Khutbah 5: Respecting and Caring for Our Parents

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First Khutbah — Arabic Opening

Innal hamda lillah,
nahmaduhu wa nasta‘eenuhu wa nastaghfiruhu,
wa na‘oodhu billahi min shuroori anfusina
wa min sayyi’aati a‘maalina.

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Man yah-dihi-llahu falaa mudilla lah,
wa man yud-lil falaa haadiya lah.

مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ، وَمَنْ يُضْلِلْ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Wa ash-hadu an laa ilaaha illallahu wahdahu laa shareeka lah,
wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan ‘abduhu wa rasooluh.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Yaa ay-yuhal-ladheena aamanut-taqul-laha haqqa tu-qaa-tihi
wa laa tamootunna illaa wa antum muslimoon.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Yaa ayyuhan-naasu-ttaqu rabbakumul-ladhee khalaqakum min nafsin waahidah,

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ،

▶ Listen to pronunciation

wa khalaqa minhaa zawjahaa,
wa baththa minhumaa rijaalan katheeran wa nisaa'aa.

وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا، وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Wattaqullahal-ladhee tasaa'aloona bihi wal-arhaam.
Innallaha kaana 'alaykum raqeebaa.

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Yaa ayyuhalladheena aamanu-ttaqullaha wa qooloo qawlan sadeedaa.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Yuslih lakum a'maalakum wa yaghfir lakum dhunoobakum.

يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Wa man yuti'illaha wa rasoolahu faqad faaza fawzan 'azeemaa.

وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Ammaa ba‘d.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Fa inna asdaqal hadeethi kitaabullah,

فَإِنَّ أَصْدَقَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ،

▶ Listen to pronunciation

wa khayral hadyi hadyu Muhammadin sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam,

وَخَيْرَ الْهَدْيِ هَدْيُ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ،

▶ Listen to pronunciation

wa sharral umoori muh-dathaa-tuhaa,
wa kulla muh-dathatin bid‘ah,
wa kulla bid‘atin dalaalah,
wa kulla dalaalatin fin-naar.

وَشَرَّ الْأُمُورِ مُحْدَثَاتُهَا، وَكُلَّ مُحْدَثَةٍ بِدْعَةٌ، وَكُلَّ بِدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ، وَكُلَّ ضَلَالَةٍ فِي النَّارِ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

First Khutbah — English

My dear brothers in Islam,

I advise myself first, and then all of you, to have taqwa of Allah. Remember that one day we will answer for how we treated the people in our lives.

Today's khutbah is about two people who have given us more than we could ever repay: our parents.

Think about the years they spent raising us. The sleepless nights, the worries when we were sick, and the things they went without so we could have what we needed.

When we were babies, we could not feed or dress ourselves. We could not even explain what was wrong when we cried. We depended on others for everything.

Yet something strange can happen as we grow older. The people who once cared for us with patience become the people we sometimes have the least patience with.

We become busy with work, our families and our phones. Sometimes we treat our parents as though they are interrupting our lives.

My dear brothers in Islam, respecting our parents is not only a good family tradition. It is a command from Allah.

Allah tells us in Surah Al-Isra, (verse 23), to worship Him alone and to be kind to our parents. He places kindness to parents alongside this great command.

Allah also tells us in that verse:

'say no word that shows impatience with them'

Think about our behaviour. Our mother repeats a question and we become annoyed. Our father needs help using his phone, and we lose patience. They may speak slowly, and we interrupt.

But how many times did they patiently teach us when we were children? How many times did they repeat something until we understood?

We should remember their patience when they need ours.

And respect is not only about the words we use. It is also about our tone. We can give a polite answer in a way that makes our parents feel like a burden.

Our parents should feel loved and valued, not afraid to ask us for help.

Allah says in Surah Luqman, (verse 14):

'Give thanks to Me and to your parents'

Some parents worked long hours. Some struggled with money but tried to protect their children from those worries. Some left their home countries to give their families a better life.

We may never know all their sacrifices, but Allah knows. And we should never forget them.

The Prophet Muhammad, Sallahu Alayhi wa Salam, taught us the special rights of our mothers. In Sahih al-Bukhari (Hadith 5971), a man asked who deserved his best treatment.

The Prophet, Sallahu Alayhi wa Salam, answered:

'Your mother.'

The man asked again, and he answered:

'Your mother.'

He asked a third time, and the answer was again:

'Your mother.'

When he asked a fourth time, the Prophet, Sallahu Alayhi wa Salam, answered:

'Your father.'

My dear brothers in Islam, our mothers have a special right to kindness because of what they went through carrying us, giving birth to us and raising us. Our fathers also deserve our respect and care.

Marriage and children bring new responsibilities, but they do not remove the rights of the parents who raised us.

Sometimes a simple phone call means so much. Sometimes they need help with shopping or an appointment. And sometimes they do not need anything except our time.

There may come a day when we wish our parents could call us just one more time.

Those who have lost a parent understand this. There may be visits they wish they had made, or words they wish they had said. But those opportunities cannot be brought back.

If your parents are alive, appreciate the time Allah has given you. Do not wait until they are gone to realise how precious they were.

The Prophet Muhammad, Sallahu Alayhi wa Salam, gave a serious warning in Sahih Muslim (Hadith 2551) about someone who reaches the time when one or both parents are old, yet fails to gain Paradise through treating them properly.

Think about that. An opportunity for Jannah may be right in front of us, within our own homes, through our care for our parents.

And caring for elderly parents is not always easy. They may become sick, forget things or need help with everyday activities. Sometimes they need the patience we once needed from them.

If we cannot provide all the care ourselves, we should still help make sure they are safe and treated with dignity.

My dear brothers in Islam, respecting our parents does not mean obeying them in something Allah has forbidden. We can refuse a wrong instruction while still speaking with respect. And if there is serious abuse or harm, we can take necessary steps to protect ourselves.

But we should never use disagreements as an excuse for cruelty, insults or injustice.

So ask yourself: when did I last visit my parents without staring at my phone? When did I last ask if they needed anything? When did I last sincerely make dua for them?

Allah teaches us in Surah Al-Isra, (verse 24):

'Lord, have mercy on them, just as they cared for me when I was little.'

May Allah forgive the times we have been impatient. May Allah help us treat our parents with kindness, grant comfort to those still alive, and have mercy on those who have passed away, Ameen.

End of First Khutbah — Seeking Forgiveness

Aqoolu qawlee haadhaa,
wa astaghfirullaha lee wa lakum,
wa li saa'i-ril muslimeena min kulli dhanb.
Fastaghfirooh, innahu huwal ghafoorur raheem.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Sit briefly between the two khutbahs.

Second Khutbah — Arabic Opening

Alhamdulillahi rabbil 'aalameen, was-salaatu was-salaamu 'alaa ashrafil anbiyaa'i wal mursaleen, nabiyyinaa Muhammadin, wa 'alaa aalihi wa sahbihi ajma'een.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى أَشْرَفِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمُرْسَلِينَ، نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Ash-hadu an laa ilaaha illallahu wahdahu laa shareeka lah, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa rasooluh. Ammaa ba'd.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Second Khutbah — English

My dear brothers in Islam,

Again, I advise myself and all of you to have taqwa of Allah.

We have spoken about the importance of respecting our parents. But the real benefit comes when we put these words into action.

If your parents are alive, call them. Visit them. Ask about their health. Offer help before they need to ask. And when they speak, give them your attention.

Sometimes the smallest acts mean the most: taking them to an appointment, bringing them food, helping with shopping or simply sitting and listening.

If you have brothers and sisters, share the responsibility of caring for your parents as fairly as you can. Do not leave everything to one person.

And if your parents have passed away, continue making dua for their forgiveness. Give charity on their behalf and keep good ties with their family and friends.

My dear brothers in Islam, parents must also think about the example they set. If our children see us being harsh with our parents, they may think it is normal. But when they see patience and respect, they learn what good character looks like.

One day our parents may leave this world, or we may leave before them. Only Allah knows.

So if you have hurt your parents, try to make things right. If you have neglected them, begin changing today. And if they are pleased with you, continue bringing them happiness.

Do not wait until you stand beside their graves wishing you had done more.

May Allah forgive our shortcomings towards our parents, reward them for every sacrifice, make us a comfort to them, and reunite our families in Jannah, Ameen.

Closing Dua — Arabic Transliteration

In-nal-laaha wa ma-laaa-e-ka-ta-hoo yu-sal-loo-na 'alan-na-bee, yaaa ay-yu-hal-la-thee-na aa-ma-noo sal-loo 'a-lay-hi wa sal-li-moo tas-lee-maa.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ، يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Allah humma Sali wa salam wa barik ala Muhammadin wa ala alley Muhammad

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Allahummaghfir lil-muslimeena wal-muslimaat, wal-mu'mineena wal-mu'minaat, al-ahyaa'i minhum wal-amwaat.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Rabbanaa zalamnaa anfusanaa, wa illam taghfir lanaa wa tarhamnaa, lanakoonanna minal-khaasireen.

رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنْفُسَنَا وَإِنْ لَمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Rabbanaa aatinaa fid-dunyaa hasanah, wa fil-aakhirati hasanah, wa qinaa 'adhaaban-naar.

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.

▶ Listen to pronunciation

Final Khutbah Closing

Ibaadallah,
innallaha ya’muru bil-‘adli
wal-ihsaani
wa eetaa’i dhil-qurbaa,
wa yanhaa ‘anil fahshaa’i wal-munkari wal-baghy.
Ya‘izukum la‘allakum tadhakkaroon.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ، وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.

▶ **Listen to pronunciation**

Wa akhiroo da3wanal humdoolilahi rubul Alameen.
Wa Aqimis-salaah.

وَآخِرُ دَعْوَانَا أَنِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ. وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ.

▶ **Listen to pronunciation**