

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: مَا مِنْ شَيْءٍ أَنْقَلُ فِي الْمِيزَانِ مِنْ حُسْنِ الْخُلُقِ

sense, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: **"The most perfect in faith are those with the finest character!"** (Tirmidhi, 1162)

Dear Congregation!

It is not wealth that fills our homes with peace, but good character. The best inheritance we can leave for our children is not money and possessions, but good character. Peace of heart does not spring from prosperity, but from beautiful speech, kindness, patience, goodness, and good character.

Jalaluddin Rumi (may his secret be sanctified) said: "Good character is like a rose that blooms among thorns."

And Yunus Emre (may his secret be sanctified) said: "If you break a heart, your prayer is no prayer at all!"

With this, he meant to tell us that good character is the soul of worship. Therefore, let us protect our tongues from lies, our eyes from forbidden glances, our hands from injustice, and our hearts from arrogance, greed, love of this world, hatred, and envy.

Let us be forgiving, honor our parents, treat our children with mercy, and do good to our neighbors!

We will conclude our sermon with the following words of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ: **"On the Day of Resurrection, nothing will be heavier on the scales of deeds than good character!"** (Tirmidhi, 2003)

Dear Believers!

Islam leads people to true faith, righteous deeds, and good character. The famous Hadith of Jibril divides our religion into faith (iman), acts of worship (islam), and God-consciousness (ihsan). In it, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: **"(Ihsan is) that you worship Allah as if you see Him. For even if you do not see Him, He indeed sees you!"** (Bukhari, al-Iman, 50)

Dear Muslims!

Good character is a sweet fruit that grows on the tree of faith. Bad character, on the other hand, is a spiritual illness that arises from the desires of the ego (nafs) and the whispers of Satan.

Faith and good character are inseparable. For without beautiful character, one can neither attain perfect faith nor become a complete human being. The Exalted Allah says in the Noble Qur'an to His Messenger ﷺ: **"And indeed, you possess a magnificent character!"** (Al-Qalam, 68:4)

And the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "I was sent to perfect good character." (Malik, al-Muwatta, 1614)

Dear Brothers!

Good character is what people need most today. For there are many scholars and leaders who have no mercy. And there are many wealthy people who are stingy and hard-hearted. And what is knowledge without conscience? And what are status and wealth without generosity and magnanimity? The Exalted Allah says in the Noble Qur'an: **"Indeed, Allah commands justice, good conduct, and giving to relatives!"** (An-Nahl, 16:90)

And the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: **"Those dearest and closest to me on the Day of Resurrection are those with the best character!"** (Tirmidhi, 2018)

Dear Believers!

Arrogance, envy, anger, falsehood, slander, and hypocrisy are spiritual diseases that darken the heart and destroy a person's life in both this world and the Hereafter. In this