

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ طُوبَى لَهُمْ وَحُسْنُ مَآبٍ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

مَنْ عَمِلَ حَسَنَةً فَسُرَّ بِهَا وَعَمِلَ سَيِّئَةً فَسَاءَتْهُ فَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ.

## OUR PROPHET (SAW) AND PERSONALITY CONSTRUCTION

### Dear Muslims!

Our Almighty Lord (swt) has created the human being as the most precious of all creation on earth, endowing them with the gifts of faith, reason, and free will. He (swt) wanted humanity to build their personalities on values such as justice, mercy, trust, truthfulness, and good morals, and He (swt) provided guidance on how to achieve this. This path involves shaping one's identity through the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and molding one's character according to the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (saw).

### Dear Believers!

Faith is the greatest blessing that shapes a Muslim's personality, preserves their innate nature, gives them a sense of identity, and guides them toward happiness in both this world and the Hereafter. Faith is not merely a word. Faith is a gem that enhances and beautifies all of our actions and behaviors. It is a value that empowers us to stand strong against life's challenges and adversities. It is through faith that hardships are endured, and it is through faith that worries find peace and comfort. It is through faith that sorrow is transformed into joy, and fear is replaced with courage. Through faith, disunity is replaced by brotherhood, and enmity is transformed into friendship.

### Dear Muslims!

One of the key elements that shapes the personality of a Muslim is worship. It is the expression of our gratitude for the blessings Allah the Almighty (swt) has bestowed upon us. It serves as a reminder of the purpose of our creation. It strengthens our will, protects us from evil, and guides us toward good. It instills in us the awareness that we are in the presence of our Lord at every moment of our lives.

The concept of worship is too broad to be confined to the five basic pillars of Islam. Every act performed with sincerity and devotion, seeking the pleasure of our Lord (swt), is considered an act of worship. Muslims are obligated to perform acts of worship unless they have a legitimate religious excuse. We should never allow reasons such as work, professional life, school, or holidays to prevent us from performing our acts of worship. In this regard, our Lord

Almighty (swt) states, **“وَاعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ”** **“Worship**

**your Lord until the inevitable comes your way.”**<sup>1</sup> Our beloved Prophet (saw) also fulfilled his acts of worship even in the most challenging times, teaching us that life cannot be complete without worship.

### Dear Believers!

Another essential aspect that builds the personality of Muslims are good morals. Good morals are the measure of virtue and wisdom, goodness and faith. Our Prophet (saw) highlights this by stating: **“He who rejoices when he does a good deed and grieves when he commits an evil deed is a believer.”**<sup>2</sup> Good morals are the foundation of a peaceful life and serve as a guarantee of social harmony. In a society where moral values are embraced and upheld, virtues such as truthfulness, honesty, chastity, piety, compassion, and mercy flourish. In a society where moral values are missing, justice is supplanted by cruelty, mercy by anger, what is halal by what is haram, and good by evil.

### Dear Muslims!

Unfortunately, we are living in a time when knowledge, wisdom, and virtue are diminishing, while ignorance and violence are on the rise, and human honor and dignity are being neglected. Problems such as individualism, selfishness, worldliness and isolation, which affect social life, threaten us all, especially our children and young people. In such times, our duty is to take the mercy-laden messages of our Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (saw), who transformed the society of ignorance into a society of bliss, as an example and to share his teachings with the people of our time. It is to build our personality with faith, to shape it through worship, and to perfect it with good morals, as in the example of the Messenger of Allah (saw). In order to attain the good news of our Almighty Lord, **“Those who believe and do good, for them will be bliss and an honourable destination.”**<sup>3</sup>, we must strive to do good, prevent evil, and stand by truth and justice. We must avoid what is haram and seek what is halal, safeguard ourselves from all forms of evil and sin. We must embrace compassion and control our anger. We must stand against the oppressor and on the side of the oppressed, and never consent to oppression and oppressor.

### Dear Believers!

As I conclude this Friday's khutbah, I would like to remind you that the pre-registration and renewal procedures for the 2025 Hajj have been extended until Friday, September 27. Please contact our provincial and district mufti offices for more information.

<sup>1</sup> Hijr, 15/99.

<sup>2</sup> Ibn Hanbal, IV, 399.

<sup>3</sup> Ra'd, 13/29.