



****Tawakkul (Reliance on Allah) and Optimism in Times of Trials and Tribulations****

****Friday Khutbah (Broadcasted and Distributed)****

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All praise is due to Allah, Who is Unique in His Divinity and Everlastingness, and Who alone deserves all thanks and praise.

I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah, Alone without any partner, the Possessor of Might and Majesty.

And I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger, the best of mankind, and the purest of all messengers and prophets.

May Allah send His peace and blessings upon him, upon his pure family, his righteous and pious companions, and upon all those who follow them in righteousness until the Day of Calling and Recompense.

****To proceed:****

Fear Allah—O brothers in faith—and fill your hearts with contentment with the decree of the Most Gracious, and with good expectations of the judgment of the Sovereign Judge.

For he who hopes in his Lord and Master will never be disappointed, and he who seeks refuge in His protection will never be defeated.

Allah the Almighty says:

> **"And indeed We sent before you (O Muhammad) Messengers to their own people. They came to them with clear proofs, then, We took vengeance on those who committed crimes (disbelief, setting partners in worship with Allah, sins, etc.); and (as for) the believers it was incumbent upon Us to help (them)." [Ar-Rum: 47]

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****O Assembly of Muslims:****

Indeed, the pages of life constantly turn between good and evil, ease and hardship, tossing its people from one state to another: expansion and restriction, joy and adversity.

Life is filled with calamities, afflictions, and trials, as Allah the Almighty says:

> **"And Certainly, We shall test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to As-Sabirin (the patient ones, etc.)." [Al-Baqarah: 155]

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Since Allah created this worldly life, it has never remained in a single state, but rather rotates people through various paths.

As the poet said:

> *Eight states pass over all mankind,*

- > ***And every human must encounter these eight:***
- > ***Joy and sorrow, gathering and parting,***
- > ***Ease and hardship, then sickness and well-being.***
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It is no secret that today we are living through extraordinary situations and exceptional circumstances.

War is inherently disliked and blameworthy; it is never resorted to except out of necessity—to protect religion, lives, wealth, and to safeguard honor and homelands.

In the Hadith of ‘Abdullah ibn Abi Awfa (may Allah be pleased with him), the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

- > ****"O people, do not desire to meet the enemy, and ask Allah for well-being. But if you meet them, be patient, and know that Paradise is under the shadows of swords."** [Agreed Upon]**
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Under such conditions, a person is not immune to feeling a degree of despair creeping into their heart.

That very despair paralyzes resolve, defeats men, shakes emotions, and shatters hopes.

How desperately we need optimism to lift these heavy burdens!

****Brothers in Islam:****

Whoever contemplates the guidance of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) will find his eager keenness on optimism.

He gives glad tidings in times of fear, and spreads hope in times of despair and hopelessness, so that souls do not fall into frustration.

In Sahih Al-Bukhari, Khabbab ibn Al-Aratt (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

> I came to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) while he was reclining on his cloak in the shade of the Ka'bah. We had suffered severe persecution from the pagans. I said: "O Messenger of Allah, will you not pray to Allah for us?" He sat up with his face turned red and said: **"Among those who came before you, a man would have an iron comb driven through his flesh and nerves down to his bones, yet that would not turn him away from his religion. A saw would be placed on the middle of his head and he would be sawn in two, yet that would not turn him away from his religion. By Allah, Allah will surely complete this matter (Islam) until a traveler can ride from Sana'a to Hadhramaut fearing nothing except Allah, or the wolf for his sheep."**

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And here is our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in times of hardship, giving glad tidings to 'Adi ibn Hatim (may Allah be pleased with him) before his conversion to Islam, informing him of a great future for this religion.

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

> **"I know what prevents you from entering Islam. You say: 'Only the weak and powerless people follow him, whom the Arabs have cast out.' Do you know Al-Hirah?" I replied: "I have not seen it, but I have heard of it." He said: **"By Him in Whose Hand is my soul, Allah will surely complete this matter until a woman riding a camel travels alone from Al-Hirah to circumambulate the House (the Ka'bah) without fearing anyone except Allah. And the treasures of Chosroes, son of**

Hormizd, will surely be conquered." I asked: "Chosroes, son of Hormizd?" He said: **"Yes, Chosroes, son of Hormizd. And wealth will be given away so abundantly that no one will accept it."****

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‘Adi ibn Hatim said:

> **"And I have indeed seen the woman riding a camel travel from Al-Hirah until she circumambulated the House without needing anyone's protection. And I was among those who conquered the treasures of Chosroes, son of Hormizd. And by Him in Whose Hand is my soul, the third prophecy will surely come to pass, because the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has spoken it."**
[Narrated by Imam Ahmad, authenticated by Shu'aib Al-Arna'ut]

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****Servants of Allah:****

In great, earth-shaking situations, when distress intensifies, and the situation becomes as Allah described His believing servants during the Battle of the Trench:

> ****"When they came upon you from above you and from below you, and when the eyes grew wild and the hearts reached to the throats, and you were harboring doubts about Allah. There, the believers were tried and shaken with a mighty shaking."** [Al-Ahzab: 10-11]**

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During such times, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) firmly rooted optimism in hearts—after placing reliance upon the Knower of the Unseen, and taking all available worldly means of defense.

This is how true men of faith act: they transform pain into hope, pessimism into optimism, hardship into ease, and trials into blessings.

Thus, life becomes sweet despite adversity and hardships!

Allah the Almighty says:

> *"And be patient (O Muhammad), and your patience is not but by Allah. And grieve not over them (polytheists and pagans), and be not distressed because of what they plot."** [An-Nahl: 127]**

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May Allah bless me and you through the Glorious Qur'an, and benefit me and you with the verses and the Wise Remembrance it contains.

I say this statement of mine, and I seek forgiveness from Allah the Magnificent for me and for you, so ask His forgiveness.

Indeed, He is the Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

**The Second Khutbah**

Praise be to Allah.

I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah, Exalted in His Majesty.

And I bear witness that our Prophet Muhammad is His slave, Messenger, and Chosen One.

May Allah send His peace and blessings upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who follow him.

****To proceed:****

Fear Allah—servants of Allah—and draw near to Him through what He loves and is pleased with.

There is nothing more beloved to Allah than performing acts of obedience to Him and showing goodness to His servants.

Allah the Almighty will never abandon anyone who upholds these two values.

Allah the Almighty says:

> **"Verily, Allah will help those who help His (Cause). Truly, Allah is All-Strong, All-Mighty. Those (Muslim rulers) who, if We give them power in the land, (they) order for Iqamat-as-Salat [i.e. to perform the five compulsory congregational Salat (prayers) (the males in mosques)], to pay the Zakat and they enjoin Al-Ma'ruf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do), and forbid Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism and all that Islam has forbidden) [i.e. they make the Qur'an as the law of their country in all the spheres of life]. And with Allah rests the end of (all) matters (of creatures)]. [Al-Hajj: 40-41]**

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Abu Ad-Darda (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) say:

> **"Seek out for me the weak among you, for you are only given provision and granted victory because of the weak among you." [Narrated by Imam Ahmad, authenticated by Shu'aib Al-Arna'ut]**

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****Brothers in Faith:****

Indeed, speaking with pessimism about the state of the Ummah weakens the resolve of Muslims and brings sorrow and despair.

So beware of repeating words of helplessness, or entertaining bad thoughts about Allah.

Do not harbor bad thoughts about Allah, and beware of being like those whom Allah the Almighty condemned when He said:

> *"Nay, but you thought that the Messenger (Muhammad) and the believers would never return to their families; and that was made fair-seeming in your hearts, and you thought an evil thought and you became a useless people that were doomed to destruction!"** [Al-Fath: 12]**

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(Bur'an: Plural of Ba'ir, referring to a destroyed, pessimistic, and defeated person).

In Sahih Muslim, Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

> *"If a man says: 'The people are destroyed,' then he is the one who destroys them the most."****

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O Allah, make faith beloved to us and beautify it in our hearts, and make disbelief, wickedness, and disobedience hateful to us, and make us among the rightly guided.

O Allah, grant honor to Islam and Muslims, and humiliate polytheism and the polytheists.

O Allah, forgive the Muslim men and Muslim women, the believing men and believing women, those who are alive among them and those who have passed away.



O Allah, protect Kuwait and its people from all evil and harm, and make this country peaceful and secure, along with all other Muslim countries.

O Allah, protect our brothers stationed on the frontlines, the security forces, the armed forces, the National Guard, the fire department, and all those responsible for the country's security, and make their footsteps firm.

O Allah, guide our Amir and his Crown Prince to what You love and are pleased with, and take their forelocks toward righteousness and piety.

And our final supplication is that all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all the worlds.

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