

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

فَأَمَّا الْيَتِيمَ فَلَا تَقْهَرْ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

خَيْرُ بَيْتٍ فِي الْمُسْلِمِينَ بَيْتٌ فِيهِ يَتِيمٌ يُحْسَنُ إِلَيْهِ...

EVERY ORPHAN IS A TRUST

Esteemed Muslims!

News of martyrdom had cast a burning sorrow over Madinah. Ja'far al-Tayyar (ra), the cousin of the Messenger of Allah (saw), whom he called "My brother!", had been martyred, leaving behind three orphans. The Messenger of Mercy (saw) went to the home of the grieving orphans. He called them to his side, embraced them, and attended to their needs.¹ On another occasion, the Messenger of Mercy (saw) brought his index and middle fingers together and said, **"The one who takes an orphan under his care and I will be side by side like this in Paradise."**²

Dear Believers!

While one part of the lands close to our hearts is engulfed in flames, we, in another part, can sometimes forget that the oppression continues. When the media stops reporting on it, we may fall into the misconception that the oppression has also come to an end. While we pursue our daily concerns and worldly affairs, people in Gaza and in various parts of the world continue to struggle for their very existence. Every day, hundreds of children either lose their lives under the bombs of the oppressors or are left orphaned.

Esteemed Muslims!

We see a painful admission of the compassion humanity has lost in the words of a little child amid the war: "Children do not grow up where we live!" Yet, it is clear that humanity cannot find peace in a world where children are unable to

grow up and where their playgrounds have become their graves. In our time, when orphans struggle to find a compassionate hand to caress their heads and tend to their wounds, it is a reality that Muslims cannot remain at ease. It is also a truth that caring for orphans, providing them shelter and protection, and watching over them is the sunnah of our beloved Prophet (saw), who himself was an orphan.

Esteemed Believers!

Just as the orphans left behind by our relatives and neighbors—those in our neighborhoods, cities, and country—are ours to care for, the orphans struggling to hold on to life in oppressed lands are also ours; they are a trust entrusted to us by Allah the Almighty. For compassion knows no geographical boundaries. To be an ummah means to be united and to preserve the bond of brotherhood. Perhaps today we may not have the power to stop wars. However, it is within our power to prepare for the future and attain the strength that will thwart the ambitions of the oppressors. It is within our power not to forget, not to become indifferent, and to be the voice of the oppressed. In accordance with the command of our Almighty Lord, **"So do not oppress the orphan!"**³ it is within our power not to leave orphans helpless; to open our homes and hearts to them; to become a foster family when necessary; and to stand by them with our material and spiritual support.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

We conclude this week's khutbah with the following hadith of our beloved Prophet (saw): **"Among the homes of Muslims, the best home is one in which there is an orphan who is treated well..."**⁴

¹ Nasa'i, Zinat, 57.

² Bukhari, Talaq, 25.

³ Duha, 93/9.

⁴ Ibn Majah, Adab, 6.

