

Protecting al-Darurat al-Khamsah

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي السِّلْمِ كَآفَّةً وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا
مُحْطَوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ
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 wisdoms behind the sending of our exalted religion, Islam, is to build a virtuous and trustworthy society where truth, peace and tranquility, fairness and kindness, compassion and love prevail. Islam has taught us the way to build such a society. This path requires the protection of the life, religion, property, mind, and lineage of the human being, the most precious of all creation. Upholding these five fundamental rights, known as al-Darurat al-Khamsah, is fardh, and harming them for any reason is haram.

Dear Muslims!

The common purpose of all the prophets sent by Allah the Almighty is to ensure the security of life, religion, property, mind, and lineage. The messengers of mercy worked throughout their lives to build a civilization where hearts embraced faith, minds were enriched with knowledge, no life was harmed, no

property was damaged, and generations were not corrupted. The life of our Prophet, Muhammad Mustafa (saw), who was sent as a mercy to the worlds, was spent in creating such a civilization. The Messenger of Allah (saw) showed us the ways of being a trustworthy person and getting along well with others. He (saw) always reminded us of values such as love and respect, justice and mercy, kindness and affection, tolerance and politeness. He advised us to spread peace and security around us and to stay away from all kinds of words and actions that corrupt society. Our beloved Prophet (saw) warned us in this regard as follows: **“The believer is like a bee which eats that which is pure and wholesome and lays that which is pure and wholesome. When it lands on something it does not break or ruin it.”**¹

I would like to conclude this Friday’s khutbah with the following verse: **“O believers! Enter into Islam wholeheartedly and do not follow Satan’s footsteps. Surely he is your sworn enemy.”**²

¹ Ibn Hanbel, II, 199.

² Bakara, 2/208.