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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

مَا نَحَلَ وَالِدٌ وَلَدًا مِنْ نَحْلِ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ أَدَبٍ حَسَنٍ.

COME RUNNING, MOSQUES ARE BEAUTIFUL WITH YOU

Honorable Muslims!

In the verse I have recited, our Lord Almighty (swt) states, “**And know that your properties and your children are but a trial and that Allah has with Him a great reward.**”¹

In the hadith I have read, the Messenger of Allah (saw) says, “**There is no gift that a father gives his child more virtuous than good manners.**”²

Dear Believers!

Our children are among the most valuable gifts that Allah (swt) has entrusted to us. They are the light in our eyes, the peace in our hearts, the joy of our family, and the security of our future. They are the most valuable and meaningful legacy we as mortal beings can leave behind under the dome of the sky.

Dear Muslims!

In one hadith, our Prophet (saw) says,: **وَإِلْوَالِدِكَ**

عَلَيْكَ حَقًّا “**Your child has rights over your.**”³

Indeed, just as parents have rights over their children, so do children over their parents. It is our fundamental responsibility to provide our children’s basic requirements for food, drink, and shelter. In addition, it is also our responsibility to raise our children, who enter this world with a pure and clean disposition, with a sense of servitude to Allah (swt) and a love of worship, and as good people and good Muslims.

Dear Believers!

Allah the Almighty (swt) warns us, **يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ**

آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا “**O you who have believed!**

Protect yourselves and your families from a Fire.”⁴

Then, let us all hold our children’s hands with compassion. Let us make it possible for them to feel the Qur’an’s blessed atmosphere. May the light of the Qur’an shower down on our children’s hearts like raindrops bearing grace. May children, who are the most beautiful beings in the world, meet with the mosques, which is the most beautiful among places, with the Qur’an, which is the most beautiful among words, and with the Prophet’s (saw) morals, which are the most beautiful of ethics. Let us not forget that raising children, who will remember us with gratitude, whose tongues never stop praying and reciting the Qur’an, and the name of Allah (swt), who are the same on the inside and the outside, have good morals, and loving hearts, is both our peace in this world and our provision for the Hereafter.

Dear Muslims!

Our summer Qur’an courses begin on June 27, thanks to which our children will be able to learn about our holy book, the Qur’an, our beloved Prophet’s (saw) exemplary life, the principles of faith and worship, and our religious and moral values. Enrollment applications will begin next Monday. With the slogan “Come Running, Mosques are Beautiful with You!”, our mosques will be once again filled with joy with the presence of our children who are the light of our eyes. Our children will meet the Qur’an’s world of meaning and weave the Islamic morals and manners into their hearts, insha Allah. We call on all parents to encourage our children, in a loving way, for this important activity and to support our religious officials in this regard.

¹ Anfal, 8/28.

² Tirmidhi, Birr, 33.

³ Muslim, Siyam, 183.

⁴ Tahrim, 66/6.