

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا

اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

إِنَّ لِكُلِّ دِينٍ خُلُقًا. وَخُلُقُ الْإِسْلَامِ الْحَيَاءُ.

OUR PROPHET AND NOBLE MORALITY

O Our Master, the Pride of the Universe

On the anniversary of your blessed birth, we experience the peace and happiness of being among the brothers whom you gave glad tidings to when you said, **“How blessed are those who believe in me without having seen me.”**¹ We offer endless praise and thanks to Allah the Almighty, our Exalted Lord, Who has honored us by making us members of your ummah. May peace and blessings, greetings and honors, and every form of reverence be upon you, your family, and your Companions.

Dear Believers!

Our beloved Prophet (saw), who received the praise of Allah the Almighty, **“And you are truly ‘a man’ of outstanding character,”**² is a guide who demonstrated how the divine message is to be brought to life. His morality is not merely an example confined to the age in which he lived, nor one that is simply admired from afar. The messages of mercy conveyed by our Prophet (saw) contain wisdom for all humanity. Indeed, our Prophet (saw) said: **“Allah does not look at your outward appearances or your wealth; rather, He looks at your hearts and your deeds.”**³ He also said: **“Adhere to truthfulness, for truthfulness leads to righteousness, and righteousness leads to Paradise... Beware of lying! For lying leads to wickedness, and wickedness leads to Hell...”**⁴ And he also said: **“Every religion has its own distinctive morality, and the essence of Islamic morality is modesty.”**⁵

Esteemed Muslims!

The Messenger of Allah (saw) showed us the path to happiness in this world and the Hereafter with the hadith, **“On the Day of Judgment, nothing will weigh more heavily on the believer’s scale than noble morality.”**⁶ He emphasized that faith and morality cannot be considered separately,

saying, **“You will not enter Paradise until you believe, and you will not truly believe until you love one another.”**⁷ He also taught us how to establish social peace and harmony with the admonition, **“Do not hate one another, do not envy one another, and do not turn your backs on one another. O servants of Allah, be brothers.”**⁸

Honorable Believers!

The Noble Messenger (saw) informs us of all the virtues that will lead humanity to goodness in the family, in education, in work and commerce—in short, in every sphere of life. The verse, **“Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example for whoever has hope in Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah often,”**⁹ reminds us of this truth. He commands us to pay workers the wages they deserve before their sweat dries,¹⁰ and he forbids us from going to sleep with a full stomach while our neighbor is hungry.¹¹ Through questions such as, “Have you ever caressed the head of an orphan? Have you fed someone in need? Have you visited someone who is ill?” he also reminds us of our moral responsibilities.

Dear Muslims!

Today, we are all deeply affected by a mindset that prioritizes the material while neglecting the spiritual, makes visibility its sole aim, and prefers the transient over the everlasting and falsehood over truth. In such an environment, we must now reflect sincerely upon ourselves. We must embody in our lives the prophetic morality exemplified by our Prophet (saw) through his smiling countenance, gentle nature, and refined and sensitive spirit. Let us not forget that the path to living a life worthy of human dignity lies in knowing the universal morality of our beloved Prophet (saw) and holding firmly to it.

Our supplication to Allah the Almighty is the following prayer of the Noble Messenger (saw): **“O Allah! Guide me to noble morality, for none but You can guide me to noble morality. Keep me away from bad conduct, for none but You can keep me away from it.”**¹²

¹ Ibn Hanbal, III, 155.

² Qalam, 68/4.

³ Muslim, Birr, 34.

⁴ Muslim, Birr, 105.

⁵ Ibn Majah, Zuhd, 17.

⁶ Tirmidhi, Birr, 62.

⁷ Muslim, Iman, 93.

⁸ Bukhari, Adab, 62.

⁹ Ahzab, 33/21.

¹⁰ Ibn Majah, Ruhun, 4.

¹¹ Ibn Abi Shaybah, Musannaf, Iman wa Ru'ya, 6.

¹² Muslim, Musafirin, 201.

