

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ...

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

إِنَّ أَوَّلَ مَا نَبْدَأُ بِهِ فِي يَوْمِنَا هَذَا أَنْ نُصَلِّيَ، ثُمَّ نَرْجِعَ

فَنُنْحَرَ، فَمَنْ فَعَلَ فَقَدْ أَصَابَ سُنَّتَنَا.

EID AL-ADHA

Honorable Muslims!

We are in the peace and joy of reaching yet another Eid al-Adha, in which our hearts are filled with happiness, the voices of takbir rise to the heavens, and the atmosphere of mercy and forgiveness envelops the earth.

We offer endless praise and gratitude to Allah the Almighty, who has enabled us to reach this blessed time; and we send prayers and peace upon our Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (saw), who taught us submission through sacrifice and affection through Eid.

Dear Believers!

Today is Eid... It is the day of tawhid and unity when believers, coming from all corners of the world and standing in vigil at Arafat, circumambulate the Ka'bah with the same feelings and excitement. It is the day of reviving the hadith of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (saw): **“The first thing we do on this day is to perform the Eid prayer, then return and offer the sacrifice. Whoever does so has followed our Sunnah.”**¹ It is the day of offering our sacrifices with basmalahs, takbirs, and supplications; of sharing with our brothers and sisters; of drawing closer to our Lord; and of embracing the consciousness of taqwa.

Esteemed Muslims!

Today is Eid... It is the time to live by and pass on to future generations the national and spiritual values that define who we are and make us a nation. It is the time to bring distant hearts closer through maintaining family ties, in accordance with the advice

of the Messenger of Allah (saw): **“O people! Spread greetings of peace among yourselves, feed others, and uphold the rights of kinship.”**² It is the time to receive the prayers of our parents; to care for our relatives, neighbors, and friends; and to remember our departed loved ones with goodness. It is the time to include our children in the joy of Eid through the gifts we give them and to leave beautiful impressions in their minds. It is the time to spread goodness, peace, and security—beginning from our homes to our streets, our cities, our country, and the entire world.

Honorable Believers!

Today is Eid... It is the time to repent for our sins and seek refuge in the infinite mercy and forgiveness of Allah the Almighty. It is the time to visit our sick, our elderly, and those who have no one, and to bring joy to their hearts. **It is the time to bring into our lives the noble verse: “The believers are but one brotherhood, so make peace between your brothers...”**³ It is the time to end resentments among us, put an end to estrangement, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. It is the time to feel in our hearts the suffering of our brothers and sisters afflicted by war, especially in Palestine, and to stand beside them with our material and spiritual means.

Noble Muslims!

We pray to Allah the Almighty that Eid al-Adha may bring peace to our souls, blessings to our endeavors, harmony to our families, and unity to the Ummah of Muhammad.

We conclude our khutbah with the following advice of the Messenger of Allah (saw): **“Grant protection to the one who seeks your protection for the sake of Allah. Give to the one who asks from you for the sake of Allah. Accept the invitation of the one who invites you. Repay with kindness the one who does you a favor...”**⁴

¹ Bukhari, Eidayn, 3.

² Ibn Majah, At'imah, 1.

³ Hujurat, 49/10.

⁴ Abu Dawud, Zakat, 38.

