



Honorable Muslims!

In this week's khutbah, we will talk about the sixty-seventh surah of the Holy Qur'an, Surah al-Mulk, which we also know as "Tabaraka".

Surah al-Mulk is a decree proclaiming that Allah is the sole owner of the heavens, the earth, and all that is created. In the first verse of this surah, Allah the Almighty says, "Blessed is the One in Whose Hands rests all authority. And He is Most Capable of everything."ⁱ

Surah al-Mulk is a declaration that the ephemeral world is a place of testing. The second verse of the surah reads: "(He is the One) Who created death and life in order to test which of you is best in deeds. And He is the Almighty, All-Forgiving."ⁱⁱ

Distinguished Believers!

Surah al-Mulk teaches that the creation of the universe and its functioning in an unprecedented balance indicate the existence

and oneness of our Lord. It warns the unbelievers who do not heed the call of our Lord of a severe punishment.

Surah al-Mulk also heralds a great reward for the believers in the sight of Allah. Believers who wish to attain these glad tidings revere Allah properly. They obey His commands properly, avoid His prohibitions properly, and embrace Islamic morality.

Honorable Muslims!

Surah al-Mulk informs us that Allah knows all our words and all that is in our hearts, whether we hide them or express them. Our duty is to use our hands, tongues, minds, and hearts in a way that pleases our Lord.

Surah al-Mulk also reminds us of the infinite blessings that Allah has bestowed upon us. He has made the earth habitable for us. He has blessed us with every morsel we eat and every drop of water we drink.

I conclude my khutbah with the following supplication of the Prophet Muhammad (saw): "O Allah, by You we enter the morning, and by You we enter the evening, and by You we live, and by You we died, and to You is the Return."ⁱⁱⁱ

ⁱ Mulk, 67/1.

ⁱⁱ Mulk, 67/2.

ⁱⁱⁱ Tirmidhi, Daawat, 13.