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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَشَدُّ حُبًّا لِلَّهِ .

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ :

ثَلَاثٌ مَنْ كُنَّ فِيهِ وَجَدَ حَلَاوَةَ الْإِيمَانِ : أَنْ يَكُونَ اللَّهُ

وَرَسُولُهُ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِمَّا سِوَاهُمَا .

DELIGHT OF IMAN: TO LOVE ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER

Dear Believers!

The most precious emotion the Almighty Allah (swt) has engraved on the world of existence and on our souls is love. Love is a unique emotion that connects humans with their Lord, joins hearts, and makes life meaningful. So much so that, in the words of the Holy Qur'an, sincere love is one of the signs of the existence of our Lord Almighty.¹

Allah the Almighty (swt) is, without a doubt, the One most worthy of being loved. Because Allah (swt) is al-Wadud, namely, Who has created love and taught human how to love and be loved. He (swt) is the source of all feelings of love. The entire universe remains standing thanks to His love and mercy.

Dear Muslims!

It is stated in the Holy Qur'an: **"But those who believe are stronger in love for Allah."**² Yes, indeed, the most valuable corner of a Muslim's heart is allocated for the love for the Almighty Allah (swt). Muslims love their Lord unconditionally and endlessly in a sincere and respectable manner. At the same time, they strive to be servants worthy of Allah's (swt) love. They see all the creation through the perspective of compassion because of the deep love they have for Allah (swt). They love the created for the sake of the Creator.

Dear Believers!

A Muslim's heart is also full of love for the Messenger of Allah (saw). Because love for the Prophet Muhammad (saw), who is beautiful by name and by nature, is a requirement of our love for our Lord, Who has blessed us with the honor of being a member of his ummah. Muslims know that loving the Prophet Muhammad (saw) means to embrace our divine book the Qur'an tightly and his sunnah full of wisdom that he has entrusted to us. It means to follow in his footsteps, to love those he loved, and to internalize his morals.

Dear Muslims!

The love for Allah (swt) and the Prophet Muhammad (saw) comes from faith and means to savor it. In this regard, the Prophet Muhammad (saw) says as follows, **"Whoever possesses the following three qualities will have the delight of faith: The one to whom Allah and His Messenger becomes dearer than anything else, the one who loves a person only for Allah's sake, and the one who hates to revert to disbelief as much as he is afraid of being thrown into the fire."**³

Happy are those in whose hearts the love for the Almighty Allah (swt) has a deep place. Happy are those whose eyes get moistened with their love for the Prophet Muhammad (saw). Happy are those who embrace one another with the power of this blessed love.

Dear Believers!

As I conclude this Friday's khutbah, I wish the Almighty Allah's (swt) boundless mercy on our brothers, the heroic children of our homeland, who were martyred in the heinous terrorist attack last week, and extend my condolences to their grieving families, relatives, and our great nation. May Allah the Almighty (swt) never set us apart from our sacreds in whose cause our martyrs have sacrificed their lives.

¹ Rum, 30/21.

² Baqarah, 2/165.

³ Bukhari, Iman, 9.