بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَقَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُ مْ اَعْدَاءً فَالَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَاصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهٖۤ إِخْوَانًا وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَى شَفَا حُفْ رَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ فَاَنْقَذَكُمْ مِنْهَا كَذٰلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللهُ لَكُمْ أَيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُ ﷺ: عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْجَمَاعَةِ، وَإِيَّاكُمْ وَالْفُرْفَةَ، فَإِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ مَعَ الْوَاحِدِ، وَهُوَ مِنَ الِاثْنَيْنِ أَبْعَدُ، مَنْ أَرَادَ بَحْبُوحَةَ الْجَنَّةِ فَلْيَلْزَمِ الْجَمَاعَةَ.

Respected Muslims!

Allah says in the Noble Quran: "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, He united your hearts, so you became brothers by His favor. 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." (Surah Al-Imran, 3:103)

Unity and solidarity are the greatest strength that ensures the survival of every nation, community, and society. Allah the Almighty reminds us of this truth by declaring that believers are brothers. Therefore, we must act with a sense of brotherhood, love one another, respect one another, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood among us. Let us not forget that division, discord, and enmity weaken us, leading to fragmentation and destruction!

Dear Believers! To become a strong society and a resilient ummah, we must cleanse ourselves from negative emotions such as hatred, enmity, and hostility. For as hatred grows, love diminishes, and as enmity increases, brotherhood weakens. Our Lord warns us: "As for those who divide their religion and break up into sects, you have no part in them in the least. Their affair is with Allah. He will, in the end, tell them the truth of all that they did." (Surah Al-An'am, 6:159)

Our beloved Prophet said: "Do not harbor hatred toward one another, do not envy one another, and do not turn away from one another. O servants of Allah! Be brothers!" (Bukhari, Adab, 62)

Thus, it is our duty to purify our hearts, to make love, tolerance, unity, and solidarity dominant in our lives.

Hostility, hatred, envy, greed, discord, and division are destructive traits that lead individuals to ruin, cause societies to collapse, and destroy brotherhood. These are the evils that began with Kabil's murder of his brother Habil and have since been perpetuated by Shaytan's whispers to sow discord among people. A Muslim must be patient and balanced. They must not let anger lead them to harm their brother. For the Prophet said: "The strong person is not the one who can wrestle others down. The strong person is the one who controls themselves when they are angry." (Muwatta, 1647)

Those who act in anger or speak without thinking fall into Shaytan's trap. Enmity, hatred, and discord are among the greatest calamities that sever the bonds between Muslims. Our Lord warns us in this regard: "Creating discord is worse than killing." (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:191)

Our Lord commands us to live in unity, solidarity, and brotherhood. He wants us to cleanse our hearts from selfish and impure traits such as hatred, enmity, and envy. However, true unity and solidarity can only be achieved not by words alone but through sincere hearts and good character.

Indeed, the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) once asked his companions: "Shall I inform you of something that is greater in virtue than fasting, prayer, and charity?" They replied, "Yes, O Messenger of Allah!" He said: "Reconciling between two people. For sowing discord between people uproots good deeds." (Abu Dawud, Adab 50; Ahmad ibn Hanbal, Musnad, VI, 444)

Dear Muslims!

Islam commands us to unite, to love one another, and to enjoin good. Shaytan and the nafs, however, fuel division, conflict, hatred, enmity, and discord. Today, let us stay away from all forms of discord that pit us against one another and harm our brotherhood. Let us remember that these discords are part of the evil path that began with Kabil's murder of his brother Habil. Walking that path is unbecoming of a Muslim!

