



One of the treasures of Paradise

First Sermon

All praise is due to Allah the Lord of the Worlds. I praise Him the Most Exalted as befitting to His Sublime Countenance and Supreme Status. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the Servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure blessed family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

As to what follows,

I urge you, **O servants of Allah**, and myself to be aware that you are asked to obey Him the Most High, adhering to His orders to the former and the later peoples. The Most Exalted says, “**and We have instructed those who were given the Scripture before you and yourselves to fear Allah.**” (An-Nisaa: ١٣١).

Dear Muslims,

Amongst the orders of Allah the Almighty to mankind is to celebrate His remembrance and, with His Grace, He promised them success in return. The Most Exalted and Sublime says, “**and remember Allah much that you may be successful.**” (Al-Anfal: ٤٥). Indeed, the remembrance of Allah is amongst the most beloved and honoured deeds to Him. It is also one of the easiest acts of worship and the best means to occupy one’s time. Allah’s remembrance is conducive to impart assurance to the heart, a cause for seeing one’s status upgraded by degrees and increasing the balance of good deeds that are enduring. About the latter, Allah the Most Exalted says, “**but the enduring good deeds are better to your Lord for reward and better for [one’s] hope.**” (Al-Kahf: ٤٦).

In this context, it was narrated that people said to Uthman Ibn Affan, may Allah be pleased with him, “What are the enduring good deeds?” He said, “Reciting: ‘there is no deity save Allah,’ and ‘Exalted is Allah,’ and ‘Allah is the Greatest,’ and ‘there is no might nor power but with Allah.’” Yet, the greatest of Dhikr (remembrance of Allah) is to say, “There is no might or power but with Allah.”

This calls for a question on the meaning of the sentence: “there is might nor power except with Allah.” The answer to this question is it means acknowledging that all the power is with Allah the Almighty, that He is over all things competent and that He directs all matters precisely with His Wisdom.

The Prophet pbuh said in this regard, “Whoever says: ‘There is no deity save Allah, and Allah is the Greatest,’ His Lord affirms his statement and says: ‘There is no deity save Me, and I am the Greatest,’ and when he says: ‘There is no deity save Allah, Alone’ Allah says: ‘There is deity save Me, Alone.’ And when he says: ‘There no deity save Allah, Alone, having no associates,’ Allah says: ‘There is deity save Me, Alone, I have no associates.’ And when he says: ‘There is no deity save Allah, to Him belongs all the Dominion, and to Him all the praise is due,’ Allah says: ‘There no deity save Me, to Me belongs all the Dominion, and to Me all the praise is due.’ And when he says: ‘There is no deity save Allah, and there is no might or power but with Allah,’ Allah says: ‘There is deity save Me, and there is no might or power but with Me.’”

When a Muslim says “There is no might nor power except with Allah,” he will, in fact, be seeking to attain strength and help from Allah the Almighty. He seeks refuge with Him in facilitating his matters, so he supplicate to Him submissively saying, “There is no might nor power but with Allah.) Thereupon, Allah, the Most Exalted will say, “my servant has become a believer in Me and has submitted to My power.”

Moving to the virtues of this phrase, it is greatly rewarded by Allah, the Most Beneficent. This was emphasised in many Hadiths. For instance, when our Master Muhammad pbuh met Ibrahim pbuh in the seventh heaven during his Miraj (Ascension) journey, Ibrahim pbuh advised him, “Instruct your people to take much provision of the seeds of Paradise, for Paradise has excellent soil and vast plains.” The Prophet pbuh asked him, “What are the seeds of Paradise?” Ibrahim pbuh said, “Reciting ‘there is no might nor power but with Allah.)

Thus, in such a high place, Khalilullah (the close friend of Allah) Ibrahim pbuh accentuated that there is no more noble sentence than saying “there is no might nor power but with Allah.” And this indicates the great and elite status of this statement.

In another instance, it was narrated that when the Messenger of Allah pbuh migrated to Medina, he was walking amidst the palm trees there with Abu Huraira, may Allah be pleased with him, he remembered the seeds of Paradise. So he pbuh said to Abu Huraira, “O Abu Huraira! Shall I guide you to one of the treasures of Paradise?” Abu Huraira said, “Yes, O Messenger of Allah pbuh.” he pbuh said, “Say: ‘there is no might nor power but with Allah.’” This means, the best treasure one can attain and keep as provision for him on the Day of Judgment to enter Paradise.

For this reason, the Prophet pbuh was keenly interested in explaining to his companions the merits of saying this statement, both when in residence or on journey. On this account, it was narrated that Musa Al Ashaari, may Allah be pleased with him said, “When the Messenger of Allah pbuh went towards it, (whenever) the people, passed over a high place overlooking a valley, they raised their voices saying Takbir (Allah is the Greatest). On that Allah’s Apostle said (to them), ‘Be merciful to yourselves (i.e. don’t raise your voice), for you are not calling a deaf or an absent one, but a Hearer Who is near and is with you.’”

I was behind the riding animal of Allah’s Messenger pbuh and he heard me saying, ‘There is neither might, nor power but with Allah,’ On that he said to me, ‘O Abdullah bin Qais!’ I said, ‘Labbaik, O Allah’s Messenger pbuh!’ He said, ‘Shall I tell you a sentence which is one of the treasures of Paradise?’ I said, ‘Yes, O Allah’s Messenger pbuh! Let my father and mother be sacrificed for your sake.’ He said, ‘It is: There is neither might nor power but with Allah’.”

More to the point, the Prophet pbuh used to advise his companions to say this statement frequently. On this matter, it was narrated that he pbuh said to Abu Ayoub Al Ansari, may Allah be pleased him, when he was visiting him, “Shall I teach you a sentence which is one of the treasures of Paradise?” Abu Ayoub said, “Yes, O Messenger of Allah

pbuh! Let my father and mother be sacrificed for your sake.” Thereupon the Prophet pbuh said, “Say this sentence frequently: ‘There is no might nor power but with Allah.’” He pbuh also enjoined Abu Dharr, may Allah be pleased with him to say it as much as possible.

Amongst the other virtues of reciting this phrase is that it is one of the causes of forgiving sins and removing wrongdoings. The Messenger of Allah pbuh said, “There is not anyone upon the earth who says: ‘There is no deity save Allah, and Allah is the Greatest, and there is no might nor power but with Allah,’ except that his sins shall be pardoned, even if they were as much as the foam of the sea.” Having known its virtues, it is good to advise each other about when to say “There is no might nor power but with Allah.” Muslims can say it at all times and in all conditions, whether standing, sitting or leaning on their side, seeking to attain its rewards and merits. Muslims should also say it when facing a state that is beyond their power or capabilities. In such case, they should rely on Allah the Almighty and submit to Him, seeking His help and guidance.

One should also say it when starting his work or leaving on a journey. It further recommended for the believer to say it upon going out from home, relying on His Lord. The Prophet pbuh said, “When a man goes out of his house and says: ‘In the name of Allah, I trust in Allah; there is no might and no power but with Allah,’ the following will be said to him at that time: ‘you are guided, defended and protected.’ The devils will go far from him and another devil will say, ‘How can you deal with a man who has been guided, defended and protected?’”

Moreover, the Prophet pbuh was the best example for his companions to say this statement frequently. So when the Muezzin called for prayer, he pbuh used to say, “There is no might nor power but with Allah.” And when the Muezzin said “Hayya alas-Salah (come to success), he pbuh said, “there is no might nor power but with Allah.” This way, he used to seek Allah’s help in performing His prescribed acts of worship and drawing closer to Him by obeying His orders.

Other times in which one should recite this sentence is when one wakes up in the night so as to seek Allah's protection, forgiveness and response to supplications. The Prophet pbuh said, "Whoever gets up at night and says: there is no deity save Allah. He is the Only One and has no partners. To Him belongs all the Dominion and all the praises are due for Him. He is over all things Omnipotent. All the praises are due to Allah. All the glories are for Allah. And there is no deity save Allah, and Allah is the Greatest, and there is neither Might nor Power but with Allah, and then says, 'O Allah! Forgive me,' or invokes (Allah), he will be responded to. And if he performs ablution and prays, his prayer will be accepted."

Let us, therefore, supplicate: "O Allah, all praise is due to You. There is no deity save You and there no might nor power but with You."

O Allah, we seek Your Grace to forgive us and answer our supplications.

May Allah the Almighty guide us all to obey Him and obey His Messenger Muhammad pbuh and obey those He have commanded us to obey in line with His orders: "**O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.**" (An-Nisaa: ٥٩).

May Allah direct us all to the blessings of the Glorious Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger pbuh.

I say this and ask Allah for forgiveness for me and you, so invoke Him for forgiveness, for He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Second Sermon

All praise is due to Allah Who sent amongst us a Messenger from ourselves who recited to us His verses, taught us the Book and wisdom and purified us. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad, his pure family, companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

I urge you, **O Servants of Allah**, and myself to be aware that you are asked to obey Him, the Most High and Exalted.

O Worshipers,

Saying “there is neither might nor power but with Allah” imparts tranquillity to the soul and expands the breast. By reciting it, man shows his need to his Lord, his weakness and lack of might and strength while being between His hands. A Muslim should say it at times of hardship or when things get intricate at work or home. Yet, they should also say it at times of ease when they are satisfied with their affairs, wealth and children. Allah the Almighty says, “**and why did you, when you entered your garden, not say, ‘What Allah willed [has occurred]; there is no power except with Allah?’**” (Al-Kahf: ٣٩).

In this Aya, Allah the Most Exalted urges Muslims to say “there is no power except with Allah”. Thus, you are urged to show diligence in reciting it frequently and also teach your daughters and sons to keep their tongues wet with saying “there is no might or power but with Allah” as well as understand its meaning and know its merits.

That is said, please bear in mind that you are instructed to invoke peace and blessings on the Prophet pbuh. Allah, the Most Sublime, says, “**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-Ahzab: ٥٦).

On the same matter, the Prophet pbuh said, “For everyone who invokes a blessing on me will receive ten blessings from Allah.”

O Allah, please confer Your blessings and grant peace upon our Prophet Muhammad pbuh, his family and all of the companions.

May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali, and all of the noble Companions.

O Lord, we seek Your favour to make pardoning amongst our qualities, tolerance our character, compassion our inherited behaviour and giving our culture.

O Allah, please continue blessing us with happiness, tranquillity and welfare. Our Lord, please continue blessing our nation, houses, families and relatives with contentment.

May Allah have mercy on the honourable martyrs of our country and those of the coalition and gather them with the righteous. May Allah make their dwelling with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favour of the prophets and the steadfast affirmers of truth. Indeed, You answer to the supplications.

O Allah, please grant the best reward for the families of the martyrs and offer them patience and solace. May Allah grant victory to the soldiers of the Arab Coalition who gathered to restore the rights to their owners. O Lord, please be by their side and guide the Yemeni people to everything that is good. O Allah, make them rally for the word of truth and legitimacy, and bless them with welfare and stability, O the Most Generous.

O Lord, we beseech You to bless all of the Muslim countries and the whole world with stability and peace.

O Allah, we supplicate to You to make patience our way for achieving creativity, seeking knowledge, obtaining higher status and serving our beloved country as well as keeping its flag fluttering high in the sky.

O Allah, we seek Your grace to increase the UAE in delight and beauty and give the best of rewards and recompense to whoever sowed the seeds of goodness and welfare in it. Indeed, You are the Most Merciful of the merciful.

May Allah grant success and continued health and care to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. May Allah also ensure success to his Vice-President, trustworthy Crown Prince and his brothers, Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Emirates.

O Allah, please forgive all of the Muslims, men and women, living and dead. May Allah have mercy on Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the Late UAE Sheikhs. O Lord, forgive and show mercy on them and bless them with Your kindness and satisfaction. O Lord, forgive and show mercy on our parents, relatives and whoever has done a favour to us.

We pray to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, to continue blessing the UAE with stability and welfare and bless its provisions. O Allah, please continue blessing the UAE with safety and security.

O Allah, please grant us wisdom in our speech and in our deeds. O Allah, please make us amongst those who fulfil their promises and are committed to their covenants. Indeed, You are the Possessor of Glory and Honour.

O Allah, we implore you to send upon us wealthy rain and make us not amongst those who are desperate. O Allah, relieve us! O Allah, relieve us! O Allah, relieve us! O Lord, provide us from the blessings of the sky a beneficial rain and make our crops grow.

Remember Allah and He will remember you. Be grateful of His benevolence and He will increase His blessings to you.

Please stand up for prayer.