

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا وَإِذَا حَكَمْتُمْ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ أَنْ تَحْكُمُوا بِالْعَدْلِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ نِعِمَّا يَعِظُكُمْ بِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ : إِنَّ الْمُسْلِمِينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَلَىٰ مَنَابِرَ مِنْ نُورٍ، الَّذِينَ يَعْدِلُونَ فِي حُكْمِهِمْ وَأَهْلِيهِمْ وَمَا وَلَوْ

Dear Muslims!

The topic of today's khutbah will be the importance of justice.

Justice means upholding the truth, acting with balance, being fair, and placing everything in its rightful place. Oppression and betrayal are the opposites of justice. Hz. Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) said, **"Justice is the foundation of governance,"** indicating that a place without justice cannot endure.

Hz. Mevlânâ (may his soul be sanctified) said: **"Justice is placing everything in its deserving place. A shoe belongs to the foot, and a cap belongs to the head."**

In the Holy Qur'an, our Lord says: **"O you who believe! Stand firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even if it be against yourselves, your parents, or your relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both. So do not follow your desires, lest you deviate from justice. And if you distort your testimony or refuse to give it, then indeed, Allah is fully aware of what you do."** (Al-Ma'idah, 8)

Dear Muslims!

In a hadith, the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: **"Every one of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock. A ruler is a shepherd and is responsible for his subjects. A man is the shepherd of his family and is responsible for them. A woman is the shepherd of her husband's home and is responsible for it. A servant is the shepherd of his master's property and is responsible for it. Indeed, every one of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock."** (Bukhari, Jumu'ah 11)

The Prophet ﷺ commanded parents to act justly among their children. Unless there is a legitimate reason, it is an act of justice for parents not to discriminate when giving gifts or distributing wealth among their children. However, after death, distributing inheritance according to the measures set by Islam is justice. It is clear that absolute equality is not justice in every situation.

Valuable Believers!

A Muslim must uphold justice within the family, in relationships with children and relatives, and even with enemies. One should not follow their desires and commit injustice, should protect people's rights, and should not do to others what one would not want done to themselves.

I conclude my khutbah with a noble verse: **"O you who believe! Stand firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even if it be against yourselves, your parents, or your relatives. Whether the person is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both. So do not follow your desires, lest you act unjustly. And if you distort your testimony or refuse to give it, then indeed, Allah is fully aware of what you do."** (An-Nisa, 135)