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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

لِيَشْهَدُوا مَنَافِعَ لَهُمْ وَيَذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَعْلُومَاتٍ
عَلَىٰ مَا رَزَقَهُمْ مِنْ بَهِيمَةِ الْأَنْعَامِ فَاكُلُوا مِنْهَا وَأَطِعُوا
الْبَائِسَ الْفَقِيرَ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

مَا عَمِلَ آدَمِيُّ مِنْ عَمَلٍ يَوْمَ النَّحْرِ أَحَبَّ إِلَيَّ اللَّهُ مِنْ
إِهْرَاقِ الدَّمِ.

EID AL-ADHA

Dear Muslims!

Today is the tenth day of the month of Dhu al-Hijjah. As in the words of the Prophet Muhammad (saw), it is the most valuable day in sight of Allah (swt).¹ Today is the blessed Eid al-Adha. It is a divine period of time when we express our servitude to our Allah (swt) through our worships and devotion, dhikr and gratitude as well as get closer to Him (swt) through our sacrifices (qurbani). Endless thanks and praises be to Allah the Almighty (swt), Who has allowed us to reach such a precious period of time. Salat and salam be to our Prophet Muhammad (saw) who taught us how to spend the days of eid.

Dear Believers!

Today, we perform the eid prayer as the first thing to do, and soon we will experience the joy of performing the worship of qurbani, inshaallah. The Messenger of Allah (swt) refers to the merit of the worship of qurbani in one hadith as follows, “**The son of Adam does not do any deed on the day of Eid al-Adha that is dearer to Allah (swt) than sacrificing an animal for Him.**”² Indeed, our sacrifice is the most precious gift we submit to our Lord (swt) to gain His pleasure. It is one of the greatest signs showing that we are in His way through our wealth and life.

Dear Muslims!

Days of eid are the times of grace and abundance of divine blessings. These are the moments to keep our brotherhood alive by remembering that we are the ummah of the Prophet Muhammad (saw). Days of eid are the times of being and making happy, and of peace

and serenity. These are the moments to please our parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and neighbors.

Dear Believers!

Days of eid are beautified through helping and sharing. Then, let us offer from our qurbani to our relatives and neighbors in order to increase our joy of the Eid. Let us share our qurbani with the poor, the orphan and the abandoned. Let us strive to follow the following recommendation of our Lord Almighty, “... **Let them mention the name of Allah on known [i.e., specific] days over what He has provided for them of [sacrificial] animals. So eat of them and feed the miserable and poor.**”³

Dear Muslims!

Days of eid are the days of brotherhood and affection. Then, let us take these rare days as an opportunity to bring an end to resentments and hard feelings between each other. Let us not forget that it is not halal for a Muslim to be cross with their brothers and sisters for more than three days.⁴

Days of eid are also the days of “silat al-rahm”, that is visiting friends and relatives. During these days, however, when we are being challenged by the pandemic, let us pay utmost attention to cleanliness, mask-wearing, and social distancing in order not to cast a shadow of sadness on our joyous days.

Let us fulfill our responsibilities in order to make the most of these blessed days. Let us bear in mind that we need to utter the takbir al-tashriq, starting from the fajr prayer on the Day of Arafat and ending with the ‘asr prayer on the fourth day of the Eid.

As I conclude this eid’s khutbah, I would like to congratulate you, our precious congregation, our august nation and the ummah of the Prophet Muhammad (saw) on the Eid al-Adha. May Allah’s (swt) peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you. Eid Mubarak; I wish you all a happy Eid!

¹ Abu Dawud, Manasik, 19.

² Tirmidhi, Adahi, 1.

³ Hajj, 22/28.

⁴ Bukhari, Adab, 62.