

الخطبة الأولى: مرحبا بالدراسة

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ، عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، تَفَضَّلَ عَلَيْنَا بِنِعْمِهِ وَتَكَرَّمَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى أَكْمَلِ مَعْلَمٍ، وَخَيْرِ مَرَبٍّ، سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ: فَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي ...

أيها المؤمنون: العلمُ أساسُ نهضةِ الأممِ وتقدُّمِها، ورفعةِ الشعوبِ وازدهارِها، فما من أمةٍ نالتَ حظًّا من الرفعةِ والعُلُوِّ، وبلغتْ منزلةً من النهضةِ والسموِّ، إلا كان العلمُ أساسَها، والمعرفةُ سبيلَها (قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ)، ولذلك اهتمَّ الإسلامُ بالعلمِ اهتماماً عظيماً، فوجَّهَ الناسَ إلى القراءة؛ لأنها سبيلُ العلمِ (اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ، خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ).

وأقسمَ اللهُ عزَّ وجلَّ بأدواتِ العلمِ ووسائلِ تحصيلِهِ، في إشارةٍ إلى أهميةِ كتابةِ العلمِ وتوثيقِهِ، فقالَ عزَّ وجلَّ (ن وَالْقَلَمِ وَمَا يَسْطُرُونَ) كما رفعَ الإسلامُ من شأنِ العالمِ والمتعلمِ، فقالَ تعالى (يَرْفَعِ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ) .

All praises are due to Allah who taught man with the pen, taught them everything that they didn't know. I bare witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah alone who has no partners and that the

Prophet Muhammad is his final servant and messenger.

Brothers and sisters in Islam, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except in a state of al Islam (submission).

Servants of Allah....Knowledge is the foundation for the development and progress of nations. Acquiring knowledge and seeking to learn more is the cause of the growth of individuals who flourish and reach high levels of advancement within their societies. There is no nation on the face of the earth that ever reached the highest level of development, progress and advancement except that knowledge was the basis and foundation for that growth and success. Allah says: (Say O Muhammad: do those who know equal to those who do not know?). For this reason we find that Islam has always paid upmost attention, care and concern to seeking and acquiring knowledge. We find that the first command Allah gave to the Prophet Muhammad was to 'read' as Allah said: (Read in the name of your lord who created.

Created man from a clot. Read and your lord is most generous. Who taught man by the pen. Taught him that which he didn't know)...

Allah swore by numerous tools to acquire knowledge and spread knowledge in the Quran, showing us the importance of seeking it as Allah says: Noon, I swear by the pen and that which it writes.

Similarly Allah raises the status of those who acquire knowledge and seek it above all others: Allah raises the status and degrees of those who believe from amongst you and those who were given knowledge.

The knowledge that Islam encourages and invites us to acquire is knowledge of the Quran and Sunnah first and foremost, as well as all types of knowledge that is beneficial and will assist in building, advancing and developing nations into nations that worship Allah and use the knowledge they have acquired to establish Allah's laws within the earth. Do so will result in true development, happiness and

goodness in this world and the next, as the Prophet Muhammad told us: “Whoever treads a path seeking knowledge, then Allah will make the path to paradise easy for him.”

Whenever a Muslim makes his intention of seeking knowledge-for the sake of Allah alone and to better the conditions of the society that he/she lives in to lead people to be obedient worshippers of Allah- whatever type of knowledge it may be-he will receive great reward... Whether it is English, Science, Math, Chemistry, Physics, Algebra...the Muslim needs to study hard, get good grades and be the best student with exemplary manners... Make sure to be the head of your class, be a good example for the rest of the students. Understand that by you trying hard in school, that Allah is going to bless you, love you and make the path easy for you. The Prophet Muhammad said:

إن الله يحب إذا عمل أحدكم عملاً أن يتقنه. أ

“Allah loves that if any of you do something, that you do it to perfection”

Allah tells us in the Quran:

(وَأَحْسِنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ)

“And do things perfectly, the to best of your ability...Indeed Allah loves those who do so.”

So when you go to school, make sure to pay attention to your teachers. When your reading make sure not to rush...stop and reflect over what you just read. When your studying for a test or solving math problems, take notes, and write down questions and try to find answers to those questions....

Knowledge and acquiring it is something that takes patience and it cannot be acquired over night. It takes training and exercise. Just like when you exercise your body or go to the gym to lift weights, you are not going to see any results until after about six months....depending upon how dedicated and committed you are...

Similarly, is training the brain to process the knowledge you just read or heard.

Training the body to sit still and open a book takes time and effort. Training the memory to memorize takes time, effort and constant repetition....So be sure to remember my dear students, teachers and parents that acquiring knowledge takes patience, perseverance and commitment... May Allah grant our youth patience this school year and make them the best of students, and may Allah grant us parents patience in helping them progress and develop.

Second khutbah

Brothers and sisters in Islam, knowledge and acquiring it is a heavy responsibility upon all, but especially for the Muslim. It is upon students to always make sure their intentions are pure, and that whatever science or branch of knowledge they are acquiring or studying, that they do so with the intention to benefit and serve their deen

and their lord and that the rewards they will receive is dependent upon their intentions.

When we recall Islamic History and the history of many of the great nations of the past, we will always find that there was always a great Muslim Scholar who had some major role in the development of those nations....or development of important inventions, tools, medicine, and the devices that other nations benefitted from and utilized for their progress and development....

Let our youth revive that Sunnah within our ummah so that Muslims can lead and guide the world once again.

Beloved servants of Allah...We are starting a new school year, three months of summer vacation passed us by like the blink of an eye. Now is the time to prepare our youth to get ready to learn and to take their learning seriously... brothers and sisters, from the beauty of Islam is that it teaches us to not only focus on acquiring knowledge, but

tells us about the importance of joining the acquiring of knowledge with fine and exemplary manners....having good behavior...having respect for elders, teachers and peers within the classroom....

This is where the roles of the parents, teachers, and educators are primary for the building and development of these future leaders from amongst our youth...It is very important for our parents, teachers and educators to instill within our youth the fundamental teaching that acquiring knowledge without manners is useless...especially Islamic knowledge....Educators should always be optimistic and encouraging and try to avoid being pessimistic and discouraging....The teachers should instill within their students good manners, love of acquiring knowledge, being energetic and avoiding laziness, ignorance and wasting time, and blind following. Teachers should encourage their students to ask questions, take notes and inquire about anything they don't

understand....Parents and educators should encourage their youth and students to have discussions with them, to talk about their needs, feelings, emotions, wants and desires regularly....

This school year let us focus on the good and positive traits of our youth and what Allah has blessed them with of talents and abilities..

Lastly but not leastly, let us be reminded that we are all shepherds and are responsible for our flocks and will be asked about them....

The responsibility of parents and teachers over their students and children is gigantic....It is not only restricted to buying them books, book bags, pens and pencils. Rather it requires from parents and teachers that they constantly guide them, advise them, supervise them, ask about

them and be aware of their friends and peers and who they are hanging around with in school and outside of school. The roles of parents and teachers go hand in hand in raising our youth and they should be in regular contact to keep up with the progress of our precious sprouts...and finally let our youth, children and students be reminded that when they are getting ready to go to school, to study, to learn Islam or any other branch of knowledge to make sure your intentions are pure and that when you are seeking this knowledge to take it serious and study hard, when you do so know and understand that the angels are spreading out their wings for you out of pleasure for you studying hard and that every living creature in the heavens and earth even the ants underneath the ground and the fish underneath the water are seeking Allah's forgiveness for you as long as you are seeking knowledge and studying hard.....

