

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا
النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ...

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
خَيْرُكُمْ خَيْرُكُمْ لِأَهْلِهِ، وَأَنَا خَيْرُكُمْ لِأَهْلِي.

FAMILY: WELLSPRING OF PEACE AND TRUST

Honorable Muslims!

Our Almighty Lord (swt) created man and woman as the most valuable beings on earth and made them spouses by granting them different qualities. He (swt) has bestowed on us the blessing of being a family so that we can shoulder the burden of life together and find peace in each other.

Family is a distinguished institution that serves as a shield against human loneliness, is protected by Allah's mercy, and ensures the continuation of the generation. It is the most precious roof under which our faith, personality, and lifestyle are formed. It is a plane tree that grows and flourishes with children and takes root in the future with young people.

Dear Believers!

The first step of a family is the establishment of a home by a man and a woman through legitimate marriage. The secret of being a family is to share a lifetime with the same ideal and feeling for the sake of Allah.

هُنَّ لِبَاسٌ لَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لِبَاسٌ لَهُنَّ Our Lord (swt) states:

“Your spouses are a garment for you as you are for them.”¹ He (swt) has created us so that we may reassure and protect each other and live in harmony. Each individual, men and women, must commit themselves to their families with love, compassion, and loyalty. They should protect their families from all kinds of sins, haram, violence, and threats and lead a chaste and honorable family life.

Dear Muslims!

We live in an age when the threats that target the family are increasing and the destruction against our fitrah is spreading rapidly. We are in an environment where the family is being portrayed as an obstacle to freedoms. We live in a time when it is encouraged that it is more appealing to live alone without responsibility. However, establishing a family is a requirement of human nature. We were

created to live happily as families, not to live alone. It is in our nature to wish for our family to be peaceful and our family ties to be strong. That is why our only example, the Prophet (saw) invites us to establish a family and do good for our family, saying: **“The best of you is the one who is best to his family. I am the best among you to my family.”**² Allah (swt), who has given us such a priceless blessing as the family, commands us to protect it as follows: **“O believers! Protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones.”**³

Dear Believers!

Our youth is the apple of our family's eye, our greatest opportunity, and wealth that makes us strong. Their beliefs, dreams, and ideas are our future. It is our duty to understand and guide young people whose minds are clear and whose emotions and thoughts are full of enthusiasm. For youth is a time of inexperience and curiosity in which one may be exposed to various dangers. Young people who grow up in a peaceful and conscious family environment and who are trusted and supported by religious values will be protected from such whirlpools. Their families will help them start a family when they reach marriageable age, and look to the future with hope. Our young people who read, research, and contemplate will ensure the continuation of the generation and the development of the earth.

Dear Muslims!

Let us all enjoy the peace that comes with having a family, which our Lord (swt) has provided as a chance for us to have an abundance of His divine blessings. Let us protect ourselves from the dangers that seek to disrupt the fitrah by taking refuge in the commandments of Allah and in our family, which is our safe haven. Let us not sacrifice our family to personal interests, temporary pleasures, and perverted ideologies. Families are fighting for their lives in oppressed regions. We should not forget to pray for the thousands of families in Gaza who are being torn apart.

I would like to conclude the khutbah with the following prayer taught to us in the Holy Qur'an: **“My Lord! Inspire me to ‘always’ be thankful for Your favors which You blessed me and my parents with, and to do good deeds that please You. And instill righteousness in my offspring. I truly repent to You, and I truly submit ‘to Your Will’.”**⁴

¹ Baqarah, 2/187.

² Tirmidhi, Manaqib, 63.

³ Tahrim, 66/6.

⁴ Ahqaf, 46/13.