



## TWO SYMBOLS OF ISLAM: ADHAN AND QURBANI



### Honorable Muslims!

So, in this Friday's khutbah, let us recall the importance of the adhan and the qurbani, two of the symbols of Islam.

Adhan is a prophetic call to humanity to be servants of Allah. It is the strong voice of tawhid. Five times a day, muadhhdhin reminds people with adhan that there is no god but Allah and that Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (saw) is the last prophet. Through adhan, he invites us to the mercy and forgiveness of our Lord (swt). Through adhan, he calls to tranquility and salvation, to security and peace. Adhan is a declaration of wahdat, i.e. the unity of the ummah. It is the declaration of our freedom, and the symbol of our independence.

The adhan is the herald of paradise for us as expressed in the hadith, **“Whoever says the likes of this with conviction, he will enter Paradise.”**<sup>i</sup>

### Dear Muslims!

Another symbol of Islam is qurbani. Qurbani means divine closeness, our effort to get closer to our Lord, our desire to achieve piety, and our endeavor to be the recipient of divine grace. Qurbani means submission, obedience to Allah (swt) and His

commandments. Qurbani means being loyal, putting Allah the Almighty's (swt) consent above all else. Qurbani means remembrance, keeping in mind the true owner of blessings. Qurbani means sharing, bringing happiness and affection to the homes, hearts, and dining tables of those in need. Qurbani means brotherhood, building bridges of sharing and solidarity between hearts.

### Dear Believers!

As I conclude this Friday's khutbah, I would like to point out an important issue. It is essential to perform the worship of qurbani, by oneself or by proxy, at the place of residence. Those who do not have the necessary facilities for the performance of the worship of qurbani where they live, as well as those who want to offer qurbani meat for those in need in addition to the amount obtained from the worship of qurbani, can do so by proxy. Our Türkiye Diyanet Foundation, similar to other charitable organizations, is at the service of our brothers and sisters who want to perform the worship of qurbani by proxy. This year, too, just as it was before, we will deliver your entrustment of qurbani to those in need all around the world, particularly to our brothers and sisters who have survived the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes in our country, through the call “Share Your Qurbani, Get Closer to Your Brother”. You can transfer Qurbani fees to Tokyo Camii bank accounts or bring it directly to officials. The receipt will be issued in return. May Allah accept your good deeds.

<sup>i</sup> Ibn Hanbal, II, 352