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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَقُلْ لِعِبَادِي يَقُولُوا الَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَنْزِعُ  
بَيْنَهُمْ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ كَانَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ عَدُوًّا مُبِينًا.  
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
لَيْسَ الْمُؤْمِنُ بِالطَّعَّانِ وَلَا اللَّعَّانِ وَلَا الْفَاحِشِ وَلَا  
الْبَدِيءِ.

## THE ETHICS OF SPEECH AND SOCIAL MEDIA

### Honorable Muslims!

Speech is the mirror that reflects a person's inner world outward. A beautiful word is a balm that heals wounded hearts and the water of life that revives withered souls. Pleasant speech is a delicate embroidery that intricately adorns the spirit and a gentle address that corrects mistakes without causing hurt. As our Prophet Muhammad (saw) stated, **"A kind word is charity."**<sup>1</sup>

### Dear Believers!

The effect of speech lies not in the loudness of the voice, but in the depth of sincerity and the refinement of one's manner. Indeed, if we are unable to make even those closest to us hear our voice, if we cannot find common ground with our relatives, and if we fail to find a way to reach our neighbors, one of the reasons is our manner of speech. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad (saw) described the believer as follows: **"A believer is not one who defames people, curses others, speaks harshly and offensively, or behaves indecently."**<sup>2</sup>

### Esteemed Muslims!

The doors of the heart are like a lock that can only be opened from within, and the sole key to that lock is gentle speech. In the Noble Qur'an, Allah the Almighty states: **"Tell My 'believing' servants to say only what is best. Satan certainly seeks to sow discord among them. Satan is indeed a sworn enemy to humankind."**<sup>3</sup> For this reason, whoever seeks peace in the home should adorn the tongue

with grace. Whoever wishes to reach their child should first become a guest in the child's heart through a few sweet words. Whoever expects respect should seal their speech with truthfulness. Whoever desires blessings should add honesty to their words. In short, as the Messenger of Allah (saw) stated: **"Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should either speak good or remain silent."**<sup>4</sup>

### Honorable Believers!

Among the areas where the ethics of speech are violated most are digital platforms. Some people, through addictions such as online gambling and narcotic substances, and others through digital games that encourage violence, are paving the way for the spread of evil day by day. Some consider it an accomplishment to hide their identities, break hearts, and slander the personality, honor, and dignity of others. Others sow the seeds of discord and corruption within society through false news and misinformation. The warning of our Lord, Allah the Almighty, regarding this matter is perfectly clear: **"Not a word does a person utter without having a 'vigilant' observer ready to write it down."**<sup>5</sup>

### Noble Muslims!

If we are able to recognize the dangers that come with technological opportunities and the subtle traps hidden behind those opportunities, we can minimize the harms of the virtual world. If we use digital technologies while observing our ethical values, we can protect ourselves and our families from words and content that are incompatible with our culture.

We conclude this week's khutbah with the following hadith of Prophet Muhammad (saw): **"A sign of a person's excellence in Islam is leaving aside words and actions that are of no benefit."**<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bukhari, Jihad, 128.

<sup>2</sup> Tirmidhi, Birr, 48.

<sup>3</sup> Isra, 17/53.

<sup>4</sup> Bukhari, Adab, 31.

<sup>5</sup> Qaf, 50/18.

<sup>6</sup> Tirmidhi, Zuhd, 11; Muwatta, Husn al-Khulq, 1.

