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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَكَانَ حَقًّا عَلَيْنَا نَصْرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

لَتُفْتَحَنَّ الْقُسْطَنْطِينِيَّةُ فَلَنِعْمَ الْأَمِيرُ أَمِيرُهَا

وَلَنِعْمَ الْجَيْشُ ذَلِكَ الْجَيْشُ.

ALLAH THE ALMIGHTY IS THE HELPER OF BELIEVERS

Honorable Muslims!

It was the fifth year of the Hijrah. The polytheists who could not achieve their goal in the Battle of Uhud decided to launch a final attack against Madinah. The Prophet Muhammad (saw) who received the news of this had advisory talks with his Companions as he would always do. They decided to opt for a defensive war and dig a trench around Madinah. While the believers were digging the trench hand in hand, a big rock came in their way. The giant rock neither moved nor could they break it down. Just when the Companions were running out of hopes, the Prophet Muhammad (saw) showed up. On the one hand, he was breaking down the rock that his Companions had difficulty in doing, and on the other hand, he was giving the good news that the cities of Kisra and Qaisar would be conquered, even the thought of which was unlikely under the conditions of the time.¹

Dear Believers!

The Companions spread the universal messages of Islam from place to place so as to be the addressee of the Prophet Muhammad's (saw) good news. The Companions' army, including 'Iyad ibn Ghanam and Khalid ibn al-Walid, erected the blessed banner of Islam for the first time in Diyarbakır in our Anatolia and make it the first gate of Anatolia opening up to Islam. Diyarbakır, the city of Companions, has since continued to be the heart of Muslims and the stronghold of Islam, alhamdulillah.

Dear Muslims!

Our great nation's efforts to exalt the name of Allah and love of spreading the name of Allah on the face of earth, who was honored with Islam and never handed over the banner of Islam after taking it over, have never lessened. To this end,

our glorious ancestors, who tirelessly and steadfastly ran from an expedition to another and from a victory to another, made Anatolia our homeland with the Victory of Malazgirt (Manzikert). They conquered Istanbul (Constantinople) and became the addressee of the Prophet Muhammad's (saw) following glad tidings: **“One day Constantinople will be conquered. Great is the commander who will conquer it! Great are his soldiers!”**²

Dear Believers!

The conquest of Istanbul is more than ruling a city only. This conquest is the Prophet Muhammad's (saw) glad tidings, his Companions' aspiration, Abu Ayyub al-Ansari's dream, and our ancestors' devotion. This conquest, which brings to an end one epoch and starts a new one, marks the beginning of a golden age. This conquest is a victory that makes Mecca, Madinah, and al-Quds sisters with Istanbul.

Honorable Muslims!

Our Lord Almighty (swt) states in the Holy Qur'an as follows, **“... Incumbent upon Us was support of the believers.”**³ Alhamdulillah, the support of our Lord (swt) has always been there for our great nation who never gives up on the right and the truth, and stands by and up for the oppressed and victimized. The victories of our nation at all fronts have been the greatest witness of this.

Dear Muslims!

Today, what falls upon us is to pass down our ancestors' great memory and glorious legacy on to the future generations. Incumbent upon us is to make every effort with all the power we have in the way of our religion, our state, our existence, and our nation. Incumbent upon us is to make no concessions on our unity and solidarity ever. Let us not forget that discord in a nation is what welcomes the enemy. No artillery can hit a nation as long as hearts beat together. Even if all unite against us, they shall not be able to divide our homeland, nor pull our flag down the post, or silence our adhan. **تَصْرُفٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَفَتْحٌ قَرِيبٌ**

“Victory is from Allah and with His help is an imminent conquest.”⁴

¹ Nasa'i, Jihad, 42.

² Ibn Hanbal, Musnad, IV, 325.

³ Rum, 30/47.

⁴ Saff, 61/13.