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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا
إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ
يَتَفَكَّرُونَ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
خَيْرُ النِّكَاحِ أَيْسَرُهُ.

BEING A FAMILY

Honorable Muslims!

As expressed in the verse, “**And one of His signs is that He created for you spouses from among yourselves so that you may find comfort in them. And He has placed between you compassion and mercy. Surely in this are signs for people who reflect,**”¹ the family is one of the manifestations of divine mercy on earth.

Dear Believers!

The family is a haven of peace and affection established through the marriage contract (nikah), the principles of which are defined by Islam. It is a hearth of tranquility where hardships are shouldered together, sorrows are shared, and joys are multiplied. The family is a secure sanctuary that keeps us away from sins. It is an institution that enables us to pass down our national and spiritual values across generations.

Dear Muslims!

Being a family is not merely about sharing the same physical space. It means joining hands to turn both this world and the Hereafter into Paradise. It means keeping unity and solidarity strong in times of hardship just as in times of prosperity. Being a family is being able to reflect the exemplary character of our Beloved Prophet (saw) into our lives. It means being a trustworthy spouse whose hands and thoughts inspire absolute safety, just like him. It means being a loyal father who stands up to welcome his daughter and offers his

own seat. It means being a compassionate grandfather who prolongs his prostration (sujud) while in prayer so as to not to disrupt the play of his grandchildren climbing onto his shoulders. It means being a merciful human being who protects orphans and makes parentless children feel the warmth of a family.

Esteemed Believers!

With each passing day, our family values are being eroded; marriage is being made to look like a burden, while bachelorhood and unmarried lifestyles are being encouraged. Despite the emphasis in our faith that sustenance (*rizq*) belongs solely to Allah,² the rhetoric that “having children makes life difficult” is increasing day by day. However, the future of nations depends on the establishment, protection, and strengthening of the family. The greatest capital of nations is the generations raised with national and spiritual values. For this reason, helping our children—the joy of our eyes—to get married is the collective responsibility of the entire society, not just of parents. As a requirement of this responsibility, Presidency of Religious Affairs also conducts marriage ceremonies through our mufti offices.

Beloved Muslims!

Let us adopt our Prophet’s (saw) advice, “**The best of marriages is the one that is the easiest,**”³ as our guiding principle. Let us not place heavy burdens on the shoulders of our youth and families through engagement, nikah, and wedding ceremonies based on ostentation and extravagance. Let us turn our homes into sources of peace and trust. Let us view our children, who are a blessing from our Lord, as a source of abundance.

We conclude our sermon with the following Hadith of the Messenger of Allah: “**The best of you is the one who is best to his family, and I am the best of you to my family.**”⁴

¹ Rum, 30/21.

² Hud, 11/6.

³ Abu Dawud, Nikah, 30-31.

⁴ Ibn Majah, Nikah, 50.

