



## Khutbah EID AL-FITR خطبة عيد الفطر

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### First Sermon

Indeed, all praise is due to Allah. We praise Him, seek His assistance, and ask for His forgiveness. We seek Allah's protection from the evil within ourselves and from the consequences of our bad deeds. Whomsoever Allah guides, no one can misguide, and whomsoever He leaves to go astray, none can guide. I testify that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah alone, without any partner, and I testify that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger.

As for what follows, indeed, the best speech is the Book of Allah, and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). The worst of matters are those newly introduced into religion, for every newly introduced matter is a religious innovation, every religious innovation is misguidance, and every misguidance leads to the Fire.

## **Servants of Allah,**

Be conscious of Allah as He truly deserves, hold firmly to Islam, and praise Allah for the blessing of completing the month. That, by Allah, is a true blessing. Your Lord says:

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﴿وَلْتَكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلْتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَاكُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ﴾

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*“...and [wants] for you to complete the period and to glorify Allah for that [to] which He has guided you; and perhaps you will be grateful.” [Al-Baqarah: 185]*

We have completed the period (of Ramadan), we have glorified Allah, and what remains upon us is the worship of gratitude.

## **O Muslims,**

Allah spoke the truth when He said: “for a limited number of days.” [Al-Baqarah: 184]. How quickly those days passed. They have gone and departed. Did you feel how they slipped away? Did you sense how swiftly they ended and moved on?

## **O believers,**

Congratulations to you. You fasted your month, you stood in prayer through its nights, and you lived to see its end — while there are those who died before ever reaching it. All praise is due to Allah for His blessings.

## **O Muslims,**

Congratulations to you on this joy that comes as our Eid arrives — at the close of fulfilling one of the pillars of Islam, the fast of Ramadan. You have been glorifying Allah, declaring His oneness and magnifying Him. Your good deeds have increased, your sins have been forgiven, and your ranks have been raised, by the permission of Allah.

## **Servants of Allah,**

It is from the wisdom of Allah that He legislated for us two Eids, each coming after a great occasion: Eid al-Fitr after the completion of our fast, and Eid al-Adha after the completion of the pilgrimage. Our Eids are both religious and worship — prayer and takbeer, purification of the soul and the giving of zakat al-fitr, joy and maintaining family ties, visits and love, forgiving what has passed and restoring relationships, and letting go of grudges and ill-feelings. So whoever has an estrangement or a severed tie with a relative or a friend should take the day of Eid as an opportunity to reconnect, return to good terms, and bring joy to the hearts of others.

### **O believers,**

Congratulations on this joy — a joy that comes as our Eid arrives, unlike the celebrations of others, the people of polytheism and misguidance, whose celebrations only increase them in sin and in distance from Allah.

### **Servants of Allah,**

Rejoice in these mercies. Allah, the Most High, says:

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﴿قُلْ بِفَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَبِرَحْمَتِهِ فَبِذَلِكَ فَلْيَفْرَحُوا﴾

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*“Say: In the bounty of Allah and in His mercy — in that let them rejoice.” [Yunus: 58]*

And ask Allah for more.

### **O Muslims,**

Adorn yourselves, beautify yourselves, and wear perfume. Imam Malik, may Allah have mercy on him, said: “I heard the scholars recommending perfume and adornment for every Eid.”<sup>1</sup>

### **O believers,**

Open your homes and your hearts. Make du‘a for one another that your deeds in Ramadan be accepted, and congratulate one another. The companions used to say to each other: “May Allah accept from us and from you.”

### **O Muslims,**

Forgiving what has passed is among the best of deeds. Allah has attached to it an unlimited reward, saying:

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﴿فَمَنْ عَفَا وَأَصْلَحَ فَأَجْرُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ﴾

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*“But whoever pardons and makes reconciliation — his reward is with Allah.” [Ash-Shura: 40]*

He promised the reward but did not specify it, so it is understood that the reward is immense.

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<sup>1</sup> Sharḥ al-Bukhārī by Ibn Rajab (6/68), Ibn al-Jawzī Edition – Dammam.

## O believers,

The purification of the soul is among the best of deeds. Allah has connected it to true success, saying:

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﴿قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا • وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهَا﴾

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“He has succeeded who purifies it. And he has failed who instills it with corruption.” [Ash-Shams: 9–10]

## Servants of Allah,

Among what adds to the joy of Eid is the repairing of social ties — renewing them, strengthening them, and cleansing the soul of any hatred or grudges accumulated over the year. Blessed is the one who uses Eid to reconcile between a separated couple, bring two estranged hearts together, restore happiness to the members of a family, pardon someone for wrongdoing, forgive a debt, or mend a severed tie between relatives.

*O Allah, all praise is due to You for the blessing of completing the month and reaching Eid. Make it a means of helping us in Your obedience. O Allah, grant us Your love and the love of every deed that draws us closer to You.*

I say these words and ask Allah for forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness — for indeed He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

## The Second Khutbah

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All praise is due to Allah alone, and may peace and blessings be upon the one after whom there is no prophet. As for what follows:

### Servants of Allah,

Know — may Allah have mercy on you — that the greatest joy is the day we meet Allah with righteous deeds. Allah says: “O people of Paradise!” They respond: “We are here, our Lord, ready and at Your service.” He says: “Are you pleased?” They say: “And why would we not be pleased when You have given us what You have not given to any of Your creation?” He says: “I will give you something better than that.” They say: “O Lord, what could be better than that?” He says: “I bestow upon you My pleasure, and I will never be angry with you after this.”<sup>2</sup>

### O believers,

Ramadan was an opportunity to correct your course and strengthen your relationship with Allah on a continuous basis. So let us continue in worship, for worship does not end with the end of Ramadan — it ends only with death. Allah says:

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﴿وَاعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ﴾

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“And worship your Lord until there comes to you the certainty [death].” [Al-Hijr: 99]

And the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

“The most beloved deeds to Allah are those that are consistent, even if they are few.”<sup>3</sup>

### O Muslims,

Continuing in righteous deeds after Ramadan is a sign of acceptance and divine guidance. Restricting worship to certain seasons shows limited knowledge and limited success. The Lord of Ramadan is the Lord of all months. One of the early scholars was asked about someone who strove in worship during Ramadan but abandoned it outside of it. He said: “How wretched are those people — they do not know Allah except in Ramadan.”

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<sup>2</sup> Narrated by Al-Bukhari (6549) and Muslim (2829) from Abu Sa‘id Al-Khudri (may Allah be pleased with him).

<sup>3</sup> Narrated by Al-Bukhari (5861) from Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her).

## O believers,

Among the finest qualities of a Muslim is to be among the **devout** — those who are steadfast and constant in worship. Allah praised those who possess this quality, saying:

﴿إِنَّ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْقَائِمِينَ وَالْقَائِمَاتِ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالصَّادِقَاتِ وَالصَّابِرِينَ وَالصَّابِرَاتِ وَالْخَاشِعِينَ وَالْخَاشِعَاتِ وَالْمُتَصَدِّقِينَ وَالْمُتَصَدِّقَاتِ وَالصَّائِمِينَ وَالصَّائِمَاتِ وَالْحَافِظِينَ فُرُوجَهُمْ وَالْحَافِظَاتِ وَالذَّاكِرِينَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا وَالذَّاكِرَاتِ أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا﴾

*“Indeed, the Muslim men and Muslim women, the believing men and believing women, the obedient men and obedient women, the truthful men and truthful women, the patient men and patient women, the humble men and humble women, the charitable men and charitable women, the fasting men and fasting women, the men who guard their private parts and the women who do so, and the men who remember Allah often and the women who do so — for them Allah has prepared forgiveness and a great reward.”*  
[Al-Ahzab: 35]

## Servants of Allah,

Fasting six days of Shawwal after Ramadan is a recommended Sunnah, and Allah has attached great reward to it. It was narrated by Abu Ayyūb Al-Ansari (May Allah be pleased with him) that Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

*“Whoever fasts Ramadan and then follows it with six days of Shawwal, it is as though he fasted the entire year.”<sup>4</sup>*

And among the important wisdoms of fasting these six days is that they compensate for any shortcoming that occurred in the obligatory fast of Ramadan. No person who fasts is free from some deficiency or sin that may have affected the quality of his fast, and so the voluntary fast serves to make up for that shortcoming.

*These are ten reflections that every Muslim should carry into Eid al-Fitr, so that their Eid becomes an act of worship and not merely a custom.*

**O Allah,** forgive us our sins and our excesses in our affairs.

**O Allah,** make us among those You have freed from the Fire. Make Paradise our abode and Firdaws our dwelling. Admit us into Paradise without reckoning or punishment, O Most Generous, O Most Bestowing.

<sup>4</sup> Narrated by Muslim (1164) from Abu Ayyub al-Ansari (may Allah be pleased with him).

**O Allah,** free us from the Fire and purify us of our sins as clean as the day our mothers gave birth to us.

**O Allah,** do not let this gathering disperse except with sins forgiven, deeds accepted, and efforts rewarded and appreciated.

**O Allah,** make our city safe and peaceful, abundant and prosperous, and likewise all the lands of the Muslims.

**O Allah,** make our Eid joyful, our lives comfortable, and bring back to us seasons of obedience and blessings while we and the Muslims are in health, wellbeing, and security.

**O Allah,** keep us steadfast upon righteous deeds after Ramadan and make us among the devout.

**O Allah,** send Your blessings upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad.

*Glorified is our Lord – the Lord of Might – above what they attribute to Him, and peace be upon the messengers. And all praise belongs to Allah, Lord of the worlds.*

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