

وَلِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ جَعَلْنَا مَنْسَكًا لِيَذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ عَلَىٰ مَا رَزَقَهُمْ مِنْ بَهِيمَةٍ

الْأَنْعَامِ فَالْهُكْمُ لِلَّهِ وَاحِدٌ فَلَهُ أَسْلِمُوا وَبَشِّرِ الْمُخْبِتِينَ ۝

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

مَا عَمِلَ آدَمِيُّ مِنْ عَمَلٍ يَوْمَ النَّحْرِ أَحَبَّ إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ إِهْرَاقِ الدَّمِ.

## QURBANI SHARED, BROTHERHOOD CHERISHED

### Honorable Muslims!

In the verse I have recited, Allah the Almighty states, **“And for all religion We have appointed a rite [of sacrifice] that they may mention the name of Allah over what He has provided for them of [sacrificial] animals. For your god is one God, so to Him submit. And, [O Muhammad], give good tidings to the humble [before their Lord].”**<sup>1</sup>

In the hadith I have read, the Prophet Muhammad (saw) states, **“The son of Adam does not do any deed on the Day of Sacrifice that is dearer to Allah (swt) than sacrificing an animal for Him.”**<sup>2</sup>

### Dear Believers!

We as the Muslim world are feeling the joy of reaching the Eid al-Adha once again. May our Almighty Lord allow us to welcome the Eid in health, wellness, and peace!

### Dear Muslims!

Qurbani is an ancient form of worship that is commanded and granted to us by our Lord (swt), and taught by the Prophet Muhammad (saw) by practicing himself. It is the finest expression of sincerity, devotion, and generosity in the cause of Allah.

Qurbani means closeness. It is the effort made to be close to our Lord and obtain His appreciation. It is the symbol of devoutness in His cause, of piety and loyalty, and obedience and submission to Him. In

this respect, Allah the Almighty states in the Holy Qur'an as follows, **“Their meat will not reach Allah, nor will their blood, but what reaches Him is piety from you”**<sup>3</sup>

### Dear Believers!

Qurbani also means getting closer to our brothers and sisters. It means expressing our gratitude for the blessings with a sense of loyalty, and sharing the blessings with the manner of spending in the cause of Allah. It means spreading the good. It means keeping the spirit of solidarity alive, and consolidating love and friendliness. It means building bridges of compassion that extend beyond geographies. It means carrying the joy of eid to the hearts we do not know. It means strengthening our unity and solidarity, and comprehending the meaning of being an ummah.

### Dear Muslims!

The Presidency of Religious Affairs, in cooperation with the Türkiye Diyanet Foundation, continues to carry out its organization of qurbani by proxy this year, too, just as it has been for the past years. We will deliver the entrustment of Muslims to those in need, with the motto **“Qurbani shared, brotherhood cherished!”** A single share of qurbani will turn back to us as thousands of prayers uttered for us, inshaallah. We invite our brothers and sisters, who can afford it, to this race in charity and benevolence.

I would like to conclude this Friday's khutbah with the Prophet Muhammad's following hadith, **“Be a shelter for someone who seeks shelter in you. If anyone begs in Allah's name, give him something. If anyone gives you an invitation, accept it; and if anyone does you a kindness, recompense him. But if you do not have the means to do so, pray for him until you feel that you have compensated him.”**<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Hajj, 22/34.

<sup>2</sup> Tirmidhi, Adahi, 1.

<sup>3</sup> Hajj, 22/37.

<sup>4</sup> Abu Dawud, Zakat, 38.