

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ فِي السَّرَّاءِ وَالصَّرَّاءِ وَالْكَاطِمِينَ الْغَيْظَ وَالْعَافِينَ عَنِ النَّاسِ وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: أَلْبِرٌ حُسْنُ الْخُلُقِ، وَالْإِثْمُ مَا حَاكَ فِي صَدْرِكَ، وَكَرِهْتَ أَنْ يَطَّلَعَ عَلَيْهِ النَّاسُ

Respected Muslims!

The topic of today's khutbah is about doing good and being with righteous people. Goodness is one of the most valuable traits that brings a person closer to their Lord.

Our Supreme Lord ﷺ, says in many noble verses of the Qur'an regarding those who do good: **"Indeed, the mercy of Allah is near to the doers of good."** (Al-A'raf, 7:56) **"We will give increase to the doers of good."** (Al-Baqarah, 2:58) **"Indeed, Allah loves the doers of good."** (Al-Baqarah, 2:195) **"Indeed, Allah is with the doers of good."** (An-Nahl, 16:128)

The Lord of the Worlds ﷻ, teaches us not to abandon goodness even in the most difficult circumstances through the words of Habil (Abel), one of Adam's sons: **"If you should raise your hand against me to kill me, I shall not raise my hand against you to kill you. Indeed, I fear Allah, Lord of the worlds."** (Al-Ma'idah, 5:28)

My Respected Brothers

The true possessor of goodness is not only the one who helps the needy, but also the one who is forgiving, who restrains anger, who is patient in the face of injustice, and who can even treat those who wrong him with goodness.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ showed us the best example in goodness and forgiveness. On the day of the Conquest of Mecca, he asked the Meccans at the door of the Kaaba: **"What do you think I will do to you?"** They replied: **"You are a noble brother, son of a noble brother."** Upon this, the Prophet ﷺ recalling the words of Prophet Yusuf, said: **"There is no blame upon you today."** He then forgave them by saying: **"Go, for you are all free."** (Ibn Hisham, Sirat an-Nabawiyyah)

In the face of this great mercy and forgiveness, many Meccans embraced Islam. Yet the Prophet ﷺ had the power to take revenge on those who had oppressed him and his companions. However, he chose to forgive and to treat them with goodness.

Respected Believers!

Goodness is a responsibility not only towards people but also towards all creatures, animals, and nature. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ informed us that a sinful woman who gave

water to a dog dying of thirst was forgiven by Allah because of this act of mercy. (Bukhari)

Dear Brothers, Our great scholars in Islam, the Rabbani scholars, also lived this morality in the most beautiful way throughout their lives. The patience and forgiveness shown by Malik bin Dinar (may his secret be sanctified) towards his neighbor who tormented him is one of the finest examples of this. He did not retaliate against the wrongs done to him; rather, he was patient and forgiving. Our Lord, the Almighty and Glorious, describes this beautiful character of the righteous (those with taqwa) in the Qur'an: **"Those who spend [in Allah's cause] during ease and hardship and who restrain anger and who pardon the people. And Allah loves the doers of good."** (Aal-e-Imran, 3:134)

Throughout history, the most distinguishing characteristic of the friends of Allah (awliya), who followed in the footsteps of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, has been that they were good people. They approached even those who showed enmity towards them with mercy and responded to evil with goodness.

Our Prophet ﷺ said in a noble hadith: **"Faith (iman) has over seventy branches. The most excellent of them is the declaration 'La ilaha illallah' (There is no god but Allah), and the lowest of them is removing something harmful from the path. And modesty (haya) is a branch of faith."** (Bukhari, Iman, 3)

This hadith shows us that goodness manifests itself not only in great and noticeable deeds, but also in actions that seem simple, such as removing a small obstacle from the path people walk on. Therefore, the believer is always in pursuit of goodness and seizes even the smallest opportunities.

Our duty is to stand by the truth against evil and falsehood with decency and dignity, to oppose evil with patience, calmness, courage, and justice, and to respond with goodness when necessary. It is to be among the oppressed and to stand with the doers of good; to be among the **"muhsin"** (doers of good) and the **"sadiq"** (truthful). Indeed, our Lord, the Almighty and Glorious, commands: **"O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with the truthful."** (At-Tawbah, 9:119)

I conclude my khutbah with a noble hadith: **"Showing a cheerful face to your fellow believer is charity. Commanding good and forbidding evil is charity. Guiding a person who has lost his way is charity. Removing obstacles such as stones, thorns, or bones from the path is charity."** (Tirmidhi, Birr, 45)