

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا  
أَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ  
يَتَفَكَّرُونَ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
كَفَى بِالْمَرْءِ إِثْمًا أَنْ يُضَيِّعَ مَنْ يَقُوْتُ.

## OUR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

### Honorable Muslims!

Islam is a religion that regulates not only people's duties toward their Lord and themselves, but also their responsibilities toward their families and the society in which they live. How meaningful is the following statement found in the hadiths of the Messenger of Allah (saw): **“Indeed, you yourself have a right upon you, your Lord has a right upon you, your guest has a right upon you, and your family has a right upon you. So give each the right they are due.”**<sup>1</sup>

### Dear Believers!

Establishing, protecting, and strengthening a family home in which spouses remain devoted to one another with love and respect, elders are honored, and children bring blessings is both our human and social responsibility. For the first place where people find spiritual, emotional, and mental peace, and where they encounter the values of faith and civilization, is the family. The path to building a virtuous society formed by righteous individuals and a world living in peace passes through the family. Allah the Almighty reminds us that the family is a divine blessing by stating: **“And one of His signs is that He created for you spouses from among yourselves so that you may find comfort in them. And He has placed between you compassion and mercy.”**<sup>2</sup> Therefore, no structure can ever serve as an alternative to the institution of the family. Likewise, nothing can ever replace the love spouses feel for one another, the joy children bring, the happiness felt through parents, or the sense of security provided by grandparents.

### Esteemed Muslims!

Raising generations who are devoted to their religion and respectful toward sacred values is another responsibility that we can never neglect. Instilling in our youth such virtues as identity, belonging, and self-sacrifice, inherited from our ancestors as a precious legacy, is among our fundamental duties. Valuing our children, giving importance to their opinions, and guiding them toward happiness in both worlds are responsibilities we must never abandon. The Messenger of Allah (saw) warns us regarding this matter as follows: **“It is sufficient sin for a person to neglect those whom they are responsible to maintain.”**<sup>3</sup>

### Honorable Believers!

Being sensitive toward our brothers and sisters who strive to overcome difficulties with determination, as well as toward their families, is our religious, moral, and social responsibility. Therefore, in accordance with our Prophet's advice, **“Whoever fulfills the need of his brother, Allah will fulfill his need,”**<sup>4</sup> we should design our places of worship, schools, buildings, and streets in ways accessible to our brothers and sisters with disabilities. We should strive to make life easier for our brothers and sisters with special needs.

### Noble Muslims!

Today, all of humanity is confronted with many destructive influences. Through digital platforms, advertisements, television programs, and films, those who recognize no boundaries or values seek to weaken the institution of the family, which is the foundation of society. Through deviant movements and false ideologies, attempts are being made to corrupt the minds of the youth. In such an age, our duty is to fully adhere to the commands of our Lord, protect our fitrah, and pass on the morality of the Prophet Muhammad (saw) to our families and future generations.

We conclude this Friday's khutbah with the following supplication from the Noble Qur'an: **“...My Lord! Inspire me to 'always' be thankful for Your favors which You blessed me and my parents with, and to do good deeds that please You. And instill righteousness in my offspring.”**<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Tirmidhi, Zuhd, 63.

<sup>2</sup> Rum, 30/21.

<sup>3</sup> Abu Dawud, Zakat, 45.

<sup>4</sup> Muslim, Birr, 58.

<sup>5</sup> Ahqaf, 46/13.

