

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَأَتِذَا الْقُرْبَىٰ حَقَّهُ وَالْمِسْكِينَ وَابْنَ السَّبِيلِ وَلَا تُبَذِّرْ تَبْذِيرًا
وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: مَنْ أَحَبَّ أَنْ يُبْسَطَ لَهُ فِي رِزْقِهِ وَيُنْسَأَ لَهُ فِي أَثَرِهِ فَلْيَصِلْ رَحِمَهُ

In another noble hadith, the Prophet ﷺ teaches us that: **"The one who maintains family ties is not the one who reciprocates when good is done to him. Rather, the one who truly maintains family ties is the one who continues his connection even when his relatives cut him off."** (Bukhari, Adab, 15)

Valuable Muslims!

All of us will depart from this world and move to the Hereafter when the time comes. So come, let us put an end to grudges, win the hearts of our parents, visit our elders and seek their prayers, show mercy to our young ones, and not forget our needy relatives.

Let us not forget that sometimes a phone call, a greeting, a visit can end years of resentment. A small step taken for Allah's sake can be a means for the opening of great doors of mercy.

I conclude my khutbah with the following noble hadith of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ: **"Maintain your family ties, even if only with a greeting."** (Bayhaqi)

Dear Believers!

The topic of today's khutbah is maintaining family ties (Silatur Rahim), meaning preserving the bonds of kinship and continuing our relationships with our relatives in a beautiful manner.

The religion of Islam is not only about prayer, fasting, and alms-giving. Our religion also commands us to win hearts, strengthen family bonds, care for relatives, and get along well with people.

Unfortunately, although people live close to one another today, their hearts have grown distant. There are many relatives living in the same city who do not reach out to or ask about one another for months, even years. Because of simple worldly goods and egotistical matters, brother turns against brother, child against parent, relative against relative.

We did not choose our relatives. However, what language, what character, and what attitude we adopt towards them is our test. A believer acts not according to his ego, but according to what his religion shows.

The Almighty Lord states in the Noble Qur'an: **"And give the relative his right, and [also] the poor and the traveler, and do not spend wastefully"** (Al-Isra, 17:26)

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Maintaining family ties (Silatur Rahim) means not severing ties with relatives, visiting them, inquiring about their situation, caring about their problems, and being there for them in times of need. Therefore, Silatur Rahim is not merely a custom or tradition, but a command that is obligatory (fard) upon everyone.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ informed us that Silatur Rahim is a means of worldly and otherworldly blessings, saying: **"Whoever wishes for his provision to be expanded and his life to be blessed, let him maintain his family ties."** (Bukhari, Adab, 12)

Dear Believers!

True virtue is not visiting the one who visits you, but not closing the door of your heart even to the relative who severs ties with you. Because Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: **"The one who severs family ties will not enter Paradise."** (Bukhari)