

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ قُلْ إِنْ هَدَىٰ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ
أَلْهُدًى وَلَئِنْ اتَّبَعْتَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ بَعْدَ الَّذِي جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ مَا لَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ
وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ

وقال النبي ﷺ: مَنْ تَشَبَّهَ بِقَوْمٍ فَهُوَ مِنْهُمْ

Dear Muslims!

Allah ﷻ says: "Never will the Jews or Christians be pleased with you, until you follow their faith. Say, "Allah's guidance is the only 'true' guidance." And if you were to follow their desires after 'all' the knowledge that has come to you, there would be none to protect or help you against Allah." (Al-Baqarah 120)

Dear Believers! Our Prophet ﷺ said: "Whoever imitates a people becomes one of them." (Abu Dawud, Libas 4)

This hadith clearly shows us that it is a great mistake for Muslims to imitate the beliefs, customs, and lifestyles of other nations. Because loving someone creates the desire to resemble them, and eventually, a person is resurrected in the same manner as those they love. Indeed, our Prophet ﷺ said in another hadith: "Whoever loves a people, Allah Almighty will resurrect him among them." (Tabarani), emphasizing how dangerous the consequences of love and imitation can be.

While our Prophet ﷺ warned his ummah against the bad habits of other nations, he said: "You will follow the ways of those before you step by step, span by span, cubit by cubit. You will adopt their beliefs and ways of life. Even if they

entered a small lizard's hole that a person cannot enter, you would follow them." When the Companions asked who these people were, our Prophet ﷺ said: "Who else would they be? Of course, the Jews and Christians." (Bukhari, Muslim)

Dear Muslims!

Allah ﷻ says to us: "Today I have perfected your faith for you, completed My favour upon you, and chosen Islam as your way." (Al-Ma'idah 3)

Muslims should never compromise their religion, culture, and identity. Our identity should be evident in our acts of worship, our morals, our way of dressing, and every aspect of our lives. We should not imitate the holidays, holy nights, and lifestyles of foreign cultures, but rather be colored with the dye of Islam and engrave it upon our lives.

Let us conclude our khutbah with this verse: "Indeed, that is My Path—perfectly straight. So follow it and do not follow other ways, for they will lead you away from His Way. This is what He has commanded you, so perhaps you will be conscious 'of Allah'." (Al-An'am 153)