

## Trusting in Allaah during times of crisis

### First Khutbah

All perfect praise is due to Allaah; I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allaah and Muhammad is His Slave and Messenger, upon whom may Allaah send salutations and exalt his mention, as well as that of his family and all his Companions.

Muslims are in great need nowadays to put their trust in Allaah the Exalted and Almighty. Slaves of Allaah! We all need to put our trust in Allaah and rely on Him; but why is it that a Muslim should trust in Allaah and rely on Him?

- Because Allaah is capable of all things.
- Because all matters are exclusively for Allaah, and the command belongs completely to Him. Allaah says

إِنَّمَا أَمْرُهُ إِحْدَا أَرَادَ شَيْئًا أَنْ يَقُولَ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ

Which means: **“His command is only when He intends a thing that He says to it, 'Be', and it is.”** (Yaa Seen: 83).

- Because Allaah causes whomever he wills to inherit the earth. Allaah says

إِنَّ الْأَرْضَ لِلَّهِ يُورِثُهَا مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ

Which means: **“Indeed, the earth belongs to Allaah. He causes to inherit it whom He wills of His servants.”** (Al-A 'raaf: 128).

- Because all matters return to Him. Allaah says

وَالِىَ اللَّهُ تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ

Which means: **“And to Allaah [all] matters are returned.”** (Al-Baqarah: 210).

- Because He is the Almighty who can never be overtaken. Allaah says

وَهُوَ شَدِيدُ الْمِحَالِ

Which means: **“And He is severe in assault.”** (Ar-Ra'd: 13).

- Because to Him belong the soldiers of the heavens and the earth. Allaah says

وَلِلَّهِ جُنُودُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَزِيرًا حَكِيمًا

Which means: **“And to Allaah belong the soldiers of the heavens and the earth and Allaah is Exalted in Might Al-Wise.”** (Al-Fath: 7).

- Because He is Powerful and Exalted in Might. Allaah says

وَكَانَ اللَّهُ قَوِيًّا مَعْرِزًا

Which means: **“And ever is Allaah Powerful and Exalted in Might.”** (Al-Ahzab: 25).

- Because He prevails over His slaves, so they can never act beyond His control. Allaah says

هُوَ اللَّهُ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهَّارُ

Which means: **“He is Allaah, the One, the Prevailing.”** (Az-Zumar: 4).

- Because He is the Possessor of Strength and provides for whom He wills and makes poor whom He wills. Allaah says

إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الرَّزَّاقُ ذُو الْقُوَّةِ الْمَتِينُ

Which means: **“Indeed, it is Allaah who is the [continual] Provider, the firm possessor of strength.”** (Ath-Thaariyaat: 58).

- Because He has control over the dominion. Allaah says

وَاللَّهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Which means: **“And to Allaah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and Allaah is over all things competent.”** (Al-Imraan: 189).

- Because He is the only One who has the power to benefit and cause harm as Allaah says

وَإِن يَمَسُّكَ اللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ فَلَا كَاشِفَ لَهُ إِلَّا هُوَ

Which means: **“And if Allaah should touch you with adversity, there is no remover of it except Him.”** (Al-An'aam: 17). This is why whenever the enemies of Allaah plotted against the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*, Allaah caused their plan to fail. Allaah says

قَدْ مَكَرَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَاتَىٰ اللَّهُ بُيُوتَهُمْ مِنَ الْقَوَاعِدِ فَخَرَّ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّقْفُ مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَأَتَاهُمُ الْعَذَابُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ

Which means: **“Those before them had already plotted, but Allaah came at [i.e. uprooted] their building from the foundations, so the roof fell upon them from above them, (i.e. Allaah caused their plan to fail and exposed their plot) and the punishment came to them from where they did not perceive.”** (An-Nahl: 26). Therefore, Allaah plots against those who plot against Him and try to deceive Him. Allaah says

إِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ يُخَادِعُونَ اللَّهَ وَهُوَ خَادِعُهُمْ

Which means: **“Indeed, the hypocrites [think to] deceive Allaah, but He is deceiving them.”** and that is why when the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* faced his enemies and fought them, Allaah revealed

عَسَىٰ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَكْفِئَهُمْ بِأَسْ أَلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَاللَّهُ أَهْدَىٰ بَأْسًا وَأَشَدُّ تَنْكِيلًا

Which means: **“Perhaps Allaah will restrain the [military] might of those who disbelieve. And**

**Allaah is greater in might and stronger in [exemplary] punishment (i.e., Allaah is able to defeat them in such a way as to deter others from attempting anything similar). ”(An-Nisaa’: 142).**

Allaah has informed His Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* that He is capable of stopping a war or causing it to continue. Allaah says

**وَكُلُّ هَآءِ أَلَّهٖ مَا أَقْتَتَلُوا وَلَكِنَّ أَلَّهٖ يَفْعَلُ مَا يُرِيدُ**

Which means: **“And if Allaah had willed, they would not have fought each other, but Allaah does what He intends.”** (Al-Baqarah: 253). Thus, he *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* did not fear anyone but Allaah. Allaah says

**كُلَّمَا أَوْقَدُوا نَارًا لِّلْحَرْبِ أَطْفَأَهَا أَلَّهٖ**

Which means: **“Every time they kindled the fire of war [i.e., against you], Allaah extinguished it.”** (Al-Maa’idah: 64).

Allaah says

**أَلَيْسَ أَلَّهٖ بِكَافٍ عَبْدَهُ وَيُخَوِّفُونَكَ بِالَّذِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِ**

Which means: **“Is not Allaah sufficient for His Servant [i.e. Prophet Muhammad *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*)]? And [yet], they threaten you with those [they worship] other than Him.”** (Az-Zumar: 36).

Allaah the Exalted, the Almighty, decrees what He wills and does what He wills, and therefore, trusting Him and relying on Him is compulsory upon every Muslim. During the extremely difficult time when Pharaoh came with his army and the weak-hearted amongst the followers of *Moosaa*, peace be upon him, became terrified, some of them began saying: *“We are indeed destroyed.”* In other words, they were saying *‘Pharaoh and his army will catch us and kill us all; there is no escape; there is no way out; nothing can get us out of this predicament, and this crisis will take its toll on us; we will be finished.’* At that time, Prophet *Moosaa*, peace be upon him, said: *“No! Indeed my Lord is with me and He will guide me to the way out.”* He said this because he had put his full trust in Allaah.

May Allaah have mercy upon Prophet *Loot*, peace be upon him, who took refuge in a strong supporter (i.e., Allaah). Likewise, the Prophet *Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* said during the battle of *Al-Hudaybiyah*: **“He is My Lord and He will not forsake me.”** Similarly, when people told the companions of the Prophet *Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* that their enemies had gathered against them, they said: *“Allaah is sufficient for us, and He is the best One to rely on.”* This caused their faith to become stronger and no harm touched them. This is the reason why Allaah said after that,

**إِنَّمَا خَلَفَ الظُّلُمَاتِ يُخَوِّفُ أَوْلِيَاءَهُ فَلَا تَخَافُوهُمْ وَخَافُوا مِنِّي إِن كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ**

Which means: **“That is only Satan who frightens [you] of his supporters. So fear them not, but fear Me, if you are [indeed] believers.”** (Al ‘Imraan: 175).

Scholars like *Imaam ibn Al-Qayyim*, may Allaah have mercy upon him, have brought to our attention a basic trap which many Muslims fall into, which is doubting Allaah or thinking that He will not make

His religion reign supreme, or thinking that Allaah will not support His righteous followers, or that Allaah has decreed for His believing slaves to be defeated constantly and that the Muslims will never prevail.

If these things were true then why did Allaah reveal His book? Why did He send His Messenger *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*? Why did He legislate? Why did He make Islaam the religion which abrogates all previous religions if Islaam will never prevail and become supreme?

Allaah says

مَنْ كَانَ يَظُنُّ أَنْ لَنْ يَنْصُرَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ فَلْيَمْدُدْ بِسَبَبٍ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ ثُمَّ لِيَقْطَعْ فَلْيَنْظُرْ  
مَنْ يُذَمِّبْنَ كَيْدَهُ مَا يَغِيظُ

Which means: *“Whoever should think that Allaah will not support him [i.e. Prophet Muhammad (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam)] in this world and the Hereafter — let him extend a rope to the ceiling, then cut off [his breath] (i.e. strangle himself.), and let him see: will his effort remove that which enrages [him]?” (Al-Hajj: 15).* Some scholars said regarding this verse: *“Let the one who does not believe that Allaah will grant victory to His Messenger sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam in this life and the Hereafter take a rope and hang himself.”*

Allaah says

إِنَّا لَنَنْصُرُ رُسُلَنَا وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْأَشْهُادُ. يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ الظَّالِمِينَ  
مَعذرتُهُمْ وَلَهُمُ اللَّعْنَةُ وَلَهُمْ سُوءُ الدَّارِ

Which means: *“Indeed, We will support Our messengers and those who believe during the life of this world and on the Day when the witnesses will stand. The Day their excuse will not benefit the wrongdoers, and they will have the curse, and they will have the worst home [i.e. Hell]” (Ghaafir: 51-52) and also*

وَلَقَدْ سَبَقَتْ كَلِمَتُنَا لِعِبَادِنَا الْمُرْسَلِينَ. إِنْهُمْ لَهُمُ الْمَنْصُورُونَ. وَإِن جُنَدُنَا لَهُمُ الْغَالِبُونَ

Which means: *“And Our word [i.e. decree] has already preceded for Our servants, the messengers. [That] indeed, they would be those given victory. And [that] indeed, Our soldiers [i.e. the believers] will be those who overcome (If not in this world, then definitely in the Hereafter)” (As-Saaffaat: 171-173) and also*

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحَادِّثُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ أَوْلَىٰ فِي الْأَخْلَابِ. كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنَا وَرُسُلِي إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ

Which means: *“Indeed, the ones who oppose Allaah and His Messenger — those will be among the most humbled. Allaah has written [i.e. decreed], “I will surely overcome, I and My messengers.” Indeed, Allaah is Powerful and Exalted in Might.” (Al-Mujaadilah: 20-21).*

When the pre-conditions of victory are fulfilled, victory will most definitely follow. If the Muslims are

defeated, it is only because of their failure to accomplish the pre-conditions of victory. Allaah says

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ

Which means: *“O you who have believed, if you support Allaah [i.e., His religion], He will support you and plant firmly your feet”* (Muhammad: 7) and also

إِن يَنصُرْكُمْ اللَّهُ فَلَا تَالِبَ لَكُمْ وَإِن يَخْذَلْكُمْ فَمَن ذَا الَّذِي يَنصُرْكُمْ مِن بَعْدِهِ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ  
فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

Which means: *“If Allaah should aid you, no one can overcome you; but if He should forsake you, who is there that can aid you after Him? And upon Allaah let the believers rely.”* (Al Imraan: 160).

Allaah does what He wills; He has decreed everything fifty thousand years before He created the Heavens and the earth. Everything which happens is recorded with Allaah; Allaah knows and we do not; a Muslim may consider something to be evil when in fact it is good, but this is due to the fact that people do not know the unseen, the knowledge of which Allaah has kept for Himself. Allaah says

لَا تَحْسَبُوهُ شَرًّا لَّكُم بَلْ هُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُم

Which means: *“Do not think it bad for you; rather, it is good for you”* (An-Noor: 11) and also

وَعَسَى أَن تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ وَعَسَى أَن تُحِبُّوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ شَرٌّ لَّكُمْ

Which means: *“But perhaps you hate a thing and it is good for you; and perhaps you love a thing and it is bad for you.”* (Al-Baqarah: 216).

There is fundamental formula which has applied to all nations throughout history; Allaah says

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنفُسِهِمْ

Which means: *“Indeed, Allaah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves.”* (Ar-Ra’d: 11).

Consequently, we must trust in Allaah; we must believe that all power belongs to Him; we must believe that nothing happens except that which He wills. People do not know the consequences of all matters, and that is why Muslims must maintain a strong relation with their Lord, relying on him and asking Him to strengthen them and support them; this is because He is the Possessor of Power and He grants the means to attain power. Muslims must remember during times of weakness to put their trust in Allaah and rely on Him.

### **Second Khutbah**

All perfect praise is due to Allaah; I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allaah and Muhammad is His Slave and Messenger, upon whom may Allaah send salutations and exalt his mention, as well as that of his family and all his Companions.

The trust and reliance of the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* in his Lord were immense; he always believed that Allaah would support him and grant him victory; it never crossed his mind that Allaah would ever forsake him. Some of his companions, may Allaah be pleased with them, lost hope for victory due to the huge numbers of the disbelievers and their great strength, while the Muslims were weak and outnumbered.

During extremely difficult times, the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* would remind them that the future belongs to Islaam. When *Khabbaab ibn Al-Aratt*, may Allaah be pleased with him, came to the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* complaining about the severe torture his companions were facing in *Makkah*, he informed him that his owner, who was a disbelieving woman, had burnt his back with heated steel rods which would cool down due to the fat that would spill out from his cracked back, yet when requested the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* to supplicate to Allaah for support, he *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* said: ***“I swear by Allaah! This religion (Islaam) will be completed (and triumph) so that a traveller can go from San'aa' (the capital of Yemen) to Hadhramout fearing nothing except Allaah and the wolves, lest they should trouble his sheep, but you people are hasty.”*** The Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* said this during the harshest time of the *Makkan* period.

Also, when the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* was migrating with *Abu Bakr*, may Allaah be pleased with him, *Suraaqah ibn Maalik* (who was a disbeliever at the time) was chasing them, and eventually caught up with them on his horse; it was a very dangerous situation, but Allaah caused the legs of his horse (i.e., *Suraaqah*) to sink into the desert; during this critical situation the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* said to *Suraaqah*: ***“You will wear the bracelet of Kisraa (i.e., you will accept Islaam and then live to see the victory of the Muslims over the Persians, and enjoy their treasures).”*** It is important to note here that the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* did not make this statement when he was in a position of strength, such as after his victory in the battle of *Badr*, or after the conquest of *Makkah*; rather, he said this during very difficult circumstances. Allaah says

وَإِذْ يَمْكُرُ بِكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِيُثْبِتُوكَ أَوْ يَقْتُلُوكَ أَوْ يُخْرِجُوكَ وَيَمْكُرُونَ وَيَمْكُرُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ الْمَكْرِينَ

Which means: ***“And [O Muhammad sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam], when those who disbelieved plotted against you to restrain you or kill you or evict you [from Makkah] But they plan, and Allaah plans. And Allaah is the best of planners.”*** (*Al-Anfaal*: 30). At this time, the disbelievers were chasing the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* and attempting to assassinate him; they had announced a reward for his head, yet he said something which sounded far from reality, which *Suraaqah* himself was not to comprehend at that moment.

During the battle of the trench (*Al-Ahzaab*), when the disbelievers had gathered ten thousand soldiers, the Jews stabbed the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* in the back by breaching their treaty with him; the Muslims were very small in number; the weather was windy and extremely cold; the Muslims were very hungry and had been working hard all day long... during these extremely difficult circumstances, the Prophet *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* approached a rock which his companions were unable to demolish; he struck the rock three times and gave glad tidings with each strike of the rock; with the first strike he *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam* said: ***“Allaahu Akbar! I am given (i.e., Allaah will give me and my Nation) the keys to (the castles and treasures of) Shaam (i.e., greater***

*Syria), and I can see its red castles.” Upon the second strike he sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said: “Allaahu Akbar! I am given (i.e., Allaah will give me and my Nation) the keys to (the castles and treasures of) Persia, and I can see its white cities.” Upon the third strike he sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said: “Allaahu Akbar! I am given (i.e., Allaah will give me and my Nation) the keys to (the castles and treasures of) Yemen, and I can see the gates of San'aa' from where I am at this very moment.” The Prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam said this during a very difficult and sensitive time while his companions were very frightened and shaken; the disbelievers had begun to cross the trench that they had dug; the believers thought that they were about to be besieged and massacred... but Allaah repelled those who disbelieved, to their rage, with an unexpected wind, and with angels who had descended to support the believers, and the outcome is well known.*

Dear brothers! We cannot doubt the promise of the Prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam that the future belongs to the Muslims; we must firmly believe this because Allaah says

**مَوَّالِدِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْمَدِينِ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظَاهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَكَوْنِ حَرَمِ الْمُشْرِكُونَ**

Which means: *“It is He who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion, although they who associate others with Allaah dislike it.” (At-Tawbah: 33).*

The religion will certainly spread as far as the day and night spread, as promised by the Prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam. He sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam also informed us that Rome will one day be conquered by the Muslims, which has not yet happened, but it certainly will as he sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam has promised this, we must be certain of this fact. All the narrations of the Prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam will be fulfilled because they are from the knowledge of unseen which Allaah revealed to the Prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam.

Again, we Muslims must be certain that undoubtedly, the future belongs to Islaam and the Muslims ... the west has no principles or values ... they are living a confused life ... the only religion which makes sense, appeals to people, and will prevail is Islaam ... They (i.e., the non Muslim westerners) will inquire about Islaam ... Islaam is the fastest growing religion today despite the weakness of the Muslims, so how would it be during other times?

Slaves of Allaah! We Muslims must always maintain a strong bond with Allaah, especially during times of trial; we must know that Allaah will test us in order to distinguish the good from the evil, and the steadfast from those who despair. The Prophet sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam mentioned the trials that will occur before the Hour, he mentioned the trial of excessive fighting and wars ... the trial of pleasures, which is a trial resulting from being wealthy, healthy and secure, which seduces people and makes it easier for them to sin ... He also mentioned another great trial, one which affects everybody at different levels, whenever people think it is over it strikes again; it causes people to begin changing their opinions and beliefs; it is, for example, when a man wakes up in the morning as a believer and goes to bed at night as a disbeliever, and vice-versa, and this is how people are distinguished. When this happens, people should expect the imminent arrival of antichrist.

These texts should have an affect on our hearts... we must believe in them... we should ask ourselves why were we informed about these texts. The reason is that we can therefore prepare ourselves by strengthening our belief and performing more virtuous deeds.