

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً
فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: لَا تَبَاعَضُوا، وَلَا تَحَاسَدُوا، وَلَا تَدَابَرُوا، وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ إِخْوَانًا

brotherhood. Therefore, let us be united and give no opportunity to discord. For Satan desires division, while Allah the Exalted is pleased with unity and brotherhood.

I conclude my khutbah with the following command of our Lord, the Almighty and Glorious: **"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you – when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided."** (Al-i Imran, 3:103)

Respected Muslims!

Today is an exceptional and valuable day on which, as a great blessing from Allah the Exalted, we are experiencing the blessed Friday together with Eid al-Fitr. On such a blessed day, what befits Muslims is to make peace, come together, unite hearts, and further strengthen the bonds of brotherhood.

Our Lord states in the Noble Qur'an: **"The believers are but brothers. So make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy."** (Al-Hujurat, 49:10)

Dear Believers!

Let us not forget that what makes Muslims strong is not wealth, material interests, or numbers, but faith, brotherhood, and unity. Love and respect increase peace, and brotherhood weakens discord. Hatred, envy, and animosity, on the other hand, darken hearts; as hearts grow darker, society begins to decay.

Eids are blessed times when those who are upset reconcile, those who are estranged seek mutual forgiveness, and hearts are mended. Especially on such an exceptional day as today, when Friday and Eid coincide, it is unbecoming for a believer to carry hatred and resentment. Indeed, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: **"Do not hate one another, do not envy one another, do not turn your backs on one another. O servants of Allah, be brothers!"** (Bukhari, al-Adab, 57)

My Respected Brothers and Sisters!

Today is Eid; it is a day of forgiveness, affection, and brotherhood. On this blessed day, let us win hearts, remove resentments, visit our elders, bring joy to the young, and care for the poor and needy. Let us share the joy of Eid with all our believing brothers and sisters. For the true Eid is the cleansing of hearts from hatred and animosity, and the strengthening of