

BEING RESPONSIBLE MUSLIMS

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَيَحْسَبُ الْإِنْسَانُ أَنْ يُتْرَكَ سُدًى.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

مَثَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي تَوَادِهِمْ وَتَرَاحُمِهِمْ

وَتَعَاطُفِهِمْ مَثَلُ الْجَسَدِ إِذَا اشْتَكَى مِنْهُ عُضْوٌ

تَدَاعَى لَهُ سَائِرُ الْجَسَدِ بِالسَّهْرِ وَالْحُمَى.

Honorable Muslims!

Allah the Almighty (swt) has created human with such attributes as having reason, being worthy of respect, and having responsibilities. Our Almighty Lord (swt) specified, among the principles of Islam, the rights that every human being has by birth and some responsibilities. He (swt) has given the glad tiding of happiness in this world and in the Hereafter for those people who observe these responsibilities, on top of which comes iman (faith).

We as Muslims are responsible, first and foremost, to our Lord Almighty, to Whom we owe all our existence. It is one of our most important duties as Muslims to believe in Him (swt) wholeheartedly, be connected to Him with

love, obey Him, and duly observe His commandments and prohibitions.

After that, we have responsibilities towards ourselves and the people in our surroundings. We strive to include in our life all that is halal, fine, right and good, and stay away from all that is haram, unpleasant, wrong and evil. We know that the appreciation and consent of our Lord, as well as the peace of heart that He (swt) has entrusted to each one of us, are rested in our sense of responsibility.

Dear Believers!

The Almighty Allah (swt) states in the Holy Qur'an as follows: **“Does man think that he will be left neglected?”**¹ It is clear, therefore, that a life without responsibility, thought, principles and ideals does not fit the essence of being a human. Every deed has its consequences in this world and rewards or punishment by Allah in the Hereafter.

Just as establishing prayers is a responsibility of Muslims, so too is being merciful. Just like fasting, extending a helping hand to those in need is also a human and Islamic duty. Just like giving zakat, being honest and free from fraud in all our affairs is also a duty of our servitude to Allah.

¹ Qiyamah, 75/36.