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بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

وَلَا تَقْفُ مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهٖ عِلْمٌ ۗ اِنَّ السَّمْعَ وَالْبَصَرَ وَالْفُؤَادَ كُلُّ اُولٰۤىِٕكَ كَانَ عَنْهُ مَسْـُٔوْلًا.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

كَفَى بِالْمَرْءِ إِثْمًا أَنْ يُحَدِّثَ بِكُلِّ مَا سَمِعَ.

MORALITY IN THE DIGITAL SPHERE

Esteemed Muslims!

In today's world, where communication technologies are advancing at an unprecedented pace, our interpersonal and social relationships have increasingly begun to take shape in virtual spaces known as "social media." These platforms, where information spreads within seconds, identities are concealed behind digital masks, and distinguishing truth from falsehood has become increasingly difficult, are contributing to moral erosion across the globe. These developments and transformations call upon us to reassess our responsibilities and make it our duty to uphold decency, respect for privacy, and truthfulness in the digital world as well.

Dear Young People!

Using digital platforms effectively to convey the truth to a wider audience is both an opportunity offered by our age and a necessity. However, some people who measure their worth by the approval of others may lose touch with their true selves due to social media, become consumed by the desire for recognition, and fall captive to ostentation and consumerism. The sense of anonymity offered by these platforms may also lead some individuals to engage in wrongful behaviors such as prying into others' private affairs, lying, insulting others, and spreading slander. Yet, on the other side of the screen, there is a heart that must not be hurt and a person whose dignity must be protected. Believers must act with integrity, consistency, and self-restraint on social media, just as they do in real life. They should carefully evaluate their words and actions in light of moral principles before sharing them on digital platforms. In one of his hadiths, our beloved Prophet (saw) said, **"It is sufficient sin for a person to repeat everything he hears."**[1]

Dear Parents!

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The irresponsible use of the digital world has a particularly negative impact on our children and young people. Spending long hours on social media may cause our children to become disconnected from the realities of life, lose their ability to concentrate, and waste their time on unproductive content. However, let us never forget that each of us bears the responsibility of protecting our children and young people from the dangers of the digital world and guiding them toward the responsible and mindful use of technology.

Dear Believers!

Allah the Almighty warns us, **"Do not follow what you have no ˹sure˺ knowledge of. Indeed, all will be called to account for ˹their˺ hearing, sight, and intellect."**[2] Our duty is to act with the awareness that Allah the Almighty is constantly watching over us and to consider the consequences of the words we speak, the information we share, and the comments we make. We must strive to make digital platforms a means of spreading sincerity, brotherhood, truth, and good morals.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Even as we listen to this khutbah, our eyes may be glued to our phone screens, and our minds may be so overwhelmed by the noise of the endless stream of online content that we fail to hear what is being said. I share these words not to offend you, my dear brothers and sisters, but to raise awareness. For the screens in the palms of our hands can consume much of our time without us even realizing it, depriving us of the blessings of a conversation with those beside us, the warmth of moments shared with our families, and the memories we will leave behind for our children.

We conclude this week's khutbah with the meaning of a verse from the Holy Qur'an: **"Successful indeed are the believers: ...those who avoid idle talk..."**[3]

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[1] Abu Dawud, Adab, 80.
[2] Isra, 17/36.
[3] Mu'minun, 23/3.

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