



## “AL-QUR’AN AS OUR COMPANION”

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَمَنْ يَعُشْ عَنِ ذِكْرِ الرَّحْمَنِ نُقِيضَ لَهُ وَشَيْطَانًا فَهُوَ لَهُ وَقَرِينٌ ﴿٣٦﴾<sup>1</sup>  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ  
صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آئِلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.  
قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.<sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

I solemnly remind myself and call upon respected congregation to always strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May our earnest efforts further strengthen our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Let us altogether ponder upon a *khutbah* titled “**AL-QUR’AN AS OUR COMPANION.**”

**Respected audience,**

Al-Qur’an al-Kareem is a holy book that contains all types of knowledge and guidance that can be the guide for every individual to the path of truth. Through al-Qur’an, we are able to reap various benefits, as well as wisdom from those verses. This includes knowledge and values of *taqwa*, justice, preserving relationship not just amongst humans but also our very responsibility towards the environment, which includes animals and plants. Such is the characteristics of al-Qur’an, which is *kalaamullah* that is noble, serving as guidance and guide at all times. Its guidance is very suitable to be applied at all times and circumstances. It is al-Qur’an, in which there is no doubt about its content and that it serves as guidance for the believers. This coincides with what Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 2 of soorah al-Baqarah:

ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٢﴾

**“This is the Book about which there is no doubt, a guidance for those conscious of Allah.”**

<sup>1</sup> az-Zukhruf 43:36.

<sup>2</sup> Aal-‘Imraan 3:102.



As humans created by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* placed on earth, we must bring ourselves closer to al-Qur'an. In every seconds and moment, we must always take al-Qur'an as a companion throughout our lives, whether day or night. We must always refer and drive ourselves to the path of truth, through the guidance of al-Qur'an. Let us deem al-Qur'an as a companion, meaning always remaining close and approaching, and not forgetting its teachings. This close friend or companion of ours will always remain close to us not only in this mortal world, but it will become a loyal friend when we undergo through the realm of *barzakh*, as well as in the Hereafter.

If we do not utilize al-Qur'an as our best companion in this life, it is feared that we will be taken advantage by *shaytaan* in affecting all of our actions. Our empty souls will definitely be veiled with seductions that can demolish our ourselves. Therefore, let us become closer to al-Qur'an and distance ourselves from *shaytaan's* deceptions and temptations, for verily *shaytaan* is our main enemy. This coincides with the reminder from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentioned in verse 36 of Soorah az-Zukhruf that was recited earlier in the *khutbah*, which means:

**“And whoever is blinded from remembrance of the Most Merciful - We appoint for him a devil, and he is to him a companion.”**

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

A true friend is important in providing guidance and support in always remaining steadfast in the path of Allah. A good friend or companion will give the much needed advice and encouragement in continuing to remain on the path of *taqwa*. If we do not take the very opportunity to befriend such companion, then how can we manifest our utmost love and affection for the sake of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*? For this reason, in ensuring that al-Qur'an is truly present within ourselves, so that our lives are always guided by Him, I would like to share several ways in having al-Qur'an as a companion:

**First**, as Muslims, we must take the opportunity to always learn about al-Qur'an, learn about its recitation, comprehending the verses recited and strive to internalize its teachings in all facets of our lives. Al-Qur'an is a book of guidance, healer to all diseases of the heart and soul of mankind, so that they will always remain showered by the light of Allah. Verily, by having al-Qur'an as an intimate companion, we are promised by Allah with a place in Paradise. Those that recite al-Qur'an are deemed as fragrant fruits in the sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. It was narrated from Abu Moosa al-Ash'ari *radhiyAllahu 'anh* that: Rasulullah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said:

مَثَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِ الَّذِي يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ كَمَثَلِ الْأُتْرَجَةِ، طَيِّبٌ رِيْحُهَا طَيِّبٌ وَطَعْمُهَا طَيِّبٌ، وَمَثَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِ الَّذِي لَا يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ كَمَثَلِ التَّمْرَةِ، لَا رِيْحَ لَهَا وَطَعْمُهَا حُلْوٌ، وَمَثَلُ الْمُنَافِقِ الَّذِي يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ مَثَلُ الرِّيحَانَةِ، رِيْحُهَا طَيِّبٌ وَطَعْمُهَا مُرٌّ، وَمَثَلُ الْمُنَافِقِ الَّذِي لَا يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ كَمَثَلِ الْحَنْظَلَةِ، لَيْسَ لَهَا رِيْحٌ وَطَعْمُهَا مُرٌّ

**“The example of a Believer who recites the Qur'an, is that of a citron which smells good and tastes good; And the example of a Believer who does not recite**



**the Qur'an, is that of a date which has no smell but tastes sweet; and the example of a hypocrite who recites the Qur'an, is that of an aromatic plant which smells good but tastes bitter; and the example of a hypocrite who does not recite the Qur'an, is that of a colocynth plant which has no smell and is bitter in taste."**

(al-Bukhaari)

**Second**, as Muslims, we must have certainty upon the *mu'jizah* (miracle) of al-Qur'an as the great book bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that promises honor especially for those that are always close to al-Qur'an. Having an intimate relationship with al-Qur'an, one will always refer and learn in-depth about the rulings within that is not only for himself and as worldly knowledge alone, but also as provision in the Hereafter. Moreover, what is of even greater importance is that it can prevent us from falling into clear misguidance. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 123 of soorah Ta-Ha:

...فَإِمَّا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ مِنِّي هُدًى فَمَنِ اتَّبَعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا يَضِلُّ وَلَا يَشْقَى ﴿١٢٣﴾

**"...And if there should come to you guidance from Me - then whoever follows My guidance will neither go astray [in the world] nor suffer [in the Hereafter]."**

**Third**, in proving that we are always in the companionship of al-Qur'an, then we must strive our utmost to memorize its verses so that the memorization will provide tranquility, nourishment, and source of strength in facing the challenges ahead. Let us have certainty and conviction that those verses memorized are not lines of poetry or the work of a poet, but it is *kalaamullaah* (the Word of Allah) that is of lofty value and it can guide us to *taqwa* and the truth. The verses that we recite and memorize are *kalaam* (words) that are very noble, and its recitations are promised with the reward of Paradise, furthermore guaranteed with *shafaa'ah* (intercession) in the Hereafter.

Abu Umaamah al-Baahili *radiallaahu 'anh* reported: I heard Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم saying:

اقْرءُوا الْقُرْآنَ فَإِنَّهُ يَأْتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ شَفِيعًا لِأَصْحَابِهِ

**"Read the Qur'an, for it will come as an intercessor for its reciters on the Day of Resurrection."**

(al-Bukhaari)

**Dearest audience,**

Allah has promised that al-Qur'an can provide tranquility for the empty and troubled souls. For those experiencing turmoil within the soul, start getting intimate with al-Qur'an, regardless whether in the morning, afternoon, daytime or night time. Let us read and comprehend, so that it becomes the remedy in soothing our inner soul.

Similarly with listening to the recitation (*tilaawah*) of al-Qur'an, it will comfort the sorrow, soothe the restless heart, soften the hardened heart, and attain guidance from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. That is what is meant by the *rahmah* (mercy) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Allah mentions in verse 28 of Soorah ar-Ra'd:

أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ ﴿٢٨﴾



**"...Unquestionably, by the remembrance of Allah hearts are assured."**

Every individual will surely experience various emotions, whether happiness, distress, grief, and many others. No matter how difficult the life that is endured, and no matter how serious the problem may be, definitely it will all feel lighter and peaceful if there is a loyal companion along. Similarly, this life will render weak if one lives alone without any relatives and friends. It is for this reason that true friends are to be sought for the wellbeing of one's life. Definitely, al-Qur'an is highly qualified to become our companion in this world and the Hereafter.

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

Let us altogether derive several important suggestions as lessons and guidance in our lives:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that al-Qur'an al-Kareem is a book that was revealed to guide mankind to the path of *taqwa*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must take al-Qur'an as a true friend by reciting, understanding, pondering, and practicing the teachings within it.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must always refer to al-Qur'an in any matters and questions, for it is the guidance and solution for all matters in this world and the Hereafter.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَيَوْمَ نَبْعَثُ فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ شَهِيدًا عَلَيْهِمْ مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ وَجِئْنَا بِكَ شَهِيدًا عَلَىٰ هَؤُلَاءِ وَنَزَّلْنَا  
عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ تِبْيَانًا لِّكُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً وَبُشْرَىٰ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٨٩﴾

**"And [mention] the Day when We will resurrect among every nation a witness over them from themselves. And We will bring you, [O Muhammad], as a witness over your nation. And We have sent down to you the Book as clarification for all things and as guidance and mercy and good tidings for the Muslims."**

(an-Nahl 16:89)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ  
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُو، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ  
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ  
وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.



## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ

وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

**“Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.”**

(al-Ahzaab 33:56)

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُولِّيَ عَهْدِ سَلَاطِينِ، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْنِكَ



وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ  
وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَأَجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا  
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ  
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يُعْطِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ  
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

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