestowed blessing. Whoever obeys him has obeyed Allah. Allah Almighty said:

مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ

An Nisa (4) 80: **He who obeys the Messenger has obeyed Allāh.**

And whoever pledges allegiance to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم is actually pledging allegiance to Allāh. Allah Almighty said:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُبَايِعُونَكَ إِنَّمَا يُبَايِعُونَ اللَّهَ يَدُ اللَّهِ فَوْقَ أَيْدِيهِمْ

Fath (48) 10: **Indeed, those who pledge allegiance to you, [O Muḥammad] - they are actually pledging allegiance to Allāh. The hand of Allāh is over their hands.**

And the Prophet's صلى الله عليه وسلم judgment is from the judgment of Allah. Allah Almighty said:

فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ حَتَّى يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِيمَا شَجَرَ بَيْنَهُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَجِدُوا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ حَرَجًا مِمَّا قَضَيْتَ وَيُسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

Nisa (4) 65: **But no, by your Lord, they will not [truly] believe until they make you, [O Muḥammad], judge concerning that over which they dispute among themselves and then find within themselves no discomfort from what you have judged and submit in [full, willing] submission.**

The elevation of the Ummah, its strength, honor, and eminence all depend upon the extent of their love for the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم in word and deed, both outwardly and inwardly. Whoever reads the history of the Ummah, which is full of victory, empowerment, and elevation, will be convinced of the truth of this matter.

If a community's love for the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم weakens and its support for him صلى الله عليه وسلم diminishes, it is deserving of humiliation and degradation, and other communities will prevail over it. How not, when the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم says:

لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّى أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ وَلَدِهِ وَوَالِدِهِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ

None of you has believed until I am dearer to him than his son, his father and all the people. [Muslim 44b]

And Allah Almighty said:

وَلَنْ يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ سَبِيلًا

Nisa (4) 141: **And never will Allāh give the disbelievers over the believers a way [to overcome them].**

Whoever reflects upon this verse and this hadith will realize that whoever loves the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم has believed, and whoever believes, the disbelievers will have no way over them, whether they are individuals or communities.

It does not follow from this that if the Ummah weakens due to a lack of complete love and support for the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, it is evidence of their hatred for him. No, this is a misunderstanding. Rather, what is meant is the absence of perfect love that makes his command, judgment, and support take precedence over everything else. For evils are present to the extent of deficiencies in the complete love for him صلى الله عليه وسلم. Allah Almighty says:

فَلْيَحْذَرِ الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ أَنْ تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

Nur (24) 63: **So let those beware who dissent from his [i.e., the Prophet's] order, lest fitnah strike them or a painful punishment.**

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم held Umar's hand, and Umar said to him: "O Messenger of Allah! You are more beloved to me than anything except myself." The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

لَا وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ حَتَّى أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ نَفْسِكَ فَقَالَ لَهُ عُمَرُ فَإِنَّهُ الْآنَ وَاللَّهِ،
لَأَنْتَ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ نَفْسِي، فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ الْآنَ يَا عُمَرُ

No, by Him in Whose Hand my soul is, (you will not have complete faith) till I am dearer to you than your own self. Then `Umar said to him, "Now,

by Allah, you are dearer to me than my own self." The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, Now, O Umar (you are a believer). [Bukhari 6632]

The love of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم is not a fanciful notion, nor is it an unbearable obligation. Rather, it is spirituality, relaxation, and happiness that only those granted it can feel. Only those with dead hearts will be indifferent to it or belittle it. This is the characteristic of the hard-hearted, the cruel, and those dedicated to this worldly life who fill their hearts with things that distract them from him صلى الله عليه وسلم. Allah (Glory be to Him) has linked the happiness of both worlds to following him صلى الله عليه وسلم, and has linked the misery of both worlds to disobeying him صلى الله عليه وسلم. For his followers there is guidance, security, and success, honor and sufficiency, pleasure and guardianship, support, and a good life in this world and the hereafter. And for his opposers, there is humiliation, pettiness, fear, misguidance, betrayal, and misery in this world and the Hereafter.

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:

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Be conscious of Allah and know that loving the Prophet ﷺ without following him is nothing but a mere claim that does not go beyond the throat of its claimant. How is it possible that the arrogant have love of the Prophet ﷺ?! And the Prophet ﷺ was the best of those who humbled himself for Allah.

How is it possible that wrongdoers love him ﷺ?! And he ﷺ was the most just of people.

And where is the love of the traitor.. and where is the love of the thief.. and that of the killer.. and many others?!

Is it not disappointing and a loss that inanimate objects and animals are more conscious of his prophetic station than some humans who have minds and reasoning abilities ?!

Indeed, the Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنِّي لَأَعْرِفُ حَجْرًا بِمَكَّةَ كَانَ يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيَّ قَبْلَ أَنْ أُبْعَثَ إِنِّي لَأَعْرِفُهُ الْآنَ

I know a stone in Mecca that used to greet me before I was sent; I know it now. [Muslim 2277]

And Ali ibn Abi Talib, may Allah be pleased with him, narrated:

كُنْتُ مَعَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِمَكَّةَ فَخَرَجْنَا فِي بَعْضِ نَوَاحِيهَا فَمَا اسْتَقْبَلَهُ جَبَلٌ وَلَا شَجَرٌ إِلَّا وَهُوَ يَقُولُ: السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ

I was with the Prophet ﷺ in Mecca, and we came out to some of its niches, and there was no mountain or tree that did not greet him saying: Peace be upon you, O Messenger of Allah. [Tirmithi 3626, Grade: Sahih (Albani)]

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And if you marvel, at the greetings of the inanimate objects and their longing for him صلى الله عليه وسلم, marvel at when the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم entered a garden belonging to a man from the Ansar and saw a camel, which upon seeing the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم affectionally shed tears. Then the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم descended, wiped his chest and back and said: “Who owns this camel?” A young man from the Ansar came and said: “It is I.” He said:

أَلَا تَتَّقِي اللَّهَ فِي هَذِهِ الْبَهِيمَةِ الَّتِي مَلَكَكَ اللَّهُ إِيَّاهَا فَإِنَّهُ شَكَكَ إِلَيَّ وَزَعَمَ أَنَّكَ تُجِيعُهُ وَتُدْبِبُهُ

Do you not fear Allah regarding this animal that Allah has made for you? For it has complained to me and claimed that you are starving it and overburdening it. [Abu Dawood 2549, Grade: Sahih (Arnaout)]

Are people not ashamed to hear the magnification of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم from animals, while they are incapable of venerating him, leading them to falter in supporting him and protecting his honor from mockery and criticism of his Sunnah and his ordainments.

Al-Hasan al-Basri said: “O assembly of Muslims! The wood longs for the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم with longing to meet him. You are more deserving of longing for him.”

So how can the one who does not love him صلى الله عليه وسلم, long for him?! And how can the one who does not support him, long for him?! And how can the one who feels burdened by his commands and prohibitions long for him ?!

We ask Allah to make us among those who love and support the Prophet. Indeed Allah is All Hearing, Answering.

هَذَا وَصَلُّوا وَسَلِّمُوا عَلَى نَبِيِّكُمْ كَمَا أَمَرَكُمْ بِذَلِكَ رَبُّكُمْ , فَقَالَ

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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

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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 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.