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Translator's Foreword

All praises are due to Allah; may the prayers and peace of Allah be upon Muhammad, his family, his companions, and his followers. As to proceed:

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Introduction

All praises are due to Allah, the One who has revealed the Furqan (Criterion) to His slave in order for him to be a warner to mankind. The One who has the dominion of the heavens and the earth and has not taken a son. He has no partners in His dominion and He created everything and proportioned it. I praise my Lord and give many thanks to Him. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah who is alone with no partners. He encompasses everything with His mercy and knowledge. Verily He is the All-Knowing, All-Capable. I also bear witness that our Prophet and leader Muhammad is His slave and messenger. Allah sent him as a witness, giv er of glad tidings, a warner, a caller to Allah, by His permission, and a guiding light. May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him. O Allah bless your slave and messenger Muhammad, his family and companions.

First Khutbah

To proceed:

Fear Allah as He deserves to be feared so that you may be from those who are successful, and do not fail to benefit from this command of Allah. Whoever is prevented from having this fear of Allah, then he will be from amongst the losers. Slaves of Allah! Remember the blessing of the Noble Quran that Allah has made as a mercy for mankind. It guides to what is correct, gives you glad tidings of everything that is good, and warns you from evil. Allah has said,

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ قَدْ جَاءَتُكُم مَّوْعِظَةٌ مِّنْ رَّبِّكُمْ وَشِفَاءٌ
لِّمَا فِي الصُّدُورِ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُوْمِنِينَ

“O mankind! There has come to you a good advice from your Lord (i.e. the Qur'an, enjoining all that is good and forbidding all that is evil), and a healing for that (disease of ignorance, doubt, hypocrisy and differences,) which is in your breasts, - a guidance and a mercy (explaining lawful and unlawful things) for the believers.”¹

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

¹ Muhammad M. Khan and Muhammad al-Hilali, *Interpretation of the Meanings of The Noble Qur'an: In the English Language* (Madina: Darussalam), Surah Yunus: 57.

“And We have sent you (O Muhammad) not but as a mercy for the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists).”²

Therefore, whenever a Muslim learns about the greatness of this glorious Qur'an and its virtues, he will know that no one perfected it except for the One who sent it. The importance of this tremendous Book begins to become great, and he increases in remembrance of this wise reminder. He begins to transverse in the path of learning, teaching, pondering and implementing the Qur'an to the extent that Allah has given him success and helped him in. Whenever a Muslim begins to act upon the Qur'an he is fulfilling the rights of it upon him. He will die being thankful for the book of Allah, and will carry out the rights of Allah's slaves with perfection. Man is weak and neglectful; however Allah, blessed be He, will have mercy on him, prefer him, and accept (his) small deeds and reward him tremendously.

O Muslim! Do you know, or have you learned, about the greatness of the noble Qur'an; the status of it in your heart? Whether it has affected you completely? The rights of the Qur'an: its virtues, foundations for good, blessings, and benefits? O Muslim, you will never know the greatest rights of the glorious Qur'an, and the status of it in your hearts until you know of Allah's exaltation for His Book. Allah praised His Speech and raised its stature with Himself, the Lord of all creation. If you only

² Khan and Hilali, Surah Anbiyaa: 107.

knew the status of the Qur'an with the noble Angels, the Prophets and Imaams, the People of the Book, mankind and jinn, and Allah is sufficient as a witness.

O Muslims, verily your Lord elevated the noble Qur'an, and raised its status just like He has raised its people. The Qur'an is deserving of praise and all types of beautiful attributes. Many of the remembrances of Allah is in this great reminder. Allah made this reminder immense, and described it with the most perfect descriptions. So that mankind would realize the greatness of this noble Quran, and also to know the extent of Allah's blessing upon His slaves.

The greatest blessing is to have Imaan (faith) and the Qur'an. The virtue of His speech over the rest of speeches is like the virtue of Him over His creation. Allah has described the noble Qur'an as being the Truth. Allah said,

أَمْ يَقُولُونَ أَفْتَرَهُ بَلْ هُوَ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ

**“Or say they: ‘He (Muhammad) has fabricated it?’
Nay, it is the *truth* from your Lord...”³**

And the truth is something firm; something that cannot change. Nothing can falsify, negate, or can bring doubt to it. Allah said,

³ Ibid, Surah Sajdah: 3.

لَا يَأْتِيهِ الْبَاطِلُ مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَلَا مِنْ خَلْفِهِ تَنْزِيلٌ
مِّنْ حَكِيمٍ حَمِيدٍ

“Falsehood cannot come to it from before it or behind it (it is) sent down by the All-Wise, Worthy of all praise (Allâh).”⁴

Allah the Most High described this Qur'an as:

كِتَابٌ أَحَكَمَتْ ءَايَاتُهُ ثُمَّ فُصِّلَتْ مِنْ لَدُنْ حَكِيمٍ
خَبِيرٍ

“(This is) a Book, the Verses whereof are perfected (in every sphere of knowledge), and then explained in detail from One (Allâh), Who is All-Wise Well-Acquainted (with all things).”⁵

وَلَقَدْ جَنَّا لَهُمْ بِكِتَابٍ فَصَانَاهُ عَلَى عِلْمٍ هُدًى وَرَحْمَةً
لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ

“Certainly, We have brought them a Book (the Qur'ân) which We have explained in detail with knowledge, - a guidance and a mercy to a people who believe.”⁶

تِلْكَ ءَايَاتُ الْكِتَابِ الْحَكِيمِ

⁴ Ibid, Surah Fussilaat: 42.

⁵ Ibid, Surah Hud: 1.

⁶ Ibid, Surah Araf: 52.

“These are Verses of the Wise Book (the Qur'ân).”⁷

بَلْ هُوَ قُرْءَانٌ مَّجِيدٌ

“Nay! This is a Glorious Qur'ân”⁸

هَذَا هُدًى مُّطَّلِّبٌ

“This (Qur'ân) is a guidance”⁹

فَإِمْنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَالنُّورُ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَنَا

“Therefore, believe in Allâh and His Messenger, and in the Light (this Qur'ân) which We have sent down...”¹⁰

وَهَذَا كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ مُبَارَكٌ

“And this is a blessed Book (the Qur'ân) which We have sent down...”¹¹

وَإِنَّهُ فِي أُمِّ الْكِتَابِ لَدَيْنَا أَعْلَىٰ حَكِيمٌ

“And Verily, it (this Qur'ân) is in the Mother of the Book (i.e. Al-Lauh Al-Mahfûz), with Us, indeed Exalted, full of Wisdom.”¹²

⁷ Ibid, Surah Luqman: 2.

⁸ Ibid, Surah Burooj: 21.

⁹ Ibid, Surah Jaathiyah: 11.

¹⁰ Ibid, Surah Taghaabun: 8.

¹¹ Ibid, Surah Anaam: 155.

¹² Ibid, Surah Zukhruf: 4.

Indeed Allah has clarified everything in the Qur'an.

Allah said,

وَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ تِبَيَّنًا لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى
وَرَحْمَةً وَبُشْرَى لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ

“...And We have sent down to you the Book (the Qur'an) as an exposition of everything, a guidance, a mercy, and glad tidings for those who have submitted themselves (to Allâh as Muslims).”¹³

And Allah has preserved this Book from (all types of) additions and omissions. Allah said,

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الْذِكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

“Verily it is We Who have sent down the Dhikr (i.e. the Qur'ân) and surely, We will guard it (from corruption)”¹⁴

There are many things that testify to the Qur'an, and there are many attributes that show its numerous glorious meanings. However, we will only mention a few from many:

1. The noble Angels glorify this Qur'an because of their knowledge of the virtues therein. Allah said,

¹³ Ibid, Surah Nahl: 89.

¹⁴ Ibid, Surah Hijr: 9.

لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَشْهُدُ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ آنِزَلَهُ وَيَعْلَمُهُ
وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يَشْهُدُونَ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا

“But Allâh bears witness to that which He has sent down (the Qur'ân) unto you (O Muhammad), He has sent it down with His Knowledge, and the angels bear witness. And Allâh is All-Sufficient as a Witness.”¹⁵

فِي صُحْفٍ مُكَرَّمَةٍ مَرْفُوعَةٍ مُظَهَّرَةٍ بِأَيْدِي سَفَرَةٍ
“(The Qur'an is) in Records held (greatly) in honor (Al-Lauh Al-Mahfûz). Exalted (in dignity), purified, in the hands of scribes.”¹⁶

The explainers of the Qur'an said that the “scribes” are angels.

And on the authority of 'Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said,

“The one who recites the Qur'an and is skilled in doing so will be with the obedient and noble angels.”¹⁷

2. Allah said about the Prophets and their nations from the believers regarding the Qur'an,

¹⁵ Ibid, Surah Nisaa: 166.

¹⁶ Ibid, Surah Abasa: 13-15.

¹⁷ Collected by Bukhari and Muslim.

وَإِنَّهُ لَفِي زُبُرِ الْأَوَّلِينَ

“And verily, (the Qur’ân, and its revelation to Prophet Muhammad) was (announced) in the Scriptures [i.e. the Taurât (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] of former people.”¹⁸

Ibn Kathir said in his explanation of this verse,

“Allah says [that] this Qur'an was mentioned and referred to in the previous Scriptures that were left behind by their Prophets who foretold it in ancient times and more recently.”

“left behind by their Prophets” were those who gave glad tidings of this Book.

3. Allah took a covenant from the sons of Adam (regarding this Book),

فُلَّ أَرْعَيْتُمْ إِنْ كَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ وَكَفَرْتُمْ بِهِ وَشَهِدْتُ
شَاهِدْ مَنْ مِنْ بَنْيِ إِسْرَائِيلَ عَلَىٰ مِثْلِهِ فَأَمَّنَ
وَأَسْتَكْبَرْتُمْ

“Say: ‘Tell me! If this (Qur’ân) is from Allâh and you deny it, and a witness from among the Children of Israel testifies that [this Qur’ân is from Allâh (like the Taurât (Torah)], and he believed (embraced Islâm) while you are too proud (to believe).’”¹⁹

¹⁸ Khan and Hilali, Surah Shu'araa: 196.

¹⁹ Ibid, Surah Ahqaaf: 10.

فُلَّ ءَامِنُوا بِهِ أَوْ لَا تُؤْمِنُوا إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ
 مِنْ قَبْلِهِ إِذَا يُتْلَى عَلَيْهِمْ يَخْرُونَ لِلْأَذْقَانِ سُجَّدًا
 وَيَقُولُونَ سُبْحَانَ رَبِّنَا إِنْ كَانَ وَعْدُ رَبِّنَا لَمَفْعُولًا
 وَيَخْرُونَ لِلْأَذْقَانِ يَبْكُونَ وَيَزِيدُهُمْ خُشُوعًا

“Say (O Muhammad to them): ‘Believe in it (the Qur’ân) or do not believe (in it). Verily! those who were given knowledge before it (the Jews and the Christians), when it is recited to them, fall down on their faces in humble prostration.’ And they say: ‘Glory is to our Lord! Truly, the Promise of our Lord must be fulfilled.’ And they fall down on their faces weeping and it increases their humility.”²⁰

4. And Allah said about the priests and rabbis,

وَإِذَا سَمِعُوا مَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَى الرَّسُولِ تَرَى أَعْيُنَهُمْ
 تَفِيضُ مِنَ الدَّمْعِ مِمَّا عَرَفُوا مِنَ الْحَقِّ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا
 ءَامَنَّا فَأَكْتُبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ

“And when they (who call themselves Christians) listen to what has been sent down to the Messenger (Muhammad), you see their eyes overflowing with tears because of the truth they have recognized. They

²⁰ Ibid, Surah Israa: 107-109.

say: ‘Our Lord! We believe; so write us down among the witnesses.’”²¹

5. When the Jinn heard this Qur'an they believed, glorified it, and called others to it. Allah said (about them),

فَلَمَّا حَضَرُوهُ قَالُوا أَنْصِتُوْا فَلَمَّا قُضِيَ وَلَّوْا إِلَى
قَوْمِهِمْ مُنْذِرِيْنَ قَالُوا يَا قَوْمَنَا إِنَّا سَمِعْنَا كِتَابًا أَنْزَلَ
مِنْ بَعْدِ مُوسَى مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ يَهْدِي إِلَى
الْحَقِّ وَإِلَى طَرِيقٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

“...when (the Jinns) stood in the presence thereof, they said: ‘Listen in silence! (to the Qur'an)’ And when it was finished, they returned to their people, as warners. They said: ‘O our people! Verily! We have heard a Book (this Qur'ân) sent down after Mûsa, confirming what came before it, it guides to the truth and to a Straight Path (i.e. Islâm).”²²

And Allah (also) revealed (their story) in surah Jinn.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) would not recite this Qur'an to someone except that they would free themselves from arrogance, desires, envy, allurement, and vanity in this worldly life and they would submit in their place. These verses perfect mankind, and there is nothing else that can do that

²¹ Ibid, Surah Maaidah: 83.

²² Ibid, Surah Ahqaaf: 29-30.

except the power of the Qur'an. That is the from the effect of the Qur'an upon the hearts, and the severe reminder upon the souls.

O Muslim, if you knew the greatness of the Qur'an and its status with the Lord of all creation, The One who revealed it, the Angels, the Prophets, their people, those who believed from the People of the Book, the Companions, the jinn, then you will know the status of the noble Qur'an within your heart.

And you, O Muslim, should know perfectly the status of the Qur'an in your soul. If there is reverence of this noble Qur'an, a high status for it in your heart (from what is obligatory), then you will attain what Allah loves and is pleased with. Therefore praise Allah for this blessing and ask Allah, the Blessed the Most High, for firmness to (continue to) glorify this Qur'an and to act on it.

If the glorification of the Qur'an and the status of it in your heart is less than what is obligatory, then return back to Allah. Avert what is in your soul and rectify what has passed you. Your relationship with the Qur'an will be the reason how you will be (in regards to the) good in it, its blessings, and obedience in this worldly life, and how will you be in the hereafter from the delights in paradise. Therefore know its degree and establish what it obligates.

Verily Allah has aided the leader of mankind, Muhammad (peace be upon him), with many miracles. We believe in all the miracles that were given to him, but the greatest miracle of the Prophet (peace be upon him) is the great Qur'an. As the Prophet (peace be upon him) stated,

“There was no prophet among the prophets but was given miracles because of which people had security or had belief, but what I was given was the Divine Inspiration which Allah revealed to me. So I hope that my followers will be more than those of any other prophet on the Day of Resurrection.”²³

The Glorious Qur'an is a miracle to the ummah in every time period until the Day of Resurrection. The miracles of the Qur'an can be found within its words, eloquence, legislation, rulings, justice, mercy, wisdom, fulfillment of mankind's needs, and the effects upon hearts, remaining the same (since it was revealed), being preserved from additions and omissions. Indeed mankind and jinn are unable to come up with something like the Qur'an or even 10 chapters like it. Allah said,

فُلْ لِّينِ أَجْتَمَعَتِ الْأَنْسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَأْتُوا بِمِثْلِ هَذَا الْقُرْءَانِ لَا يَأْتُونَ بِمِثْلِهِ وَلَوْ كَانَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ ظَهِيرٌ

²³ Collected by Bukhari and narrated by Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him).

“Say: ‘If mankind and the jinn were together to produce the like of this Qur'ân, they could not produce the like thereof, even if they helped one another.’”²⁴

Rather, they are not able to bring one surah that is like it. Surah Kawthar is only ten words, and they are unable to bring something similar to it. And when the disbelievers asked about the longer verses Allah clarified that the Qur'an is the greatest miracle. Allah said,

وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا أُنْزَلَ عَلَيْهِ ءَايَاتٌ مِّنْ رَّبِّهِ قُلْ إِنَّمَا
أَلَّا يَأْتُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ أَوَلَمْ يَكْفُهُمْ أَنَّا
أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكُمُ الْكِتَابَ يُتَلَى عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ
لَرَحْمَةً وَذِكْرًا لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ

“And they say: ‘Why are not signs sent down to him from his Lord?’ Say: ‘The signs are only with Allâh, and I am only a plain warner.’ Is it not sufficient for them that We have sent down to you the Book (the Qur'an) which is recited to them? Verily, herein is mercy and a reminder (or an admonition) for a people who believe.”²⁵

بَأَيِّ حَدِيثٍ بَعْدَ اللَّهِ وَءَايَاتِهِ يُؤْمِنُونَ

²⁴ Khan and Hilali, Surah Israa: 88.

²⁵ Ibid, Surah Ankabut: 50-51.

“Then in which speech after Allâh and His Signs will they believe?”²⁶

And the noble Qur'an addresses human intellect in every time period and place with proofs and clear evidences. These verses give life to the intellect and causes it to submit. So man submits willingly and happily, having love for goodness, hatred for falsehood and evil, and it causes man to resist being arrogant. Verily truth and falsehood is clarified in this Qur'an. It is an established proof and it will never harm except those who harm themselves.

The noble Qur'an brings to light, for those who are affected by it, a beneficial path of guidance, and it restricts the intellects. Allah said,

إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْءَانَ يَهْدِي لِلّٰتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا
كَبِيرًا

“Verily, this Qur'ân guides to that which is most just and right and gives glad tidings to the believers (in the Oneness of Allâh and His Messenger), who work deeds of righteousness, that they shall have a great reward (Paradise).”²⁷

²⁶ Ibid, Surah Jaathiya: 6.

²⁷ Ibid, Surah Israa: 9.

The Qur'an is a benefit for those with an open chest. From the greatest benefits are: rectification of communities, it ensures mercy and justice, rectifies the hearts, brings good and rejects evil and hated things. These things will only occur once mankind is continuous with its recitation, ponder its meanings, implement, learn and teach it to their children and communities. This was the approach of the companions, may Allah be pleased with them all. They taught the people the Qur'an by acting upon the advice of the Messenger (peace be upon him).

‘Umar ordered Umaarah and the companions of the Ansaar to teach the people the Qur'an and to minimize hadith. He said, “In order to not busy the people away from the Qur'an.” The Qur'an is their life and their glory, a judgment between them, they will never have any dilemma, big or small, except that its ruling will be in the Qur'an. It is a light for their lives and a principle for every good, and there will be no rectification for the people of Islaam until they share this path and follow these verses. The Qur'an saves one from trials and tribulations, and connects the hearts together.

On the authority of ‘Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) that he said the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said,

"Indeed there comes a Fitnah" So I said: "What is the way out from it O Messenger of Allah?" He said:

"Allah's Book. In it is news for what happened before you, and information about what comes after you, and judgement for what happens between you. It is the Criterion (between right and wrong) without jest. Whoever among the oppressive abandons it, Allah crushes him, and whoever seeks guidance from other than it, then Allah leaves him to stray. It is the firm rope of Allah, it is the wise remembrance, it is the straight path, and it is the one that the desires cannot distort, nor can the tongues twist it, nor can the scholars ever have enough of it, and it shall not become dull from reciting it much, and the amazement of it does not diminish. It is the one that when the Jinns hear it, they did not hesitate to say about it: 'Verily, we have heard a wonderful Recitation (this Qur'an)! 'It guides to the Right Path, and we have believed therein.' Whoever speaks according to it then he has said the truth, and whoever acts according to it he is rewarded, and whoever judges by it he has judged justly, and whoever invites to it then he guides to the straight path."²⁸

And only if those today held on to the Qur'an with the care and attention that the righteous predecessors had through learning, teaching, and applying it, then the Muslims would have been in best of conditions. Their

²⁸ Collected by Tirmidhi.

superiority would facilitate and help them over their enemies. They would have never been oppressed until they attained deficiencies in learning, teaching, reciting, acting, and taking heed of the Qur'an.

Indeed Allah has made the recitation of Qur'an as an act of worship. So whoever recites a letter then he'll receive ten good deeds as collected by Tirmidhi from the hadith of ibn Mas'ood (may Allah be pleased with him)²⁹. And ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) said,

"A man said: 'O Messenger of Allah! Which deed is most virtuous to Allah?' The Messenger (peace be upon him) replied: 'Al-Hallul-Murtahil' He said: 'What is Al-Hallul- Murtahil?' He said:

"The one who recites from the beginning of the Qur'an to the end of it, every time he sets out (on a trip)."³⁰

And the reward? The reward for who recites what he memorized or from the mushaf is as Allah said,

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَتَلَوَنَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ سِرًا وَعَلَانِيَةً يَرْجُونَ تِجَارَةً لَنْ تَبُورَ

²⁹ "Whoever reads one letter of the Book of Allah is credited with one blessing and one blessing is equal to tenfold the like thereof in its reward. I do not say that *Alif Laam Meem* is one letter, but *Alif* is one letter, *Laam* is one letter, and *Meem* is one letter."

³⁰ *Ibid.*

لِيُوْفِيْهُمْ أَجُورَهُمْ وَيَزِيدَهُمْ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ إِنَّهُ عَفُورٌ
شَكُورٌ

“Verily, those who recite the Book of Allâh (this Qur'ân), and perform the Prayer, and spend (in charity) out of what We have provided for them, secretly and openly, they hope for a (sure) trade¬gain that will never perish. That He may pay them their wages in full, and give them (even) more, out of His Grace. Verily! He is Oft¬Forgiving, Most Ready to appreciate (good deeds and to recompense).”³¹

May Allah bless me and you with the great Qur'an and allow us to benefit from these wise verses...

³¹ Khan and Hilali, Surah Fatir: 29-30.

Second Khutbah

All praises are due to The Mighty, The Bestower, The One who has revealed this Book. I praise and give thanks to my Lord, repent to Him, and seek His forgiveness. I bear witness that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah who is alone without any partners, The Most Merciful, The Oft-Returning. I also bear witness that our Prophet Muhammad is His slave and messenger, and the intercessor on the day of reckoning. May Allah's peace and blessings be on His slave and messenger, his family, companions, and those who fear Him and follow the Sunnah and the Book.

To proceed:

Therefore fear Allah, get closer to Him with righteous actions, and stay away from His prohibitions. O Muslims! Verily the last advice of the Prophet (peace be upon him) during the farewell pilgrimage was to hold on to book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Prophet. He said,

“I leave behind me two things, the *Qur'an* and my example, the *Sunnah* and if you follow these you will never go astray”³²

The Qur'an is the firm rope of Allah. Whoever holds on to its light will attain Allah's pleasure and a blissful

³² Collected by Bukhari.

paradise. It guides to all good and prevents all evil. Allah said,

وَأَعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَقْرَفُوا

“And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allâh (i.e. this Qur'ân), and be not divided among yourselves”³³

وَهَذَا كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ مُبَارَكٌ فَاتَّبِعُوهُ وَاتَّقُوا لَعْنَكُمْ
تَرْحَمُونَ

“And this is a blessed Book which We have sent down, so follow it and fear Allâh (i.e. do not disobey His Orders), that you may receive mercy (i.e. be saved from the torment of Hell).”³⁴

So whoever wants to be addressed by His Lord, then let him read His Book.

³³ Khan and Hilali, Surah Ali Imran: 103.

³⁴ Ibid. Surah Anaam: 155.

Conclusion

O slaves of Allah,

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلِّوْنَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ عَامَنُوا صَلَوْا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمُوا تَسْلِيْمًا

“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.”³⁵

And the Prophet (peace be upon him) said,

“Whoever will send one blessing upon me, Allah will send ten blessings upon him.”³⁶

O Allah, let Your Blessings come upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, as you have blessed Ibrahim and his family. Truly, You are Praiseworthy and Glorious. Allah, bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, as you have blessed Ibrahim and his family. Truly, You are Praiseworthy and Glorious.

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³⁵ Ibid. Surah Ahzaab: 56.

³⁶ Collected by Muslim.