الخطبة الأولى في أهمية الوصية

الحَمدُ لله إقراراً بِوَحْدَانِيَّتِه، وَالشُّكرُ لَه عَلى سَوَابِغ نِعْمَتِه، احتصَّ بِهَا أَهْلَ الصِّدْقِ وَالْإِيمَانِ بِفَضِلِه وَرَحَمَتِه، وَمَنَّ عَلَى اللهِ اللهِ إِلَّا اللهُ وَحَدَه لَا شَرِيكَ لَه فِينَ رُبُوبِيَّتِه الْعَاصِيْ بِقَبُولِ تَوْبَتِه، وَمَدَّ لِلْمُسلمِ عَمَلاً صَالِحاً بِوَصِيَّتِه. وَأَشهدُ أَنْ لَا إِلهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَحَدَه لَا شَرِيكَ لَه فِينَ رُبُوبِيَّتِه وَأَلُوهِيَّتِه. وَأَشهدُ أَنَّ مُحمَّداً عَبدُه ورَسولُه المُفَضَّلُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ بَرِيَّتِه. صَلَّى الله وَسَلَّمَ وَبَارِكَ عَلَيه وعَلَى آلِه وأَصحابِه وَأَرُواجه وَذُرِّيَّتِه، وَالتَّابِعِينَ وَمَنْ تَبعَهُم بإحسَانٍ إلَى يَوم الدِّين. أَمَّا بَعدُ:

فَاتَّقُوا الله أَيُّهَا الْمُسلِمُونَ ، فَإِنَّ الْقَضَاءَ مَحْكُومٌ ، وَالْأَجَلَ مَحتُومٌ ، وَسَاعَةَ المُوتِ لَابُدَّ آتِيَةٌ ، وَالدُنيا فَانيَــةٌ ، وَالدُنيا فَانيَــةٌ ، وَالدُنيا فَانيَــةٌ ، وَالدُنيا فَانيَــةٌ ، فَاعْمَلْ صَالِحًا وَكُفَّ طَالِحًا. وَلَقَدْ شَرَعَ الله لَنا اكْتِسَابَ الحَسنَاتِ بِالأَعمالِ حَالَ الحياةِ وَ بِالوَصِيَّةِ بَعْدَ اللهَ عَدْ وَفَاتِكُمْ بِثُلُثِ أَمْوَالِكُمْ زِيَــادَةً لَكُـمْ فِــى بَعْدَ الله عَلَى اللهُ عَنْ وَعَلَيْكُمْ عِنْدَ وَفَاتِكُمْ بِثُلُثِ أَمْوَالِكُمْ زِيَــادَةً لَكُـمْ فِــى أَعْمَالِكُمْ ». [ابن ماجه] فَمِنَ الوَصِيةِ مَا هِيَ وَاجبةٌ وَمَا هِيَ مَندُوبَةٌ وما هِيَ مِنَ المَكْرُوهَاتِ.

أمَّا الواحِبَةُ مِنْهَا فَالوصِيةُ بِمَا عَلَيهِ مِنَ الفَرَائِضِ وَالواحِباتِ وَالْمُطَالَبَاتِ ، كَالحِجِّ وَالزكاةِ وَالكَفَّارَاتِ وَالوَدَائِعِ وَالدُّيُوْنَاتِ. فَقَدَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ : « مَا حَقُّ امْرِئِ مُسْلِمٍ لَهُ شَيْءٌ ، يُوصِي فِيهِ يَبِيتُ لَيْلَتَـيْنِ ، إِلاَّ وَوَصِـيَّتُهُ وَالدُّيُوْنَاتِ. فَقَدَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ : « مَا حَقُّ امْرِئِ مُسْلِمٍ لَهُ شَيْءٌ ، يُوصِي فِيهِ يَبِيتُ لَيْلَةَ سُنْ وَوَصِـيَّتُهُ مَنْدُ اللهِ بْنُ عُمَرَ: « مَا مَرَّتْ عَلَى لَيْلَةٌ مُنْذُ مَكْتُوبَةٌ عِنْدَهُ » . [البخارى] وفي روايةٍ لمُسلم: « ثَلاثَ لَيْل ». وقَالَ عَبْدُ اللهِ بْنُ عُمَرَ: « مَا مَرَّتْ عَلَى لَيْلَةٌ مُنْذُ سَمُولَ الله –صلى الله عليه وسلم– قَالَ ذَلِكَ إِلاَّ وَعِنْدِي وَصِيَّتِي » . [مسلم]

وأمَّا المَنْدُوبَةُ ، فَلِمَنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ عَليه حُقوقٌ وَلَا وَاجباتٌ ، فَيُستَحَبُّ لَهُ الوصيةُ لِوُجُوهِ البِرِّ وَالحَيرِ وَالـصِّلَاتِ ، حَي يَزْدَادَ فِيْ مِيْزَانِهِ الْحَسَنَاتُ ، كَعِمَارةِ المساجدِ وبِنَاءِ الأَوقافِ وَقَضَاءِ دُيُونِ المُعْسِرِينَ وَأُخَرَ مِنَ القُرُباتِ. لكِنْ كُلُّ ذلكَ لِمَنْ لَه مَالٌ كَثِيْرٌ وَوَرَثَتُه غَيْرُ مُحْتَاجِينَ ، لِقولِه ﷺ لِسَعْد بن أبي وقَّاصٍ رضى الله عنه: ﴿ إِلَّكَ أَنْ تَذَرَ وَرَثَتُكَ اللهُ عَنهُ عَلَلًا يَتَكَفَّفُونَ النَّاسَ ﴾. [البخارى]

وأمَّا المكروهةُ ، فَمَا يَغْلِبُ عَلَى الظَّنِّ أَنَّهَا سَتُصْرَفُ فِي الفُسُوق وَالفُجُور وَالمُمْنُوعَاتِ.

وَقَدِ اهتَمَّ لَنَا الأَمرُ فِي هذِهِ البِلادِ حَيثُ نَعِيشُ تَحتَ قَانُونٍ لَا يَخضَعُ لِتَعَليمَاتِ حَيرِ العِبَادِ. فَرُبَّمَا تُــوزَّعُ مِيراتُ الْمُسلِمِينَ ضِدَّ مَا هو السَدَادُ بَلْ وَفْقَ ماهو مَحْضُ الفَسَادِ. فَيَنبَغِي لَنَا أَن نَهتَمَّ بِكِتَابَةِ الوَصيةِ وَفْقَ المَــشروعِ ، وَنُحَافِظَ عَلَى مَا شَرَعَ اللهُ لَنَا مِنَ الأُصول وَالفُرُوع.

أَعُوذُ بِاللهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّحِيْمِ. بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمنِ الرَّحِيْمِ. يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا شَهَادَةُ بَيْسِنَكُمْ إِذَا حَسْضَرَ أَعُودُ بِاللهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّحِيْمِ. بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمنِ الرَّحْمنِ الرَّحْمنِ الرَّحْمنِ الرَّحْمنِ الرَّحْمنِ اللهِ مِنْكُمْ أَوْ آخَرَانِ مِنْ غَيْرِكُمْ إِنْ أَنْتُمْ ضَرَبْتُمْ فِي الْسَلَوْتِ الْمُوتُ مَنْ فَلَا اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي القُرآنِ العَظيمِ وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُم بِالآيَاتِ والذِّكرِ الحَكِيْمِ. وَمُونَ بَرُ رَوُونَ مُ رَحِيْمٌ.

First Khutbah on the Importance of Bequest

All praise is due to Allah, affirming His Oneness, and gratitude is due to Him for his abundant bounties. He has favored therewith the people of truth and faith due to His grace and mercy, and has bestowed His mercy upon the disobedient with the acceptance of his repentance. And He has extended the good deeds of a Muslim through his bequest. I bear witness that there is no deity but

Allah, He has no partner in His divinity or His deity, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger who has been granted virtue over His creation. May Allah send salutations, peace and blessings upon him and upon his family and his companions and his wives and his progeny and those that followed and those that follow them in the performance of good deeds until the Day of Resurrection. As for what follows:

So fear Allah O Muslims! As indeed, destiny has been decided, and the appointed time of death is ordained. The hour of death must necessarily come, the world is finite and the Hereafter is ever drawing closer. So perform virtuous deeds and desist from bad deeds. And for sure, Allah has decreed for us the earning of blessings through actions whilst alive and through bequest after death. For indeed the Messenger of Allah said: Verily Allah has favoured you with charity at the time of your death [contrary to the wishes of the heirs] with a third of your wealth as an increase for you in your deeds. [Ibn Majah] So, of bequests there is that which is mandatory, and that which is recommended, and that which is from the abominations.

As for that which is mandatory, it is the bequest related to what one remains obligated with from the fardh and wajib deeds and the claims [of others], such as the Hajj, Zakat, expiations, trusts and debts. For indeed the Messenger of Allah said: It is not the right of a Muslim who has something to bequeath that he should spend two nights except that his bequest should be recorded with him. [Bukhari] In the narration of Muslim, three nights [are mentioned]. 'Abd Allah b. 'Umar said: Not one night did pass upon me since I heard the Messenger of Allah say that except that my bequest was with me. [Muslim]

As for that which is recommended, so that is for him who is not encumbered by [the] rights [of others] nor obligations. So it is recommended for him to bequeath to avenues of righteousness, good and ties of kinship in order that the blessings may increase in his scale, such as the construction of mosques, the establishment of endowments, paying off the debts of those in straitened circumstances, and other forms of virtuous deeds. However, all this is for one has who abundant wealth and his heirs are not needy on account of what the Messenger of Allah said to Sa'd b. Abu Waqqas : Indeed, that you should leave your heirs prosperous is better than that you should leave them destitute so that they hold out their hands to the people. [Bukhari]

As for that which is an abomination, so it is that in which there is a strong presumption that it will be squandered in moral depravity, licentiousness and that which is prohibited.

The issue is of ever more importance for us in these [Western] countries as we live under laws that do not submit to the teachings of the best of people. Often, the inheritance of Muslims is distributed in a manner that is contrary to that which is the correct way and in fact according to what is purely irregular. Therefore, it behoves us that we should give due attention to writing a will according to that which has been made lawful, and we safeguard that which Allah has decreed for us from the primary and subsidiary rulings.

I seek refuge in Allah from Satan, the accursed. In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. O You who believe! [take] witnesses amongst yourselves when death approaches any of you at the time of making bequest two just men from yourselves or two others from other than yourselves if you are journeying through the earth and the chance of death befalls you. ... [5:106] May Allah grant blessing to me and you in the Magnificent Qur'an; and benefit me and you also with the verses and sound remembrance. Indeed, He, Most High, is Magnanimous, Munificent, Lord, Beneficent, Compassionate, and Merciful.