

Safar 18, 1441 - Allah Al-Salam

إن الحمد لله نحمده ونستعينه ونستغفره ونستهديه ، ونعوذ بالله من شرور أنفسنا ومن سيئات أعمالنا من يهده الله فلا مضل له ومن يضل فلا هادي له ، وأشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له وأشهد أن محمداً عبده ورسوله وصفيته من خلقه وخليته صلى الله وسلم وبارك عليه وعلى آله وأصحابه وسلم تسليماً كثيراً

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

“O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, who created you from a single person, and from him He created his wife, and from them both He created many men and women; and fear Allah through Whom you demand your mutual rights, and do not Cut the relations of kinship. Surely, Allah is an All-Watcher over you.”

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا * يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

“O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear Him, and always speak the truth. He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive your sins. And whosoever Obeys Allah and His Messenger (SAWS) he has indeed achieved a great achievement.”

أما بعد ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

In our previous Khutbahs we talked about **Loving Allah** SWT, and how this love is the true power for worshiping Allah. Loving Allah SWT allows us to worship him the right way and increases our iman level. We also emphasized that **Knowing Allah** is the way to love him, and that the best way to know him is through his names and attributes, by affirming the Names and Attributes which Allah has affirmed for Himself in a manner befitting His majesty.

Today we're continuing inshallah our discussions of some of the names and attributes of Allah SWT and we choose the name Al-Salam. The name Al-Salam is actually one of those names of Allah that actually does not occur in the proper noun form, so the proper nouns are like AlSamee, Alaleem, AlBaleer, but for Al-Salam is occurs in what is called the

“Masdar” or the concept in Arabic, it's not a noun, it's a concept. So the noun from Al-Salam would be the name Salem or the name Saleem, so these are nouns but Al-Salam is not a noun it's actually a “Masdar”. And what is a “Masdar” ? we don't have an English equivalent for it but it's more of a concept than a name. So, Allah SWT is calling himself Al-Salam and this name only occurs **once** in the whole Quran and it occurs in the passage of surah AlHasher

هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْمَلِكُ الْقُدُّوسُ السَّلَامُ الْمُؤْمِنُ الْمُهَيْمِنُ
 الْعَزِيزُ الْجَبَّارُ الْمُتَكَبِّرُ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾

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He is Allah, other than whom there is no deity, the Sovereign, the Pure, the Perfection, the Bestower of Faith, the Overseer, the Exalted in Might, the Compeller, the Superior. Exalted is Allah above whatever they associate with Him.

this is the only time that the name Al-Salam occurs, and the meaning of Al-Salam is of course well known to all of us, we greet one another with Assalamo Alaikom. Our religion is from the same root al-islam, our name as *Muslim* comes from the same root (sa-le-ma). So, Allah Azz WA JAL is Al-Salam, but what exactly does it mean?

If you ask the average Arab or even the average non-Arab Muslim what is Salam mean? he will say **peace**. Technically, this is correct and yet it is not fully accurate. Al-Salam is not exactly *peace*, that's too simplistic of a translation! Al-Salam is the **absence of evil**, Al-Salam is the absence of harm which does connotates with peace but that's only one translation, or one connotation.

Al-Salam when it comes to Allah SWT has three different meanings. The first of these meanings is that Allah Himself is **never** characterized with a negative attribute, there is no imperfection in Allah SWT, he is Al-Salam the one who lacks any negative attribute. So, because Allah is Al-Salam he is perfect, because Allah is Al-Salam he has no partners, he has no children, he does not sleep, he does not forget. Al-Salam is all perfect and positive, no negative is attributed to him. And this is in a hadith of the Prophet ﷺ in part of his dua'

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنِي لَأَحْسَنِ الْأَخْلَاقِ لَا يَهْدِي لِأَحْسَنِهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ، اصْرِفْ عَنِّي سَيِّئَهَا لَا يَصْرِفُ عَنِّي سَيِّئَهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ، لَبَّيْكَ وَسَعْدَيْكَ، وَالْخَيْرُ كُلُّهُ فِي يَدَيْكَ، وَالشَّرُّ لَيْسَ إِلَيْكَ

I am at Your service, all goodness is in Your hands, and evil is not attributed to You

Al-Salam cannot be the source of evil, alsharr cannot be ascribed to Al-Salam. So, Al-Salam meaning number one is that: he is the one who himself has no characteristic of imperfection, Allah is perfect in every single respect because he is Al-Salam.

Number two, the **source of Salam** is Al-Salam. Where do we get Salam from? and by Salam we mean absence of evil, which is **peace**, absence of any harm which is **safety**. Who gives us safety and security? who can ensure ultimate Salam? where do we get peace from? where do we feel contentment from? who gives us the blessing of feeling fulfilled, of feeling content, of feeling safe? it is Al-Salam who gives us that feeling. So, Allah is Al-Salam, and meaning number two is that: he grants us peace and absence of evil. But what is the most perfect peace? It's to protect us from his punishment and to cause us to enter Jannah, and *only* Al-Salam can guarantee this perfect ultimate peace.

The third meaning of Al-Salam is that Al-Salam is the one who will greet those who believe in him with the greeting of Salam. So, Allah will greet the believers with the greeting of Salam in Jannah

وَأَدْخَلَ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ
خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ تَحِيَّتُهُمْ فِيهَا سَلَامٌ

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And those who believed and did righteous deeds will be admitted to gardens beneath which rivers flow, abiding eternally therein by permission of their Lord; and their greeting therein will be, "Peace!"

So, the believers in Allah – may Allah make us amongst them – shall receive the greeting of Salam. And what is of interest here is the fact that Al-Salam is also the very first word that Allah taught our Father Adam

وَعَلَّمَ آدَمَ الْأَسْمَاءَ كُلَّهَا ثُمَّ عَرَضَهُمْ عَلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ فَقَالَ أَنْبِئُونِي بِأَسْمَاءِ
هَؤُلَاءِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٣١﴾

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And He taught Adam the names - all of them. Then He showed them to the angels and said, "Inform Me of the names of these, if you are truthful."

But more details could be known from the prophet's hadith

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ . رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ . عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ : " خَلَقَ اللَّهُ آدَمَ وَطُولُهُ سِتُونَ ذِرَاعًا ،
ثُمَّ قَالَ أَذْهَبُ فَسَلِّمْ عَلَى أَوْلِيكَ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ ، فَاسْتَمِعَ مَا يُحْيُونَكَ ، تَحِيَّتِكَ وَتَحِيَّةُ ذُرِّيَّتِكَ . فَقَالَ
السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ . فَقَالُوا السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ . فَزَادُوهُ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ . فَكُلُّ مَنْ يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ عَلَى صُورَةِ
آدَمَ ، فَلَمْ يَزَلِ الْخَلْقُ يَنْقُصُ حَتَّى الْآنَ " رواه البخاري

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Allah created Adam, making him 60 cubits tall. When He created him, He said to him, "Go and greet that group of angels, and listen to their reply, for it will be your greeting (salutation) and the greeting (salutations) of your offspring."
So, Adam said (to the angels), As-Salamu Alaikum (i.e. Peace be upon you). The angels said, "As-salamu Alaika wa Rahmatu-l-lahi" (i.e. Peace and Allah's Mercy be upon you).
Thus, the angels added to Adam's salutation the expression, 'Wa Rahmatu-l-lahi,' or Allah's Mercy. Any person who will enter Paradise will resemble Adam (in appearance and figure). People have been decreasing in stature since Adam's creation. Sahih al-Bukhari

So, the first words that Allah taught Adam to say is the greeting of Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullah (as the angels added). Also, all of the believers of all the prophets they greet one another with Al-Salam or the Abrahamic culture that exists to this day.

In addition, the first commandment that the Prophet ﷺ gave when he migrated to Medina was to spread the greetings of Salaam.

عن أبي يوسف عبد الله بن سلام رضي الله عنه قال: سمعت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يقول:
"يا أيها الناس أفتشوا السلام، وأطعموا الطعام، وصلوا الأرحام وصلوا والناس نيام، تدخلوا الجنة
بسلام" ((رواه الترمذي وقال حديث حسن صحيح)).

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "O people, exchange greetings of peace (i.e., say: As-Salamu 'Alaikum to one another), feed people, strengthen the ties of kinship, and be in prayer when others are asleep, you will enter Jannah (paradise) in peace."

وقال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "والذي نفسي بيده لا تدخلوا الجنة حتى تؤمنوا ولا تؤمنوا حتى
تحابوا أولا أدلكم على شيء إذا فعلتموه تحاببتم: أفتشوا السلام بينكم" ((رواه مسلم)).

Also, Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "By Him in Whose Hand my soul is! You will not enter Jannah until you believe, and you shall not believe until you love one another. May I inform you of something, if you do, you love each other. Promote greeting amongst you (by saying As-salamu 'alaikum to one another)".

and our prophet ﷺ when he commanded the Sahaba to praise Allah when you sit down for the *tahyat*, initially he didn't teach the Sahaba AlTahyat that we know! he simply said when you sit down praise Allah, so the Sahaba began to *invent* their praises and one day the prophet heard them say Assalamo Al Allah, Assalamo Ala Jibril, Assalamo Al Rasool Allah. So, they were trying to praise Allah SWT by saying Assalamo Al Allah (Peace be Upon Allah) but the prophet said **Allah is Al-Salam** (الله هو السلام) you cannot send Salam upon Allah! Allah **is** the source of Salam, when you say Assalamo Al Allah, where will that Salam come from? Allah is Al-Salam hence you cannot send Salam upon Allah. So, the prophet then taught the Sahaba when they sit down to say **AlTahyat le Allah w Alsalawat w AlTaybat** and he taught them the duaa that every one of us is memorizing.

Allah is Al-Salam, so Allah SWT when inviting us to his house or his abode, the abode of Allah, or the place of Allah, it is the abode of Dar Alsalam, which he's inviting us to, and that is Al-Jannah, which is called Dar Alsalam.

وَاللَّهُ يَدْعُو إِلَى دَارِ السَّلَامِ وَيَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٢٥﴾

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And Allah invites to the Home of Peace and guides whom He wills to a straight path

﴿١٢٧﴾ لَهُمْ دَارُ السَّلَامِ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَهُوَ وَلِيُّهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٢٧﴾

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For them will be the Home of Peace with their Lord. And He will be their protecting friend because of what they used to do.

So, Allah is calling and inviting us to Dar Alsalam. But how do we get to Dar Alsalam? there's only one way to get to Dar Alsalam (Al Jannah) and that is to follow the path of Allah (Al-Salam) and his book Al-Quran which Allah says about

يَهْدِي بِهِ اللَّهُ مَنِ اتَّبَعَ رِضْوَانَهُ سُبُلَ السَّلَامِ وَيُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ بِإِذْنِهِ، وَيَهْدِيهِمْ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿١٦﴾

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By which Allah guides those who pursue His pleasure to the ways of peace and brings them out from darkneses into the light, by His permission, and guides them to a straight path.

the Quran is called the Sabil of Salaam, so the path of Salam which leads to Dar Alsalam and that is Allah SWT who is causing us to be on the path of Salam to get to Dar Alsalam, and how do we get on this path? by submitting ourselves to Allah through deen al-islam. So, when we practice Islam we are on Sabil Al-Salam that is leading to Dar Alsalam.

Brothers and sisters, the name of Allah Al-Salam is a powerful name because it causes us to find comfort in Allah. Our hearts when they're troubled, when we feel anxious, we should use the name Al-Salam to ask Allah to give us that peace. When we're going through trouble when we have a feeling of anxiety we have the problems of the dunya, then we can say **ya Allah anta Al-Salam** grant us Salam because Allah is Al-Salam. And that is why

after each salah, the first dua' of the prophet ﷺ would be “اللهم انت السلام ومنك السلام تباركت ياذا الجلال والإكرام” this is the first thing that would come from the lips of the prophet ﷺ after

every single time he made Salah, because nothing brings about Salam and Peace like the salah so he would remind us and he would remind himself that O Allah you are Al-Salam and from you comes Salam.

So, remember this beautiful name of Allah SWT that we should invoke to bring about peace in our hearts, and we must spread salam and peace in our greetings hoping that Allah SWT make us of those who hear the greeting of Salam from Al-Salam when we enter Dar Alsalam.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

I ask Allah for forgiveness, He is the Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Second Khutbah

الحمد لله رب العالمين والصلاة والسلام على سيد المرسلين وعلى آله وأصحابه أجمعين.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Speaking of Allah's name Al-Salam, reminds us of the true purpose of Islam (our religion). In order to be able to portray a fair image of Islam, we have to consider its beautifully inspired purposes, which yield, as a result, a just worldly order. By applying preventive measures to ensure security of wealth, life, mind, religion, and reproduction, Islam aims to build a society in peace, serenity, friendship, collaboration, altruism, justice, and virtue.

According to the Qur'an, all Muslims are brothers and sisters to each other and if a disagreement appears among them, they make peace and correct it (Qur'an, 49:10)

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

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The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy.

Muslims help each other to avoid what God forbids and to observe their religious awareness at every stage in their life (Qur'an, 5:2); they carry out important tasks after shura, or

consultation (Qur'an, 3:159; 42:38); and they always witness truthfully and are always just even if it is against their own selves or close relatives (Qur'an, 4:135).

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِكُمْ أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ ۚ إِن يَكُنْ غَنِيًّا أَوْ فَقِيرًا فَاللَّهُ أَوْلَىٰ بِهِمَا ۖ فَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا الْهَوَىَٰ أَن تَعْدِلُوا ۚ وَإِن تَلَوُّا أَوْ تَعْرَضُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا ﴾

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O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both. So follow not [personal] inclination, lest you not be just. And if you distort [your testimony] or refuse [to give it], then indeed Allah is ever, with what you do, Acquainted.

Again, as mentioned in the Qur'an, a true Muslim follows the straight path. That means that he or she is faithful, honest, just, calm, and lives to perfectly observe his or her religion in guidance of reason. Pursuing the straight path can be understood as being absolutely truthful and honest in all circumstances, as well as embracing a moderate way of life that encourages good relations with everyone.

Remember that by the blessing of Allah, the Prophet ﷺ succeeded in establishing unity among people by acting with compassion and mercy. If he had treated the people around him severely and rudely, they would have left him and their unity would have collapsed. Since God and the Messenger of God are merciful and compassionate to believers, those who take the divinely prescribed ethics and the prophetic character as their example should obviously treat one another with mercy and compassion. Therefore, those who have received the message of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) can never be severe, arrogant, antagonistic, or hostile.

هَذَا وَصَلُّوا وَسَلِّمُوا عَلَىٰ مَنْ أَمَرَكُمْ بِرُكُومِ الصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَيْهِ، فَقَالَ عَزَّ مِنْ قَائِلٍ: (إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا) اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَىٰ عَبْدِكَ وَنَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ، وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ، الْأَيْمَةِ الْمُهَدِّبِينَ: أَبِي بَكْرٍ، وَعُمَرَ، وَعُثْمَانَ، وَعَلِيٍّ، وَعَنْ سَائِرِ الصَّحَابَةِ، وَالتَّابِعِينَ لَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَصْلِحْ لَنَا دِينَنَا الَّذِي هُوَ عِصْمَةٌ أَفْرِنَا، وَأَصْلِحْ لَنَا دُنْيَانَا الَّتِي فِيهَا مَعَاشِنَا، وَأَصْلِحْ لَنَا آخِرَتَنَا الَّتِي إِلَيْهَا مَعَادُنَا، وَاجْعَلِ الْحَيَاةَ زِيَادَةً لَنَا فِي كُلِّ خَيْرٍ، وَالْمَوْتَ رَاحَةً لَنَا مِنْ كُلِّ شَرٍّ. (رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيمَانِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلًّا لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ) (رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ) (سُبْحَانَ رَبِّكَ رَبِّ الْعَزَّةِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ * وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ * وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ). وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ