

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ...

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

نَضَّرَ اللَّهُ أَمْرًا سَمِعَ مِنَّا حَدِيثًا قَبْلَهُ كَمَا سَمِعَهُ...

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONVEY ISLAM

Esteemed Muslims!

The people of Madinah asked the Messenger of Allah (saw) to send someone to teach them Islam. Our beloved Prophet (saw) chose Mus'ab ibn Umayr (ra) for this noble duty. Mus'ab conveyed the message of Islam to everyone, young and old, and helped many hearts embrace Islam.¹ Within a year, there was no home in Madinah where our Prophet (saw) was not spoken of.²

Dear Believers!

What enabled the young Mus'ab to achieve such success in a short time was his devotion to the noble character of the Messenger of Allah (saw) as his guide. Our Prophet (saw) spoke gently and greeted people with a smile. He was a messenger of mercy who made things easy rather than difficult, and brought glad tidings rather than inspiring aversion.

Esteemed Muslims!

As Allah the Almighty indicates in the verse, **"Invite 'all' to the Way of your Lord with wisdom and kind advice..."**³ inviting people to Islam is not limited to a particular segment of society. Telling others about the beauty of Islam and making it visible in our lives is part of our duty as servants of Allah. Every Muslim should, according to their ability and means, set the best possible example for their family, community, and all people through their words and actions, and strive to convey the truth to them. Indeed, every parent who works for their child's happiness in this world and the Hereafter, every teacher who strives to leave a positive mark on their students' lives, every tradesperson who earns their customers' trust, and everyone who maintains family ties and treats their neighbors well is carrying forward the Prophetic invitation.

Honorable Believers!

At the heart of conveying the message of Islam is reaching someone's heart. Sometimes a smile is enough; sometimes it is a greeting. Everyone who seeks to win hearts through a warm smile and kind words should take to heart what our Prophet (saw) said to Ali (ra): **"By Allah, if our Lord guides even one person through you, that is better for you than the world and all it contains."**⁴

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Advances in technology are opening new paths for conveying the message of Islam. These paths allow us to communicate with people in places we have never visited. At the same time, they bring more matters that require our care. Therefore, everyone who posts on social media should heed the warning of Allah the Almighty: **"not a word does a person utter without having a 'vigilant' observer ready 'to write it down'."**⁵ Before posting, we should make sure that what we share is true and we should respect people's privacy when speaking about their lives. Matters that belong in gatherings of learning should not be debated carelessly or without restraint on social media. We should remember that a thoughtless remark or an ill-considered post can become a wound someone carries in their heart for years.

Dear Muslims!

May those who see us wish to discover the beauty of Islam. May those who listen to us be inspired to embrace the character of our Prophet (saw), and may those to whom we extend a helping hand feel safe.

We conclude this week's khutbah with these words of our Prophet (saw), the Messenger of Mercy: **"May Allah brighten the face of the person who hears a saying from us and conveys it to others just as they heard it."**⁶

¹ Ibn Sa'd, Tabaqat, I, 219–220.

² Ibn Hisham, Sirah, II, 278.

³ Nahl, 16/125.

⁴ Fada'il al-Sahabah, 34; al-Bukhari, Maghazi, 39.

⁵ Qaf, 50/18.

⁶ Darimi, Muqaddimah, 24.

