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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

إِنَّ أَوَّلَ مَا نَبَدَأُ بِهِ فِي يَوْمِنَا هَذَا أَنْ نُصَلِّيَ، ثُمَّ نَرْجِعَ
فَنَنْحَرَ، فَمَنْ فَعَلَ فَقَدْ أَصَابَ سُنَّتَنَا.

EID AL-ADHA

Dear Muslims!

Today is the Eid al-Adha. It is an exceptional time when we submit our servitude to Allah (swt) and praise for the blessings bestowed to us by Him. It is a gift by the Almighty Allah to those who are embellished with the iman of Hazrat Ibrahim (as), the loyalty of Hazrat Hajar (as), and the submission of Hazrat Ismail (as). It is sacred day on which our pilgrims proceeds from Arafat to Muzdalifah and then go down to Mina and stone devil and experience the happiness and peace of being a pilgrim by performing tawaf al-ziyarah. Today is a rare period of time when we come closer to the Almighty Allah by performing the worship of sacrifice which is one of the signs of Islam.

Honorable Believers!

In such morning of eid, Prophet Muhammad (saw) left his house to perform eid prayer. When he arrived at the musalla where the prayer to be established, he addressed to his companions as follows, **“Today our first job is to establish eid prayer, then we will sacrifice animal. Those who follow this practice will be acted in accordance with our sunnah.”**¹

Prophet Muhammad (saw) gave the following glad tidings to his ummah in the khutbah recited by him after performing the eid prayer with his companions, **“No servant can commit a more beautiful deed in the presence of Allah than sacrificing animal on the day of sacrifice. Because the animal sacrificed for Allah will come in the Day of Judgment with its horns, hair, and nails. The persons who slaughter them reaches a supreme degree in the presence of Allah before the blood of the animals pour on ground. Then, slaughter them with peace of mind.”**²

Right after the prayer and khutbah it was high time to sacrifice animal. The Prophet of Mercy (saw) warned believers as follows about not torturing the animals to be sacrificed and showing affection and mercy to them, **“Allah made it fardh to act with ‘goodness’, that is to say, beautifully in every subject. Then, whoever sacrifices animal must do it**

in the most beautiful way.”³ Our Beloved Prophet laid down his sacrifice towards qibla, recited basmalah and takbir, and uttered the following dua to Allah, **“Indeed my prayer, my sacrifice, my life, and my death are for Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, no partner has He, with this I am commanded, and I am the first one of the Muslims.”**⁴

Dear Muslims!

Let us contemplate the days of eid in a way suitable to sunnah al-saniyyah as Prophet Muhammad (saw) taught us. Let us remember the tashrik takbirs that we start to recite on the eve with morning prayer and will end with asr prayer in the fourth day of the eid.

As the ummah of the Prophet Muhammad who said, **“Cleanliness is half of the iman.”**⁵ let us be careful about environmental cleaning. Let us make sure that we bury the cystic, ill looking meat and offal that may come out of our sacrificed animal in deep holes. Because **unclaimed animals** eat these meat cause humans to get infected through animals. In addition, let us make sure that we perform cutting and distribution of meat in certainly clean places.

Honorable Believers!

Eids are the days of infaq, gifts, and collaboration. Let us observe the rights of the neighbors, the needy people, the orphans, and the poor people on our sacrifice. Let us remember that we gain as much as we give and we become rich as much as we share.

The essence of eids is silat al-rahm (visiting the relatives). Let us not consider the days of eid only as an opportunity of vacation. Let us visit, primarily our parents, and all the elder people in our family and ask them how they are. Let us make the younger people happy with gifts. Let us help the sick, old, and lonely people to be partners to the joy of the eid.

Dear Muslims!

Eids are the days of forgiving and embracing. By taking these days as opportunity, let us end the conflicts, resentments, and offences which overshadow our brotherhood. Let us live the climate of peace and brotherhood of the eid altogether.

While I conclude my khutbah, I would like to congratulate the Eid al-Adha of our dear nation and of the entire Muslim world. May the salam, baraqah, and mercy of Allah (swt) be upon all of us. May our eid conduce to our hidayah (guidance to the true path) and salvation.

¹ Bukhari, Ideyn, 3.

² Tirmidhi, Edahi 1.

³ Muslim, Sayd, 57; Abu Dawud, Dahaya, 10-11.

⁴ An'am, 6/162-163; Ibn Majah, Edahi, 1.

⁵ Tirmidhi, Deavat, 86.