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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا آمَوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ  
أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

مَا نَحَلَ وَالِدٌ وَلَدًا مِنْ نَحْلِ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ أَدَبٍ حَسَنِ

## OUR CHILDREN HAVE RIGHTS OVER US

### Honorable Muslims!

In the verse I have recited, our Lord Almighty (swt) states, “**Know that your wealth and your children are only a test and that with Allah is a great reward.**”<sup>1</sup>

In the hadith I have read, the Messenger of Allah (saw) says, “**There is no gift that parents give their child more virtuous than good manners.**”<sup>2</sup>

### Dear Believers!

Our children are one of the most beautiful blessings and precious gifts given to us by the Almighty Allah. They are a blessing entrusted to us by our Lord (swt). Our children are the ornaments of our homes and the joy of our families. Our children are the light of our eyes, the most precious legacy that we will pass on to the future.

### Dear Muslims!

Our children are born into the world with a pure nature. In their essence is truth, in their soul is good. They tend to follow in the footsteps of their parents. Therefore, we have some responsibilities to make sure that our children are able to preserve their pure and clean nature. We all have certain duties to raise them in the light of our national and spiritual values.

### Dear Mothers and Fathers!

In one of his hadiths, our Prophet (saw) says “**Your child has rights over you.**”<sup>3</sup> It is our primary duty to ensure that our children eat halal food, are dressed in nice and clean clothes, and are provided with a good education. It is one of our most important duties to bring up our children to be a good servant of Allah (swt) and individuals who will be beneficial to their

nation and to humanity. It is their right over us that we shape their personality and character based on Islamic ethics and guide them in learning our customs and traditions.

### Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Our children have recently completed another school year. The summer break is here. Our Summer Qur’an Courses start next Monday. Summer Qur’an courses are a good opportunity for our children to learn the Holy Qur’an and basic religious knowledge, and to get to know our beloved Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (saw). It is a good opportunity for them to breathe the spiritual air of the mosque, make new friends, and discover the peacefulness of worship.

### Dear Muslims!

Summer vacation should not be a time for our children to waste time on their smartphones, computers, or in useless activities. May this summer be a beautiful season when our beloved children run to the mosques with their Alif-Ba books and Qur’ans in their hands. May this summer be an exceptional time when the tiny hearts of our precious children beat with the excitement of learning the Qur’an. May this summer be a blessed time when we leaven the pure hearts of our children with the yeast of faith and adorn their souls with the morals of the Qur’an and the love of the Prophet (saw). May this summer be a distinguished period in which the pearls of Islam are embroidered on the pure hearts of our children, the light of our eyes.

With the call, “Children, Come Running, It’s Time for Summer Qur’an Courses”, I invite our children to our mosques, the heart of cities, the center of life, the symbol of our unity and solidarity; and to our Qur’an courses, the hub of knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.

I would like to conclude this Friday’s khutbah with the following hadith of our Prophet (saw): “**خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ**” “**The best among you are those who learn the Qur’an and teach it.**”<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Anfal, 8/28.

<sup>2</sup> Tirmidhi, Birr, 33.

<sup>3</sup> Muslim, Siyam, 183.

<sup>4</sup> Tirmidhi, Fadhail al-Qur’an, 15.