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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ

وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

خَيْرُ النَّاسِ أَنْفَعُهُمْ لِلنَّاسِ.

THE SPIRIT OF CONQUEST AND THE CIVILIZATION OF WAQF

Honorable Muslims!

After our noble nation was honored with the sublime religion, Islam, it strove to uphold truth and justice. For the sake of this sacred purpose, it advanced tirelessly from campaign to campaign and from victory to victory without weariness or hesitation. By the help of Allah, it conquered many hearts and brought peace and tranquility to numerous lands. For this cause, it even carried ships over land and, in the end, attained the glad tidings of the Messenger of Allah (saw)¹ by conquering Istanbul.

Dear Believers!

The spirit of conquest bestowed upon us by our religion is not a mere pursuit of worldly domination. Rather, this spirit is the endeavor to convey the messages of mercy and peace found in the Noble Qur'an and the noble character of our Prophet Muhammad (saw) to all of humanity. It is the effort to become living representatives of justice and goodness in this world by responding to the call of Allah the Almighty: **“Let there be a group among you who call ‘others’ to goodness, encourage what is good, and forbid what is evil— it is they who will be successful.”**² It is the determination to establish a civilization elevated through knowledge and wisdom.

Esteemed Muslims!

Our glorious forefathers established waqfs wherever they went so that the spirit of conquest could be put into practice and remain lasting, striving

to bring humanity together with the messages of Islam. In accordance with the noble hadith of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (saw), **“The best of people are those who are most beneficial to others,”**³ they institutionalized goodness by building mosques, madrasas, hospitals, libraries, soup kitchens, bridges, and fountains. They became the protectors of the orphaned and the destitute, the refuge of stranded travelers, the hope of the oppressed, and the supporters of those seeking knowledge without discrimination against their religion, language, or race. They presented the finest examples of compassion and noble character to the whole world and left unforgettable marks in the memories of people.

Honorable Believers!

Waqfs are trusts left to society by those who established them. In this regard, our duty is to revive our civilization of waqf. It is to preserve the magnificent waqf works inherited from our forefathers and to leave new waqf legacies for future generations.

On this occasion, we pray to Allah the Almighty to bestow His mercy upon our glorious forefathers, our martyrs, and our veterans who have passed away to the Hereafter, all of whom entrusted this blessed homeland to us. May Allah the Almighty be pleased with those who pioneered waqfs, those who supported them, and those who strive to preserve and pass them on to future generations.

We conclude this week's khutbah with the noble hadith of our Prophet Muhammad (saw): **“Whoever introduces a good practice that is followed, he will receive its reward and a reward equivalent to that of those who follow it, without that detracting from their reward in their slightest...”**⁴

¹ Ibn Hanbal, IV, 335.

² Ali 'Imran, 3/104.

³ Quda'i, Musnad al-Shihab, I, 365.

⁴ Ibn Majah, Sunnah, 14.

