

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوِيكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

لَا تَقَاطَعُوا وَلَا تَدَابِرُوا وَلَا تَبَاغَضُوا وَلَا تَحَاسَدُوا وَكُونُوا
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ إِخْوَانًا.

BROTHERHOOD

Honorable Muslims!

The fundamental objective of our sublime religion, Islam, is to secure the peace and happiness of humanity in both this world and the everlasting Hereafter. The path to achieving peace and happiness lies in being brothers and sisters in faith and in strengthening the love and affection among us. Indeed, the Messenger of Mercy, the Prophet Muhammad (saw), stated that loving one another is a requirement of true faith.¹

Dear Believers!

At a time when wars are spreading across different regions, when bloodshed and tears prevail throughout the Islamic world, and when our country is being drawn into a ring of fire, our future depends upon our brotherhood. In this heavenly homeland, entrusted to us by our forefathers who sacrificed their lives for its sake, our joys, our sorrows, our prayers, and even our differences—which we regard as a source of richness—will unite us as one body.

Esteemed Muslims!

Just as in the past, there will always be those who covet our brotherhood, seek to destroy the affection between us, and strive to set us against one another. Let us never forget that, so long as we remain vigilant, the ambitions of our enemies will come to nothing, for we are the hope not only of Muslims but also of all those who are oppressed. If we remain steadfast in our religion and hold firmly to our sacred values, in accordance with the command of Allah the Almighty, **“And hold firmly together to the rope of Allah and do not be**

divided,”² the fire of discord and corruption will never consume us. If we heed the call of the Prophet of Mercy, the Prophet Muhammad (saw): **“Do not sever your ties with one another, do not turn your backs on one another, do not harbor hatred toward one another, and do not envy one another. O servants of Allah! Be brothers,”**³ then division and dissension will find no place in this land. If we live by the divine command, **“The believers are but one brotherhood, so make peace between your brothers. And be mindful of Allah so you may be shown mercy,”**⁴ no one will be able to undermine the unity of our homeland or the solidarity of the ummah.

Honorable Believers!

We all know well:

“No enemy can invade a nation unless division creeps in within,

As long as hearts beat as one, no cannon can ever break their spirit.”

Today, our duty is to confront discord with wisdom and insight, to stand against division with a profound consciousness of unity, and to protect and care for one another. It is to refrain from everything that could weaken our brotherhood and to help lighten one another’s burdens. It is to unite around our national and spiritual values, never forgetting that there is mercy in unity and torment in division.⁵

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

When we hold fast to the roots of our faith and civilization, and when we stand united like the bricks of a single building, firmly bound together, our future will be more peaceful and secure. We conclude this week’s khutbah with the following admonition from Allah the Almighty: **“Obey Allah and His Messenger and do not dispute with one another, or you would be discouraged and weakened. Persevere! Surely Allah is with those who persevere.”**⁶

¹ Muslim, Iman, 93.

² Ali ‘Imran, 3/103.

³ Tirmidhi, Birr wa Sila, 24.

⁴ Hujurat, 49/10.

⁵ Ibn Hanbal, IV, 278.

⁶ Anfal, 8/46.

