

## The Transgression of Humankind

### 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:

Fear Allah, O Muslims, and be ever conscious of Allah Almighty in private and in public. Allah Almighty said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَخْفَى عَلَيْهِ شَيْءٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ \* هُوَ الَّذِي يُصَوِّرُكُمْ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ كَيْفَ يَشَاءُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

Ali 'Imran (3) verses 5-6: **(5) Indeed, from Allah nothing is hidden in the earth nor in the heaven. (6) It is He who forms you in the wombs however He wills. There is no deity except Him, the Exalted in Might, the Wise.**

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The Creator Almighty, by His wisdom and knowledge, created this universe, both its higher and lower realms, its visible and hidden aspects, and placed within it angels, humans, jinn, animals, plants, inanimate objects, and other creations known only to Him. All of this for a single purpose—without a second—and for one supreme reality—with no reality beyond that. That servitude is dedicated to Allah alone, to affirm His Lordship and His sole Divinity, and to acknowledge their utter need of Him Almighty, and to submit fully to Him, may He be glorified. For the children of Adam, unlike the rest of creation, this can only be accomplished through professing faith with both the tongue and the heart, and by actions of both the heart and the limbs simultaneously. Moreover, complete servitude to Allah cannot be attained unless it embodies the utmost humility and devotion combined with the utmost love for Allah, may He be exalted.

If one reflects upon many of the creatures of this visible world, one realizes that they have not been given the same level of attention, nurturing, privilege and stewardship that humankind has received. Nor have they been given the same responsibilities as the children of Adam. Rather, Allah made them subservient and availed them for humankind's benefit. Allah Almighty said:

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا

Al-Baqarah (2) verse 29: **It is He who created for you all of that which is on the earth.**

Nevertheless, these creatures—apart from the children of Adam—are complete in their servitude of Allah Exalted, their submission to Him, and their humility before His Lordship, and Divinity, except for certain disobedient creatures such as the devils, sinful jinn, and certain animals such as the gecko (lizard). Concerning the gecko, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم commanded that the gecko should be killed saying:

كَانَ يَنْفُخُ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ

**It used to blow (upon the flames of the fire) upon Abraham, peace be upon Him.** [Bukhari 3359, Muslim 2237]

Yet even these—despite their disobedience—do not reach the level of disobedience found in some of the children of Adam. This is because there are those among the children of Adam who have declared: “I am your Lord, Most High,” those who say: “Indeed, Allah is the Messiah, son of Mary,” those who state: “Allah is the third of three,” and those who say about the Quran: “This is nothing but the word of a human.” And there are those who say: “Allah’s hand is shackled,” and others who state: “Allah is poor while we are rich.”

The transgression and arrogance of mankind extends so far that there are those who say: “The Islamic Shariah is not suitable for every time and place,” or: “Religion must be separated from civil affairs,” or those who describe religion as backwards, or describe the prescribed punishments and penalties as savage and harsh, or claim that it restricts women, oppresses them, and smothers their identity. While others claim that a woman’s freedom and emancipation is only realized by her departing from the boundaries set by her Lord.

Allah Exalted confirms the reality that some of the children of Adam, among all other creation, disobey and refuse to be servants of Allah who created them and formed them. He Almighty says:

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَسْجُدُ لَهُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ وَالنُّجُومُ وَالْجِبَالُ  
وَالشَّجَرُ وَالْدَّوَابُّ وَكَثِيرٌ مِّنَ النَّاسِ وَكَثِيرٌ حَقَّ عَلَيْهِ الْعَذَابُ

Al-Hajj (22) verse 18: **Do you not see that to Allah prostrates whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth—the sun, the moon, the stars, the mountains, the trees, the moving creatures, and many of the people? But upon many the punishment has been justified.**

In order for us to reach one goal, which is to realize our servitude to Allah Almighty, while some are negligent and disdainful, and some obey Allah but are overcome by self-admiration— it is fitting to mention some examples of Allah’s creations, the Most High, to prove through their

actions the vast gap between us and them in the perfection of servitude to Allah and absolute obedience to Him.

Among these examples is what Allah inspired in the hoopoe of Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) of tawhid and condemnation of associating partners with Allah in His Divinity. This is demonstrated by what Allah Exalted relates upon the hoopoe's tongue:

وَجَدْتُهَا وَقَوْمَهَا يَسْجُدُونَ لِلشَّمْسِ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَزَيْنَ لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَعْمَالَهُمْ فَصَدَّهُمْ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ فَهُمْ لَا يَهْتَدُونَ (24) أَلَا يَسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي يُخْرِجُ الْخَبَاءَ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا تُخْفُونَ وَمَا تُعْلِنُونَ (25) اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

An-Naml (27) verses 24-26: **(24) I found her and her people prostrating to the sun instead of Allah, and Satan has made their deeds pleasing to them and averted them from [His] way, so they are not guided (25) [And] so they do not prostrate to Allah, who brings forth what is hidden within the heavens and the earth and knows what you conceal and what you declare. (26) Allah—there is no deity except Him, Lord of the Great Throne.**

Also, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم once passed by a funeral and said:

مُسْتَرِيحٌ وَمُسْتَرَاخٌ مِنْهُ. قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ مَا الْمُسْتَرِيحُ وَالْمُسْتَرَاخُ مِنْهُ قَالَ الْعَبْدُ الْمُؤْمِنُ يَسْتَرِيحُ مِنَ النَّصَبِ الدُّنْيَا وَأَذَاهَا إِلَى رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ وَالْعَبْدُ الْفَاجِرُ يَسْتَرِيحُ مِنَ الْعِبَادِ وَالْبِلَادِ وَالشَّجَرِ وَالذَّوَابِّ

**One at rest and one who others are at rest from. They (the Companions) asked: "O Messenger of Allah, what is 'one at rest' and 'one who others are at rest from'?" He said: A believing servant finds rest from the difficulties of the world and its harm, moving on to the mercy of Allah, while a corrupt person is one whom the people, places, trees, and animals find rest from. [Al-Bukhari 6512]**

So note how the trees and animals are harmed by an immoral person and by the corruption and destruction that they bring about upon earth,

openly defying Allah. The evil consequences of their sins are not limited to the children of Adam alone.

On the other hand, some animals rejoice in religious adherence. They feel its effect upon the children of Adam and the blessing that it brings to the earth. That is why they supplicate for such people, invoke blessings upon them, and seek forgiveness for them. The Prophet ﷺ said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ وَأَهْلَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ حَتَّى النَّمْلَةَ فِي جُحْرِهَا وَحَتَّى الْحُوتَ لَيُصَلُّونَ  
عَلَى مُعَلِّمِ النَّاسِ الْخَيْرِ

**Indeed, Allah and His angels and the inhabitants of the heavens and the earth—even the ant in its hole and the fish—send blessings upon (and supplicate for) those who teach people good.** [Tirmithi 2685, Grade: Sahih (Albani)]

In fact, all animals fear the Day of Resurrection and are terrified of the arrival of the Hour, dreading its awe and hardships. The Prophet ﷺ said:

مَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ مِنْ دَابَّةٍ إِلَّا وَهِيَ تُصْبِحُ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ مُصِيحَةً حَتَّى تَطْلُعَ الشَّمْسُ شَفَقًا مِنْ  
السَّاعَةِ إِلَّا ابْنَ آدَمَ

**There is no creature on earth that does not listen attentively (in fear) every Friday from daybreak until the sun rises, fearing the Hour—except the child of Adam.** [Sunan an-Nasa'i 1430, Grade: Sahih]

So note how the creatures and the firmly rooted mountains glorify the praises of Allah, fear Him, tremble before Him, and are appalled by disbelief in Him or attributing a son to Him, Glorified and Exalted is He. Allah Almighty said:

تَكَادُ السَّمَاوَاتُ يَتَفَطَّرْنَ مِنْهُ وَتَنْشَقُّ الْأَرْضُ وَتَخِرُّ الْجِبَالُ هَدًّا (90) أَنْ دَعَوْا لِلرَّحْمَنِ وَلَدًا  
(91) وَمَا يَنْبَغِي لِلرَّحْمَنِ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ وَلَدًا

Maryam (19) verses 90-92: **(90) The heavens almost rupture therefrom, and the earth splits open and the mountains collapse in devastation (91) That they attribute to the Most Merciful a son. (92) And it is not appropriate for the Most Merciful that He should take a son.**

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The heavens, earth and mountains feared their Lord and Creator when He offered them the Trust of responsibility, and they declined to bear it. Allah even tells us that, if the Quran were sent down upon these mountains, they would split apart from the fear of Allah.

So how astonishing it is that a mere piece of flesh is even harder than solid rock. They hear the verses of Allah recited, yet remain defiant and arrogant, as if they never heard them at all, as if there is deafness in their ears. They neither soften nor show humility. Allah Almighty said:

أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَتَكُونَ لَهُمْ قُلُوبٌ يَعْقِلُونَ بِهَا أَوْ آذَانٌ يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا فَإِنَّهَا لَا تَعْمَى الْأَبْصَارُ وَلَكِن تَعْمَى الْقُلُوبُ الَّتِي فِي الصُّدُورِ

Al-Hajj (22) verse 46: **Have they not traveled through the land so that they may have hearts by which to reason and ears by which to hear? For indeed, it is not eyes that are blinded, but blinded are the hearts which are within the breasts.**

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 forgives 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:

Fear Allah, and properly magnify and revere Him. Reflect upon the perfect servitude of inanimate objects, plants, and animals to Allah the Most High, even though they are less favored and honored than you.

Recognize the elevated status of the children of Adam by virtue of this privilege of stewardship on earth. Preserve this precious gem through true servitude to Allah, and protect it from being tarnished by the evil of sins and from the vileness of neglectful disobedience. And beware lest sins cause you to fall from the heights to the lowest of depths, subjecting you along the way to the elements, such that birds snatch you away or winds hurl you to a remote place. Allah the Exalted says:

ذَلِكَ وَمَنْ يُعَظِّمْ شَعَائِرَ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّهَا مِنْ تَقْوَى الْقُلُوبِ

Al-Hajj (22) verse 32: **That [is so]. And whoever honors the symbols of Allah—indeed, it is from the piety of hearts.**

The more that a person humbles themselves before Allah and acknowledges their utter need of Him Almighty and submits to Him, the nearer they will be to Him, the more honorable they will be and the greater their status will be. The happiest of people are those with the most servitude to Allah. Ibn Majah (may Allah have mercy on him) reported in his Hadith collection that the Prophet ﷺ said:

يَقُولُ اللَّهُ سُبْحَانَهُ يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ تَفَرَّغْ لِعِبَادَتِي أَمْلَأُ صَدْرَكَ غِنًى وَأَسَدُّ فَقْرَكَ وَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلْ  
مَلَأْتُ صَدْرَكَ شُغْلًا وَلَمْ أُسَدِّ فَقْرَكَ

**Allah the Exalted says: O son of Adam, devote yourself to My worship, and I will fill your heart with contentment and alleviate your poverty; but if you do not do that, then I will fill your heart with worldly concerns and will not alleviate your poverty.** [Sunan Ibn Majah 4107, Grade:Hasan]

O Allah, aid us in remembering You, expressing gratitude to You, and worshiping You in the best manner.

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.