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بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

...وَيَسْـَٔلُونَكَ عَنِ الْيَتَامٰى قُلْ اِصْلَاحٌ لَهُمْ خَيْرٌ...

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

مَنْ قَبَضَ يَتِيمًا بَيْنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ إِلَى طَعَامِهِ وَشَرَابِهِ

أَدْخَلَهُ اللهُ الْجَنَّةَ الْبَتَّةَ...

ORPHANS

Esteemed Muslims!

Every child longs to grow up surrounded by the love of their mother and father. Yet, some children lose one or both of their parents at a tender age and come to know the pain of longing for them. Some of these dear children have been entrusted to our care by our revered martyrs who sacrificed their lives for their homeland and sacred values. Some have been deprived of their families due to illness or accidents. Others are innocent children who have fallen victim to oppression and war in Gaza, East Turkestan, and various other parts of the world.

Dear Believers!

Every orphan needs a caring hand to reach out to them at every stage of life, a compassionate heart that understands their circumstances, and guidance that enables them to look to the future with hope. The responsibility that falls upon every member of society in this regard is beautifully expressed in the following verse of the Holy Qur'an: **"…And they ask you ˹O Prophet˺ concerning orphans. Say, 'Improving their condition is best'…"**[1] Therefore, the void left by the absence of a mother or father must be filled with the compassion of society.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Our sublime religion, Islam, teaches us the following about orphans: Whoever attends to the needs of an orphan and lends them a helping hand opens the doors of mercy. Whoever opens their home to an orphan, embraces them with affection, and shares their table with them brings blessings to their household. Whoever takes responsibility for the care and protection of an orphan, supports their education, and shares in their joys and sorrows will stand side by side with our beloved Prophet (saw) in Paradise.[2]

Esteemed Brothers and Sisters!

The warnings of our Holy Book and our beloved Prophet (saw) concerning the rights of orphans light our path: Violating the rights of an orphan is among the major sins that lead a person to ruin.[3] Coveting an orphan's property leads to the fires of Hell.[4] The worst of households is one in which an orphan is looked down upon, hurt, and mistreated.[5]

Honorable Believers!

I would like to share with you a beautiful metaphor that reminds us of our responsibilities toward orphans. In our culture, a rare pearl that grows alone within an oyster shell is called "durr al-yatim" (the orphan pearl). A pearl grows under the protection of its shell, which envelops it layer upon layer, gradually transforming it into a priceless gem. Our duty today is to be the protective shell for our orphans, each of whom is a precious pearl. It is to strive to attain the glad tidings of the Messenger of Allah (saw): **"Whoever among the Muslims takes an orphan into their care and provides them with food and drink, Allah will surely admit them into Paradise…"**[6] It is to heal the wounds of orphans with compassion and provide them with a safe family environment. Only then will smiles brighten not only the faces of orphans but also those of us all, our lives in this world will flourish, and our Hereafter will be filled with joy.

Esteemed Muslims!

We pray to Allah the Almighty to grant mercy to our soldiers who attained martyrdom as a result of tragic accidents in Malatya and Eskişehir this month, as well as to all our martyrs, and to grant steadfast patience to their grieving families and loved ones. We extend our heartfelt condolences to our beloved nation.

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[1] Baqarah, 2/220.
[2] Bukhari, Talaq, 25.
[3] Muslim, Iman, 145.
[4] Nisa, 4/10.
[5] Ibn Majah, Adab, 6.
[6] Tirmidhi, Birr, 14.

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