

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
...وَمَنْ أَوْفَى بِمَا عَاهَدَ عَلَيْهِ اللَّهُ فَمُؤْتِيهِ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا.
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
إِنَّ حُسْنَ الْعَهْدِ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ.

Honorable Muslims!

One of the virtues that lead a person to the pleasure of Allah and grant happiness in this world is loyalty. Loyalty is a sign of love, respect, fidelity, and selflessness. It is keeping one's word and responding to goodness with goodness. It is not forgetting those who lift you when you fall, rejoice with you in your happiness, and wipe away your tears in times of sorrow.

Dear Believers!

The highest form of loyalty is to obey Allah the Almighty's commands, show gratitude for His blessings, and meet trials with patience, to attain the glad tidings: "... **Whoever fulfills their pledge to Allah, He will grant them a great reward.**"ⁱ It is to bring peace to our hearts through faith, to our minds through knowledge, to our hearts through the remembrance of Allah, to our souls through repentance, and to our lives through the Qur'an.

Esteemed Muslims!

After loyalty to Almighty Allah, the most precious is the loyalty shown to our Prophet (saw). As stated in the verse, "**There certainly has come to you a messenger from among**

yourself. He is concerned by your suffering, anxious for your well-being, and gracious and merciful to the believers,"ⁱⁱ faith in the Messenger of Allah (saw), who cares deeply for us as his ummah, and love for him and his Ahl al-Bayt are the obligations of our loyalty.

Dear Believers!

In a transient world where loyalty is waning and ingratitude is widespread, upholding loyalty is a requirement of our faith, as indicated in the hadith: "**Showing true loyalty in keeping a promise is part of one's faith.**"ⁱⁱⁱ today, let us take a moment to reflect upon our own loyalty. Have we fulfilled our duty of gratitude for the countless blessings bestowed upon us by our Almighty Lord? Have we become good people who touch the hearts of our parents, spouses, children, relatives, and neighbors? Have we been able to soothe the suffering of the sick and the helpless, and come to the aid of those in need?

Right, dear brothers and sisters! In the hope that we may answer these questions affirmatively as human beings, I would like to conclude this Friday's khutbah with the following hadith of our Prophet (saw): "**The faith of one who honors trusts is perfected, and the religion of one who fulfills promises reaches completion.**"^{iv}

ⁱ Fath, 48/10.

ⁱⁱ Tawbah, 9/128.

ⁱⁱⁱ Hakim, Mustadrak, II, 20. (1/16).

^{iv} Ibn Hanbal, III, 134.