

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

﴿إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوِيكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ﴾

سُورَةُ الْحُجْرَاتِ، 49/10

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) قَالَ:

«لَا تَبَاغُضُوا، وَلَا تَحَاسَدُوا، وَلَا تَدَابَرُوا، وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ
إِخْوَانًا، وَلَا يَجُلُ لِمُسْلِمٍ أَنْ يَهْجُرَ أَخَاهُ فَوْقَ ثَلَاثِ لَيَالٍ.»

الْبُخَارِيُّ، كِتَابُ الْأَدَبِ، 62

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Today, we are filled with joy and peace as we reach Eid al-Fitr. All praise and thanks be to Allah, who has allowed us to arrive at this beautiful morning after the month of mercy. May blessings and peace be upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (saw), his family and his companions. May our Eid al-Fitr be blessed.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Eid days are special times when hearts soften, resentments are forgotten, and love, respect, and affection are renewed. They are also moments when family ties are strengthened and kinship bonds are revived. So this Eid, let us visit our parents if they are alive and if they are far away, let us be sure to call them. Let us bring them joy and receive their heartfelt prayers. Together with our spouses, let us show compassion and love to our children, giving them Eids they will always remember with happiness. Let us not forget to visit our relatives and friends and especially to help those in need and our sick brothers and sisters. Let us spread greetings among ourselves, for it removes distance and strengthens affection. Let us strive in these matters, in the hope that we may attain the glad tidings of our Prophet (saw):

“O people! Spread peace among yourselves, feed others, maintain family ties, and pray at night while people are asleep, and you will enter Paradise in peace.”¹

Dear Jama'ah!

Allah (swt) says in the Qur'an: “The believers are but brothers, so make peace between your brothers and be mindful of Allah so that you may receive mercy.”² So let us, on this blessed Eid, reconcile those who are divided and bring together those who are at odds. Let us sincerely seek forgiveness from those whose hearts we may have hurt, mend our relationships and follow the command of our Allah, so that we may be covered in His mercy and experience a peaceful and joyful Eid with our families, children, relatives and fellow believers. For in a hadith, it is stated that it is not permissible for believers to remain divided from one another: “Do not hate one another, do not envy one another, do not turn your backs on one another. O servants of Allah, be brothers. It is not lawful for a Muslim to abandon his brother for more than three days.”³ Furthermore, our beloved Prophet (saw) advised us to strengthen love among Muslims and remove ill feelings: “Shake hands with one another so that resentment may disappear. Exchange gifts so that your love may increase and enmity may vanish.”⁴

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

While we experience the joy of Eid, we must also remember that in different parts of the world, especially in Gaza, there are brothers and sisters who are deprived of the happiness of Eid due to hardship and hunger. On this blessed day, let us feel their pain in our hearts, not neglect to make dua for them and do whatever we can to extend our support and assistance. May Allah (swt) grant humanity many Eids where all the oppressed and suffering people of the world can smile with joy. May the Almighty allow us to reach many more Eids in peace, with our sins forgiven. Ameen.



¹ Ibn Mâce, Et'ime, 1

² Surah Al-Hujurat, 49:10

³ Buhârî, Edeb, 62

⁴ Muvatta', Hüsnü'l-Hulk, 4