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بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

ثُمَّ كَانَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ اٰمَنُوا وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْمَرْحَمَةِ أُولٰٓئِكَ اَصْحَابُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

مَنْ لاَ يَرْحَمِ النَّاسَ لاَ يَرْحَمْهُ اللهُ.

COMPASSION

Esteemed Muslims!

We are the servants of Allah the Almighty, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. We are the ummah of our Master, the Pride of the Universe (saw), who regarded Mount Uhud as a manifestation of divine mercy. We are the heirs to the civilization of Anatolia, which has called humanity to compassion through such mercy-filled words as: "Be like the sun in showing compassion and mercy!"

"Take heed! Do not break anyone's heart or hurt a single soul! If you are truly human, never hurt a soul in this world!"

Dear Believers!

Our beloved Prophet (saw), the embodiment of mercy and compassion, said to a man who found it strange that he would hold his grandchildren in his arms and show them affection, **"What can I do for you if Allah has taken mercy away from your heart?"**[1] When he saw a sparrow fluttering about in distress, he asked, **"Who has caused this bird such distress?"** and ordered that its chicks be returned immediately.[2] Thus, he instructed us to treat not only human beings but all of creation with mercy and compassion.

Esteemed Muslims!

Today, the lack of compassion lies at the root of the diminishing peace in some households, the bullying among peers that we have unfortunately begun to hear about increasingly in recent times, and certain forms of workplace bullying and intolerance encountered in social and professional life. Where there is no compassion, there is anger; and where anger is left unchecked, there is violence. Some may consider frowning, speaking harshly, and behaving rudely to be methods of discipline. **However, Dear Brothers and Sisters!** Violence cannot instill good manners or win hearts. Raising one's voice does not make one right, resorting to physical force does not make one strong, and instilling fear does not earn one respect. We wish to emphasize this truth: No excuse can ever justify violence against women, children, the elderly, or any human being. Violence is utterly unacceptable, regardless of who perpetrates it or who suffers from it. The warning of our Prophet, the Messenger of Mercy (saw), on this matter is unequivocal: **"Allah does not show mercy to those who do not show mercy to people."**[3]

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Compassion is a precious virtue inherent in human nature that needs to be nurtured through good examples both at home and at school.

Therefore, Dear Mothers and Fathers! Your children should learn compassion first and foremost from you; they should find it in the warmth of your gaze and the tone of your voice. Your children should see in you how to remain calm in the face of anger and how to respond to hatred with love.

Dear Esteemed Teachers! It is you who will raise a compassionate generation that feels the pain of others, cares for the vulnerable, and shows love toward all of creation. We firmly believe that the seeds of compassion and mercy you patiently sow in the hearts of our children will surely bear fruit one day, and that through your efforts, a society founded on mercy, which offers hope to all humanity, will be built.

And Dear Young People! Always show the utmost respect to your teachers, who impart knowledge to you and prepare you for life. Take the saying attributed to Ali (ra): "I would be a servant for forty years to anyone who teaches me even a single letter." as your guiding principle.

We conclude this week's khutbah with the following divine glad tidings: **"And—above all—to be one of those who have faith and urge each other to perseverance and urge each other to compassion. These are the people of the right."**[4]

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[1] Bukhari, Adab, 18.
[2] Abu Dawud, Adab, 163–164.
[3] Muslim, Fadha'il, 66.
[4] Balad 90/17.

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