

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ لِلَّهِ شُهَدَاءَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا
يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَا نُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا إِيْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ
وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ.
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
إِنَّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَىٰ عَلَىٰ مَنَابِرٍ مِنْ نُورٍ عَلَىٰ يَمِينِ
الرَّحْمَنِ...

JUSTICE: GIVING EVERY RIGHT HOLDER THEIR DUE SHARE

Honorable Muslims!

In the verse I have recited, our Lord Almighty (swt) states, **“O believers! Stand firm for Allah and bear true testimony. Do not let the hatred of a people lead you to injustice. Be just! That is closer to righteousness. And be mindful of Allah. Surely, Allah is All-Aware of what you do.”**¹

In the hadith I have read, our Prophet (saw) says, **“Those who are just and fair will be with Allah, Most High, on thrones of light, those who are just in their rulings and in their dealings with their families and those of whom they are in charge.”**²

Dear Believers!

One of the beautiful names of our Almighty Lord (swt) is **الْعَدْلُ**. Allah is the owner of absolute justice. He (swt) is the ultimate source of justice. He (swt) is the One, Who treats all beings in a just an equitable manner.

Justice is the most fundamental value that keeps the society standing. It is the voice of conscience, the assurance of peace, and the foundation of trust. Justice is giving what is rightfully due to every rightful person. It is to stand up for what is right, even if it is against us. It is to always stand by the side of the right.

Dear Muslims!

Only when justice dominates all aspects of life does it find its true meaning. Believers must, first of all, observe justice towards their families. They should treat their parents, spouses and children with compassion, mercy and kindness. They should not speak bad words to them and should not break their hearts. They should not discriminate between their children in any matter by following the command of our Prophet (saw), **“إِغْدِلُوا بَيْنَ أَبْنَائِكُمْ”** **“Act equally between your children.”**³

Believers should also be fair to those who are under their responsibility. They should protect their rights. They should not overlook their efforts.

The believer should not stop observing justice in their business. They should strictly follow Allah the Almighty’s (swt) warning, **“وَاقِيمُوا الْوَزْنَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا تُخْسِرُوا الْمِيزَانَ”** **“Weigh with justice, and do not give short measure.”**⁴ They should not deceive anyone, or infect their sustenance with haram.

Believers should also observe justice in their social relations. They should want for their believing brothers and sisters what they want for themselves. They should do no harm to anyone with their hand or tongue.

Dear Believers!

Today, the oppressors who massacre innocent people, men, women, children and the elderly, are claiming to be the representatives of justice on earth. As we have seen in the most recent example in Palestine and Gaza, they are making cities, towns and countries uninhabitable with the discourse of ‘We will bring justice to the world’. For the sake of their own interests, they are violating all kinds of human and moral values. With the indescribable atrocities they commit and the great sedition and corruption they cause, they are the cause of much pain and tears. Our Almighty Lord (swt) describes these oppressors who disturb the order of the earth as follows: **“When they are told, ‘Do not spread corruption in the land,’ they reply, ‘We are only peace-makers!’ Indeed, it is they who are the corruptors, but they fail to perceive it.”**⁵

Dear Believers!

The following truth should not be forgotten that today, as in the past, it is the believers who are devoted to Islam who will establish justice on earth. Provided that we strive to live up to our responsibilities to ensure that the lost justice is once again restored in our world. Provided that we observe rights in every aspect of our lives. Provided that we never hold back from speaking the truth. Provided that we stand against the oppressor and by the side of the oppressed, no matter from whom the oppression comes, or against whom it is directed. Provided that we keep our hopes alive for the future, and never lose our faith that divine justice will surely be manifested.

I would like to conclude this Friday’s khutbah with the following verse: **“We set up the scales of justice for the Day of Judgment, so no soul will be wronged in the least. And even if a deed is the weight of a mustard seed, We will bring it forth. And sufficient are We as a vigilant Reckoner.”**⁶

¹ Ma’idah, 5/8.

² Nasa’i, Adab al-Qudat, 1.

³ Abu Dawud, Buyu’, (Ijarah), 83.

⁴ Rahman, 55/9.

⁵ Baqarah, 2/11-12.

⁶ Anbiya, 21/47.