

## EACH AND EVERY PERSON'S LIFE IS SACRED

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

...مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا  
النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

الْمُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ وَالْمُؤْمِنُ مَنْ  
أَمِنَهُ النَّاسُ عَلَى دِمَائِهِمْ وَأَمْوَالِهِمْ.

Dear Believers!

One of the most important goals of our great religion, Islam, is to protect human life and keep it safe from all kinds of evil and attacks. According to our religion, every person's life is sacred and untouchable. In this respect, it is stated in the Holy Qur'an, "...Whoever takes a life—unless as a punishment for murder or mischief in the land—it will be as if they killed all of humanity. And whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all of humanity."<sup>i</sup>

Dear Believers!

We are believers who believe in Allah (swt) and the Day of Judgment. As required

by our faith, we are liable to reflect the Islamic morals on our life. Violence, mercilessness, hate, injustice, oppression, and attempts on one's life and property have no place in the life of a believer. The morality of a believer is based on love, respect, trust, and respect for the rights of others.

Dear Muslims!

Let us heed our Prophet's (saw) saying, "You will not enter Paradise until you have faith and you will not have faith until you love each other."<sup>ii</sup>, and always uphold love, compassion, and mercy.

Let us view the lives of others as sacred, just as we view our own life as untouchable. Let us not want for others that which we would not desire for ourselves. Let us stay away from all kinds of words and acts that target human dignity.

I would like to conclude this Friday's khutbah with our Prophet's (saw) following hadith, "The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the people are safe. And the believer is the one from whom the people's lives and wealth are safe."<sup>iii</sup>

<sup>i</sup> Ma'idah, 5/32.

<sup>ii</sup> Muslim, Iman, 93.

<sup>iii</sup> Tirmidhi, Iman, 12.