

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلّٰهِ ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَ نَسْتَعِينُهُ وَ نَسْتَغْفِرُهُ ، وَ نَعُوذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنْ
شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَ مِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللّٰهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ
لَهُ، وَ مَنْ يُضِلِّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ. وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللّٰهُ وَحْدَهُ
لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.

All Praise be to **اللّٰهُ** .

We praise him and ask him for help and forgiveness. We ask him for protection from the evilness within ourselves and from our own bad deeds. Whom-so-ever God guides to the truth no one can lead astray, and whom-so-ever He leaves misguided, no one has the power to guide.

I testify that there is no God but **اللّٰهُ** to whom there is no partner and I testify that Muhammad **ﷺ** is his servant and messenger

Brothers and sisters: Eid Mubarak

Dear brothers and sisters, ASA. When we celebrate a day like this, we need to understand ourselves and to explain to our families the significance of what we are celebrating. People in every part of this world have celebrations and festive seasons and Islam is no different. The prophet (SAAWS) confirmed that for the Muslim, there are two days in the year where all the Muslims across the whole world can celebrate together. The first Eid day is after Ramadan, and the second is today, Eid-UI-Adha. If nothing else, it is wonderful to know that Muslims all over the world are celebrating this day with us here in Altrincham. We are sharing with the visitors of the house of Allah this wonderful celebration.

Brothers and sisters yesterday was the 9th day of Zil-Hijja, the day of Arafat. The prophet (SAAWS) said that Hajj is Arafat. For us, we shared the day with our brothers and sisters who were on Arafat by fasting and by remembering Allah (SWT). We ask Allah (SWT) to accept our fast and to grant us forgiveness for the year that has passed and for the year that is to come. For those who were blessed with standing on the mount of Arafat, it was indeed the opportunity for the visitor of the house of Allah (SWT) to raise his or her hands asking Allah for forgiveness, asking Allah for repentance, asking Allah for a fresh start. For the ones who's Dua' was accepted, they will leave Makkah as if they were reborn. All their sins forgiven, the slate is clean and their relationship with Allah re-confirmed. This would have been a Hajj that has been accepted by the grace of Allah.

As the visitors of the house of Allah headed towards Arafat yesterday, they were all crying:

“Labaika-Llahuma-Labaik. Labaika-Laa-Sharika-Laka-Labaik. Inna-Llhamda-Wanni'mata-Laka-Walmulk. Laa-Sharika-Lak”.

“Labaika-Llahuma-Labaik”. Oh Allah, here I am as you have commanded me. In this cry, the Muslim confirms that it is only for the sake of the call of Allah that he is there. Muslims from all over the world have converged on Arafat answering the call of Allah. They seek forgiveness of Allah. They seek the bounties of Allah for this world and for the hereafter.

“Labaika-Laa-Sharika-Laka-Labaik”. As they do so, they testify the universal call of Islam; there is only One God, The Almighty God, a God without partners or associates. O Allah, we come to you in the full belief that you have no partners or associates. No one can give us but you. No one can forgive us but you. No one can help us but you. As the Muslim seeks Allah, he needs to confirm in his mind and in his heart that there is no one else besides Allah. This is the message of complete and total submission.

“Inna-Llhamda-Wanni'mata-Laka-Walmulk. Laa-Sharika-Lak”. All praise, all blessings and all ownership belong to You; there is no partner with you in any of this. Should the Muslim truly achieve this belief; **All praise, all blessings and all ownership belong to Allah**, then and only then do the peace and tranquility of Islam settles in the heart.

When you achieve the total belief that all praise belong to Allah, you will have accepted all that Allah has planned for you and you praise Allah for it. When you accept that all blessings can only come from Allah, you will have achieved a sense of satisfaction that whatever you have is a blessing from Allah, and whatever anyone else has is also a blessing from Allah. Once we achieve this level of belief and understanding, how much easier does life become. We praise Allah for His blessings on us and for His blessings on others. We ask only of Allah for any blessing because we have the belief that all ownership belongs to Allah. Allah (SWT) tells us that He owns everything, so how can any give what no one owns.

As the visitors of the house of Allah travel towards Arafat, they do so as they repeat this declaration. The total submission to the will of Allah is where the strength of belief comes from. The more we humble ourselves to Allah the stronger we become. The more we slave ourselves to the will of Allah, the more free we become. The more we confirm our in need of Allah the more independent of any need we become. It is truly a magnificent concept. If you seek strength, freedom and wealth, then you need to confirm your total submission to the one Allah.

This is what we celebrate today; we celebrate our total submission to Allah.

“Labaika-Llahuma-Labaik. Labaika-Laa-Sharika-Laka-Labaik. Inna-Llhamda-Wanni’mata-Laka-Walmulk. Laa-Sharika-Lak”.

What is also amazing about being a Muslim is that as part of our belief, we are not asked to forfeit this life of Dunia. Yes, we know that the hereafter is what we are striving for, but Islam has never asked us to put this Dunia aside. The Muslim is asked to achieve a balance of enjoying this life but not at the expense of the hereafter. The Dua’ of the Muslim should be for goodness in this life and in the hereafter:

وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ يَقُولُ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ
حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ نَصِيبٌ مِّمَّا كَسَبُوا وَاللَّهُ
سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ﴿٢٠٢﴾

“And there are those who say: “Our Lord! Grant us what is good in this world and what is good in the Hereafter, and guard us from the torment of the Fire. Those shall have (their) share of what they have earned, and Allah is swift in reckoning” (S2, A201-2)

On this day, we ask Allah (SWT) to grant us what is good in this world and what is good in the hereafter and to guard us from the torment of the fire.

Brothers and sisters, we read in surat Al-hajj, surat 22, ayah 11:

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَعْبُدُ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ حَرْفٍ ۖ فَإِن أَصَابَهُ خَيْرٌ اطْمَأَنَّ بِهِ ۖ^ط
وَإِن أَصَابَتْهُ فَتْنَةٌ اَنقَلَبَ عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِ ۗ خَسِرَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةَ ۗ ذَٰلِكَ
هُوَ الْخُسْرَانُ الْمُبِينُ

“And among people are those who worship Allah conditionally. If good befalls them they are satisfied therewith. But if a trial afflicts them, they turn back on their faces (away from Allah). Thus they lose both, this world and the hereafter. That is indeed the manifest loss” (S22, A11)

Brothers and sisters, let us be careful not to fall into this trap. The trap of being close to Allah when good befalls us and walk away from Allah when a trial afflicts us. Total submission to Allah means total praise to Allah in times of ease and in times of trial. That is the mark of the true believer. We ask Allah (SWT) to give us the strength to praise him in times of ease and in times of adversity. We ask Allah (SWT) to give us the strength to praise him when He gives and to praise Him when He takes.

أقول قولي هذا وأستغفر الله لي و لكم

2nd Khutbah:

الحمد لله ثم الحمد لله. الحمد لله نستعينه ونستغفره ، ونعوذ بالله من شرور
أنفسنا وسيات أعمالنا . أما بعد :

Brothers and sisters, these immediate days after Arafat are called the days of “Tashreek”. Allah (SWT) says in the Holy Quran:

فَإِذَا قَضَيْتُمْ مَنَاسِكَكُمْ فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَذِكْرِكُمْ آبَاءَكُمْ أَوْ أَشَدَّ
ذِكْرًا

“And when you have completed your holy rites, remember Allah as you would remember your fathers and even with a stronger remembrance” (S2, A200)

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest. There is no god worthy of worship except Allah. Allah is the greatest. Allah is the greatest. To Allah belongs all praise.

Brothers and sisters, as we celebrate this day, let us make sure that we do so by remembering Allah (SWT) and not by disobeying him. Do not let the excitement of the celebration during these days lead you to forget your remembrance of Allah. Remember to say after each obligatory prayer:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

Indeed brothers and sisters, Allah is the greatest. A beautiful cry of submission, Allah is the greatest.

Brothers and sisters, we read in Surat Al-Imran, Surat, ayahs 18 and 19:

شَهِدَ اللَّهُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ وَأُولُو الْعِلْمِ قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ لَا
إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١٨﴾ إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

“Allah bears witness that there is no god but He, and (so do) the angels and those who have knowledge; maintaining His creation justly; there is no god but He, the Mighty, the Wise. The “Deen” before Allah is Islam” (S3, A18-9)

We praise Allah for the blessing of Islam. We praise Allah for the blessing of Iman and we praise Allah for the blessing of the Quran.

Remember brothers and sisters that it was in days like these that this revelation came down:

الْيَوْمَ يَيْسَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ دِينِكُمْ فَلَا تَخْشَوْهُمْ وَاخْشَوْنِ الْيَوْمَ
أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمْ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

"This day, those who disbelieve are in despair of your religion; so do not fear them, but fear Me! This day I have perfected your religion for you and completed My favour unto you, and have chosen for you Islam as the religion" (S5, A3)

We praise Allah that he allowed us to be Muslims, and we ask him to grant us the understanding of this beautiful Deen, and grant us the wisdom of achieving submission. Brothers and sisters, in previous khutbahs, I tended to remind you of various commitments that we need to work on, such as conduct, learning, the Hijab and so on. For today, I will keep it simple. Understand what Islam is and ask Allah (SWT) with great sincerity to grant you total submission to his will.

I leave you with this ayah in Surat A-Hajj sums up the message of Islam.

فَاللَّهُمَّ إِلَهَ وَاحِدٍ فَلَهُ أَسْلِمُوا

"And your god is One God, therefore to Him should you submit" (S22, A34)

Brothers and sisters: Eid Mubarak