

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ وَمَنْ يَتَّبِعْ خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَإِنَّهُ يَأْمُرُ بِالْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ مَا زَكَا مِنْكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ أَبَدًا وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يُزَكِّي مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ  
وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: الْإِيمَانُ بِضْعٌ وَسِتُّونَ شُعْبَةً، وَالْحَيَاءُ شُعْبَةٌ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ

### Dear Believers!

The topic of today's khutbah is the sense of hayâ (modesty), one of the most precious adornments of our innate nature.

Hayâ is the feeling of shame. It is the inner guard that prevents a person from ugly deeds, foul words, and disobedience to Allah the Almighty. Hayâ is a fundamental moral principle embedded in our creation, one that makes us truly human.

Our Lord ﷻ says in the Holy Qur'an: **"O believers! Do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Whoever follows Satan's footsteps, then let them know that he surely bids 'all to' immorality and wickedness. Had it not been for Allah's grace and mercy upon you, none of you would have ever been purified. But Allah purifies whoever He wills. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing."** (An-Nur, 21)

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: **"Faith has over seventy branches. The highest is declaring 'There is no god but Allah,' and the lowest is removing harm from the road. Modesty (hayâ) is also a branch of faith."** (Muslim, Îmân, 58)

The sense of hayâ has three dimensions:

- Modesty before Allah: Feeling ashamed to turn toward sin when our Lord sees us at every moment.
- Modesty before people: Behaving with decency and restraint in society.
- Modesty before oneself: Avoiding disgraceful acts even when alone with one's conscience.

### Valuable Believers!

A person with hayâ carries a sense of humility before their Lord and treats creation with gentleness. Hayâ guides a person to live respectfully and uprightly, both toward Allah the Almighty and toward people.

The Prophet ﷺ said: **"Modesty and faith are intertwined. If one is removed, the other is also removed."** (Hakim, al-Mustadrak, 1/22)

Unfortunately, in our time, the sense of hayâ has largely been lost, especially among the youth, where decency and modesty are often disregarded. Under the guise of "freedom," moral boundaries are erased, and societal values are undermined. Yet, the Prophet ﷺ warned: **"Since the beginning of humanity, all prophets have conveyed this truth: If you feel no shame, do as you please!"** (Bukhârî, Anbiyâ, 54)

Therefore, we must first strive to be servants with hayâ ourselves and then teach it to our children. For hayâ is the key to a chaste life and to being a valued servant in the sight of Allah. This feeling purifies the soul, cleanses the heart, and beautifies life.

I conclude my khutbah with a noble hadith of the Prophet ﷺ: **"Modesty brings nothing but good."** (Bukhârî, Adab, 77)