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First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, Eid is a symbol of Islam. This is a day of giving thanks to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى because Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى gave us a chance to fast. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى gave us a chance to stand the nights. A month that He revealed the Qur'an so that we may recite it within it. Eid is a day of thanks and appreciation to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى because He assisted us with all of these things in Ramadan, without any might or power from ourselves.

Eid is a day of acceptance my brothers and sisters. Eid is a day of optimism my brothers and sisters. Optimism that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has accepted all of our prayers. And He has made us from the people of Jannah. And He has freed us from the fire. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى tells us within the context of siyaam:

"يُرِيدُ ٱللَّهُ بِكُمُ ٱلْيُسْرَ وَلا يُرِيدُ بِكُمُ ٱلْمُعْسْرَ وَلِتُكْمِلُواْ ٱلْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُواْ ٱللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَىٰكُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْنُكُرُونَ ٥٨٥

"Allah intends for you ease and does not intend for you hardship 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 (The Cow) 2:185

My brothers and sisters, this is our Eid. It is an Eid for the people of tawheed alone, because what other religion, worships Allah سُبُحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى alone for 29 or 30 days. What other religion fasts a whole month so that they may attain taqwa. Which other nation has an Eid after a month of dua and sabr. Which other nation stands long into the nights, supplicating to Allah سُبُحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى, reciting His words. Standing in front of Him with ruku and sujood. Which other nation obligates sadaqah, so that we can spread love and peace and

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cooperation within ourselves. Which other nation my brother and sisters seals the ties of kinship and brotherhood, like the day of Eid that you can see in front of us. It can only be the ummah of Muhammad مَلْفُهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّمَ tells us about this nation, being specific above all other nations:

"You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah" al-Imran (The Family of Imran, The House of Imran) 3:110

My brothers and sisters, celebrate this day because today is a day of shukr to Allah سُبُحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى Be proud of Allah سُبُحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى giving you this day. Be proud to be a Muslim today. All year long, people seek to have some kind of a celebration, some kind of celebration whether it is connected to their birth. Some kind of celebration whether it is connected to something haram, where there is no goodness in it. The Messenger of Allah مَلَى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has eradicated everything else and given you the two Eids in return".

Allah سُبُحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has eradicated all forms of jahaliyyah festivals. All forms of celebrations which are not permissible with yawmul Adha wa yawmul Fitr.

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On the day of Adha, the day of Adha and the Eid of Fitr. This is your day my brothers and sisters, the day of the people of tawheed. The day the people of Jannah can celebrate.

Ibn Rajab al Hanbali رَحِمَهُ ٱللهُ said:

وإنما كان يوم الفطر من رمضان عيدا لجميع الأمة

"The day of Eid is a day of celebration, as a festival for the whole Ummah"

But why?

لأنه تُعتق فيه أهل الكبائر من الصائمين من النار

Why do we celebrate Eid?

Ibn Rajab al Hanbali رَحِمَهُ ٱللهُ is saying here, "because the sinful ones, the people who are negligent. The everyday people who like me and you, have fasted a month, and without Allah سُبُحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى assistance, we would not be able to do so".

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But Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى assisted us and we have been expiated and Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has freed people who have fasted this month, from the fire.

فيلتحق فيه المذنبون بالأبرار

"And after being sinful before Ramadan, now they are celebrating on the day of Eid, because they are now joined and combined with the group of people who are pious"

That's why we have Eid my brothers and sisters. The sinful have been released from their chains. And the pious, who were pious before Ramadan, have been raised.

My brothers and sisters, there is an incident that we can benefit, that happened in the time of the Messenger My brothers and sisters, there is an incident that we can benefit, that happened in the time of the Messenger on the day of Eid, goes home and he finds young girls singing in the house of the Messenger of Allah مَلَّا اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّمَ So Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه entered and he was angry. And he said:

"Musical instruments of the Shaitan in the house of the Messenger of Allah "جَصَلَّى ٱللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالَّهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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He was telling these young girls to get out. Look at the response of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى ٱللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ He was telling these young girls to get out. Look at the response of the Messenger of Allah وَسَلَّمَ

"He says صَلَّى ٱللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ "leave them O Abu Bakr! Every nation has an Eid and today is our Eid"

The Messenger of Allah مَنْ عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّمَ explaining today's a day of celebration. Eid, where the best of Allah's creation مَنَّى الله عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّمَ elebrated, having the best of manners with his Lord but also with one another. In this narration my brothers and sisters, we can see that Eid is a day of appreciation and joy, because Allah سُنْحَانَهُ وَتَعَلَّى has aided us. Eid is a day of having happiness. Eid is a day of entering happiness amongst one another. Eid is a day of lenience and softness. Eid is a day of having good thoughts. Eid is a day of changing people's perceptions of one another. Eid is a day of sharing and gifting. Eid is a day where we are pleasant in our faces and in our behaviour towards one another.

Likewise my brothers and sisters, Eid is not a day of sinning. How can a group of people who have said they have worshipped Allah سُبُحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and hoped to be freed from the fire, conclude such a month with going back to the disobedience to Allah سُبُحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. Eid is not a dark day my brothers and sisters, where people are stingy and mean. Eid is not a day where people are rough and harsh. Eid as we can see in this narration from the Messenger of Allah, رضي الله عنه , is a day of kindness and mercy.

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There's another narration in Muslim and Ahmad, that the Prophet صَلَّى ٱللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was giving a khutbah one day on the day of Eid ul Fitr. And then he said صَلَّى ٱللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ during the khutbah:

لَتَعْلَمُ يَهُودُ

"Today is a day for the yahood who live amongst us in Medina"

أَنَّ في ديننَا فُسْحَةً

"So that they can know in our religion there is a lenience"

Eid ul Fitr is a day so that the kuffar can see the beauty and the joy that Muslims have.

إِنِّي أُرْسِلْتُ بِحَنِيفِيَّةٍ سَمْحَةٍ

"Surely I have been sent with an easy going religion, easy going monotheistic religion"

Ibn Hajar رَحِمَهُ ٱللهُ he said, "joy is a symbol of Eid. Eid is a symbol of our religion. So spread joy on this day and be proud to be from the followers of something which is great, which is the religion of Islam."

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My brothers and sisters, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى gave us Islam so that we can have Ramadan. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى gave us Islam, so that we can have Ramadan. And He gave us Ramadan, so we have taqwa in Islam. Eid is the joy of the servant who has felt the mercy of his Master. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى tells us in the Qur;an:

يَآأَيُّهَا ٱلرُّسُلُ كُلُوا مِنَ ٱلطَّيِّبَاتِ وَٱعْمَلُوا صَلِحًا ۖ إِنِّي بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ عَلِيمٌ ١٥

[Allah said], "O messengers, eat from the good foods and work righteousness. Indeed, I, of what you do, am Knowing" al-Mu'minun (The Believers) 23:51

وَإِنَّ هَادِةٍ أُمَتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَحِدَةً وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَٱتَّقُونِ ٢٥

"And indeed this, your religion, is one religion, and I am your Lord, so fear Me" al-Mu'minun (The Believers) 23:51

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Second Khutbah

Our Mawla, our Master spoke the truth سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى my brothers and sisters. He described the days of Ramadan as only being a few in number, He said سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى:

أَيَّامًا مَّعْدُودَات

"[Fasting for] a limited number of days" al-Baqarah (The Cow) 2:184

A number of days you can count and like a cool breeze, it touched us and it left.

My brothers and sisters, from the etiquettes of having a guest is that we honour the guest. We respect one another in their absence. We wish well when they part from one another. So how about a month that accompanied us and was good to us? How about a month that was kind to us and we benefited from it.

My brothers and sisters, people worried before they started Ramadan. Wallahi my brothers and sisters, we should be worried for ourselves without Ramadan. The Lord of Ramadan my brothers and sisters is the same Lord for all the other months, and seeking taqwa remains the objective. Eating during the day in Ramadan is more sinful than eating haram outside of Ramadan. Drinking water in Ramadan, something which is permissible is more sinful than having intoxicants outside of Ramadan. Fulfilling your desires with your spouse inside of Ramadan, something which is normally permissible, is more sinful than haram relationships outside of Ramadan. And these facts are true my brothers and sisters. Then when we can

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realise that Ramadan has parted with us, our guest has left behind a really good impression on us. An impression of taqwa.

Al-Hasan al-Basri رَحِمَهُ ٱللهُ said:

إِنَّ اللَّه جعلَ شهرَ رمضانَ مضمارًا لخلقه

"Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has made Ramadan a race track for the creation"

يَسْتَبِقُونِ فيه بطاعتهِ إلى مرضاته،

"There are a group of people that are on this racetrack doing good deeds and they are heading forth to the pleasure of Allah سُبُحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى "سُبُحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى"

فسبق قومٌ ففازُ وا،

"There were a group of people who ran ahead with good deeds and they were successful"

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وتخلَّف آخرونَ فخابُوا

"Ramadan, there were a group of people that held back, where they did something in Ramadan and after Ramadan, they went back to their old ways." Hasan al Basri رَحِمَهُ ٱللهُ then said, these people were then destroyed.

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