

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلَا خَلَاءُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ أَفْضَلُ الْأَعْمَالِ الْحُبُّ فِي اللَّهِ وَالْبُغْضُ فِي اللَّهِ

### Honorable Muslims!

The subject of today's khutbah is loving one another for the sake of Allah and friendship in the Hereafter.

Love and friendships are of two kinds. The first is for the self, and the second is for Allah, the Exalted. The commanded friendship that will be beneficial on the Day of Judgment is the friendship of those who love each other for the sake of Allah, a friendship for the Hereafter.

In the Holy Quran, our Lord states: **"That Day, all close friends will be enemies to one another, except for the righteous."** (Az-Zukhruf, 67)

### Dear brothers,

Love and friendship arise from similarities in nature, unity in belief, or shared interests among individuals. That is why good people love and befriend good people, and bad people love and befriend bad people. To explain this meaning, it has been said: If a believer enters an assembly where there are one hundred hypocrites and only one believer, he will feel familiarity and companionship with that one believer. Similarly, if a hypocrite enters an assembly where there are one hundred believers and only one hypocrite, he will form closeness and friendship with that one hypocrite.

A person is only inclined towards and interested in those who share their nature and disposition, or who share the same ideas, cause, and beliefs. For this reason, it has been said: "If you want to know what you are, look at who you love."

### Honorable congregation!

Loving something is either for the sake of Allah or for one's own self, depending on the intention. Those who have friendships and relationships for worldly matters, wealth, position, status, and various selfish interests should know that they will become enemies to one another on the Day of Judgment. In the worldly life, they will flee from each other due to their injustices and disregard for divine law.

However, righteous friends whose sole concern is the pleasure of Allah will seek each other out both here and

in the Hereafter, and they will sacrifice themselves for one another. This friendship is such a precious jewel that if a friend is in need of rewards on the Day of Judgment, their friend will give them from their own rewards; our beloved Prophet ﷺ informed us of this.

I conclude my khutbah with a blessed hadith of the Prophet ﷺ: **"Those who love each other for the sake of Allah will sit on pulpits of light in the Hereafter. Their clothes will be of light. Their faces will be luminous. Although they are not prophets or martyrs, they will be envied and admired. These are the people who, in this world, loved, helped, showed closeness to, and visited one another purely for the sake of Allah."** (Bukhari, Tawhid)