

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: رَغِمَ أَنْفُ رَجُلٍ ذُكِرْتُ عِنْدَهُ فَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيَّ ، وَرَغِمَ أَنْفُ رَجُلٍ دَخَلَ عَلَيْهِ رَمَضَانُ ثُمَّ اسْتَلَخَ قَبْلَ أَنْ يُغْفَرَ لَهُ ، وَرَغِمَ أَنْفُ رَجُلٍ أَدْرَكَ عِنْدَهُ أَبَوَاهُ الْكَبِيرَ فَلَمْ يُدْخِلَاهُ الْجَنَّةَ

Respected Believers!

Today, we have awakened to a most exceptional and precious morning. While experiencing the joy of reaching Eid al-Fitr, having left behind a month of virtue, blessings, and forgiveness, we are also simultaneously perceiving the blessed day of Friday, which is our weekly eid. Thus, as a great bounty from Allah the Exalted, we are experiencing two eids together. Praise be to our Supreme Lord, who enabled us to complete the sacred month of Ramadan—whose beginning is mercy, its middle forgiveness, and its end a means of salvation from the torment of Hell—and to reach this morning of Eid. May this blessed day be auspicious and full of blessings for us all.

Dear Believers!

Ka'b bin Ujra (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates: One day, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said to us, "Come close to the pulpit!" So we came close. When he ascended the first step, he said, "Ameen!" He ascended the second step and said, "Ameen!" He ascended the third step and said, "Ameen!" When he descended from the pulpit, we asked, "O Messenger of Allah! Today we heard from you something we have never heard before. What is the wisdom behind this?" He replied: "Jibreel ﷺ appeared to me and said, 'Woe to the person who reaches Ramadan and his sins are not forgiven, may he be disgraced and humbled!' So I said, 'Ameen.' When I ascended the second step, he said, 'Woe to the person upon whom your name is mentioned and he does not send blessings upon you, may he be disgraced and humbled!' So I said, 'Ameen.' When I ascended the third step, he said, 'Woe to the person who lives to see his parents or one of them reach old age and does not earn Paradise by pleasing them, may he be disgraced and humbled!' So I said, 'Ameen.'" (Tirmidhi)

Valuable Muslims!

Allah the Exalted has bestowed upon this Ummah two great eids: Ramadan and Eid al-Adha. Eid is not merely a day of joy, but also a blessed time when servitude, submission, and devotion to our Lord are renewed in our hearts. The hearts, beautified throughout Ramadan through fasting, patience, charity, and worship, meet with mercy, affection, and joy on Eid. Eid is a day to protect our faith, to thank our Lord for the blessings He has given, and to

utilize those blessings in accordance with His pleasure. Our Lord informs us in the Noble Qur'an about His servants who live with such faith and submission: **"[They are] men whom neither commerce nor sale distracts from the remembrance of Allah and performance of prayer and giving of zakah. They fear a Day in which the hearts and eyes will [fearfully] turn about."** (An-Nur, 24:37)

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Eid means loving for the sake of Allah, mending broken hearts, and bringing joy to sorrowful souls. In accordance with the propriety of Eid days, let us dress in clean and beautiful clothes, apply perfume, and experience the joy of Eid in a manner befitting our religion and customs. Let us kiss the hands of our elders and seek their prayers for goodness, and bring happiness to our young ones. If we haven't already given them, let us not neglect our Fitra and Zakat.

Brothers and Sisters!

Let us also not neglect the six days of fasting to be observed in the month of Shawwal after the first day of Eid. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: **"Whoever fasts Ramadan and then follows it with six days of fasting in Shawwal, it is as if he has fasted the entire year."** (Muslim, Siyam, 204)

Let us not miss this great reward. Let us continue the worship life we became accustomed to during Ramadan even after Eid, and revitalize our hearts with the Shawwal fasts.

I conclude our khutbah with the supplication of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ: **"O Allah! Guide us on the straight path, unite our hearts, reconcile us, direct us to the ways of peace, and bless us with Your bounties."** (Abu Dawood, Salat, 358)