

The Merciful Will Be Shown Mercy

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
...رَبَّنَا أَمَّا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمْنَا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّاحِمِينَ
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُ لَا يُرْحَمُ.

Dear Muslims!

Children held a special place in our Prophet's (saw) heart. On one occasion, while sitting with his Companions, his grandson, Hasan, approached them. Our beloved Prophet (saw) immediately lifted him into his arms, embraced him, and kissed him. Someone who witnessed this moment with the Prophet said, "I have ten children, yet I have never kissed any of them." In response, the Messenger of Allah (saw) said: **مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُ لَا يُرْحَمُ** "No mercy will be shown to the unmerciful."¹

Dear Believers!

One of the profound feelings that Allah the Almighty (swt) has instilled in human nature is mercy. Mercy is the reflection of Allah the Almighty's (swt) names, al-Rahman and al-Rahim, within our hearts. Mercy is not merely a feeling of pity; it is the ability to soothe wounded hearts and bring comfort to those in sorrow. Mercy means showing sensitivity to everyone and everything—not with an attitude of "what's in it for me," but with a mindset of "what role can I play."

¹ Bukhari, Adab, 18.

² Hijr, 15/49.

Esteemed Believers!

We are the ummah of the Messenger of Mercy, Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (saw). We are the representatives of a civilization that upholds mercy as its guiding principle. Our duty is not only to refrain from saying "Ugh!" to our parents but to extend our wings of mercy over them with mercy. We are called to treat our spouse with love and affection, and our children with care and compassion. We must establish strong relationships with our relatives and neighbors, becoming a guarantee of trust and peace in our communities. It is our duty to treat everyone we interact with, whether in service or receiving service through our profession, with respect and courtesy, while always striving to help one another. It is to cleanse our hearts of hatred and resentment, filling them instead with divine mercy and prophetic compassion. It is to nurture our brotherhood with mercy, deepening our unity and solidarity. It is to never forget the following verses of our Almighty Lord (swt): **نَبِيُّ عِبَادِي أَنِّي أَنَا الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ** "O Prophet! Inform My servants that I am truly the All-Forgiving, Most Merciful,"² **وَأَنَّ عَذَابِي هُوَ الْعَذَابُ الْأَلِيمُ** "and that My torment is indeed the most painful."³

I would like to conclude this Friday's khutbah with the following supplication in the Holy Qur'an: **"...Our Lord! We have believed, so forgive us and have mercy on us, for You are the best of those who show mercy."**⁴

³ Hijr, 15/50.

⁴ Mu'minin, 23/109.