

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِيَ إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: مَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُخْلِصًا دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ

Esteemed Muslims!

The topic of our khutbah today is Tawhid, that is, about affirming the Oneness of Allah the Almighty and worshipping Him alone.

Tawhid is the heart not turning to anyone other than Allah; it is the intention, action, and worship being done solely for His pleasure. In a believer's life, the statement "*La ilaha illallah*" is not merely a verbal expression, but a state of faith lived with one's entire being. Tawhid requires affirmation by the heart, declaration by the tongue, and proof through actions. Tawhid liberates a person from [servitude to] people, material things, and desires; it binds them only to Allah. Through Tawhid, a person finds honor, attains peace, and draws close to Allah. Shirk (associating partners with Allah), on the other hand, drags a person into humiliation, darkness, and eternal loss.

Tawhid is the foundation of Islam, the supreme truth to which all prophets called. Allah the Majestic says in the Holy Qur'an: "**And We did not send any messenger before you, O Muhammad, except that We revealed to him that 'There is no deity except Me, so worship Me.'**" (Al-Anbiya, 25)

Dear Believers!

The prophets are messengers of mercy who sowed the seeds of Tawhid in human hearts; they purify from false beliefs and deviations, and call people to unity and truth. Tawhid liberates a person from the idols of inner whims and worldly desires, directing them towards complete submission to Allah. Its social reflection is unity (Wahdah); it is to preserve the unity and integrity of Muslims through brotherhood, love, and solidarity.

Tawhid is not merely saying "*Allah is One*." Tawhid is to uphold Allah's command as supreme in every area of life, in joy and sorrow, in worship and trade, at home and at work. A believer believes that only Allah is the Provider of sustenance, the Granter of healing, and the Determiner of destiny. They direct their help, fear, and hope only to Him. Tawhid purifies hearts, liberates the person, and unites the Ummah. Where Tawhid exists, there is no shirk, hypocrisy, self-interest, or discord.

Valuable Believers!

The opposite of Tawhid is Shirk. Shirk means "*to assume that Allah has partners, equals, or similars in His Essence, His Attributes, His Actions, or in the worship due to Him.*" A person who believes in Allah but deems Him (far exalted is He above this) insufficient and accepts other gods and partners is called a Mushrik (one who commits shirk).

Shirk is among the major sins that our Lord has forbidden; its forgiveness is not possible unless repentance is made.

Allah the Exalted says on this matter: "**Indeed, Allah does not forgive association with Him (Shirk), but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills. And he who associates others with Allah has certainly fabricated a tremendous sin.**" (An-Nisa, 48)

Therefore, let us protect our faith; let us keep our belief in Tawhid alive in our hearts, words, and actions. Let us perform our prayers, acts of worship, and our lives solely for Allah. For salvation is only possible through Tawhid.

I conclude my khutbah with a noble verse. Our Exalted Lord says: "**Such is Allah, your Lord! There is no god except Him, the Creator of all things, so worship Him. And He is Disposer of all things.**" (Al-An'am, 102)