



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا
وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ.
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
كَفَى بِالْمَرْءِ إِثْمًا أَنْ يُضَيِّعَ مَنْ يَفُوتُ.

Honorable Muslims!

At the beginning of the khutbah, I recited the verse in which our Almighty Lord declares: **“And one of His signs is that He created for you spouses from among yourselves so that you may find comfort in them. And He has placed between you compassion and mercy. Surely in this are signs for people who reflect.”**ⁱ In light of this verse, the family is a sanctuary of love and respect, compassion and mercy.

Dear Believers!

We have learned the beauty and refinement of family ethics from our Prophet (saw). The Messenger of Allah (saw) was always gentle and kind toward his family. There was gentleness in all his words and actions. He never hurt the heart of any family member, nor spoke harshly to them. The Messenger of Allah (saw) openly expressed his love for his wife Khadijah, saying, **“I was sustained by her love.”**ⁱⁱ With the hadith, **“You will surely earn reward for every expense you make for your family seeking the pleasure of Allah,”**ⁱⁱⁱ he regarded every sacrifice made for the family as an act of goodness that earns Allah’s pleasure.

Dear Muslims!

Today, the institution of the family is under siege to a degree unprecedented in history—by global lobbies, interest groups, and imperialist powers. These

forces of evil have made it their aim to weaken family bonds, to leave generations without identity and character, and to sever them from their core values. In such circumstances, establishing, protecting, and strengthening the family is not merely an individual responsibility but a religious, moral, and human duty for every person of faith, conscience, and reason. Indeed, in the hadith I recited at the beginning of the khutbah, our Prophet (saw) says: **“Neglecting one’s responsibilities towards one’s family is sufficient as a sin for a person.”**^{iv}

Dear Believers!

At a time when family values are being undermined, it is incumbent upon us to recognize the worth of our families—our paradise on earth, our fortified stronghold, and our final refuge. In family life, it is essential to uphold the boundaries of what is halal and haram set by Allah and to follow the exemplary character of our Prophet (saw). By adhering to the command of our Almighty Lord, **“Bid your people to pray, and be diligent in ‘observing’ it,”**^v our duty is to instill a consciousness of worship within our families. It is to facilitate marriages, which are the foundation of family, and to encourage our youth to marry. It is not to squander the quality time we should spend with our family in front of the television or on our phones. It is to keep communication within the family alive. It is to prioritize the emotional needs of family members. It is not to deprive our children of the warmth, love, and attention of the family.

I would like to conclude this Friday’s khutbah with the supplication of the Messenger of Allah (saw): **“O Allah, Lord of all things! Make me and my family among those who are sincerely devoted to You in this world and the Hereafter.”**^{vi}

ⁱ Rum, 30/21.

ⁱⁱ Muslim, Fadha’il al-Sahaba, 75.

ⁱⁱⁱ Bukhari, Jana’iz, 36; Muslim, Zakat, 48.

^{iv} Abu Dawud, Zakat, 45.

^v Ta-Ha, 20/132.

^{vi} Abu Dawud, Witr, 25.