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The Individual Responsibilities of a Muslim

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﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ ...﴾ ﴿٦﴾

Surah At-Tahrim, 66:6

عَنْ عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ قَالَ: مَا خَطَبَنَا نَبِيُّ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمْ) إِلَّا قَالَ:

" لَا إِيمَانَ لِمَنْ لَا أَمَانَةَ لَهُ، وَلَا دِينَ لِمَنْ لَا عَهْدَ لَهُ.“

Musnad Ahmad, vol. 3, p. 134

Dear Brother and Sisters!

Being Muslim is more than a matter of identity or belonging. It means sincerely believing in Allah, accepting His commands and prohibitions as the measure by which we live and fulfilling the duties that faith places upon us. Faith begins in the heart, but it must also be reflected in our words, our actions and every part of our lives. Allah (swt) says: “**I created jinn and mankind only to worship Me**.”[1] This verse makes the purpose of our creation clear. Our first and greatest responsibility, then, is to worship Allah (swt). Prayer, fasting, observing what is halal and haram and obeying Allah’s commands form the foundation of a Muslim’s life. Yet worship also calls us to speak truthfully, honour what has been entrusted to us, respect the rights of others, earn a lawful living and show good character. And faith is seen in how we behave and how we treat people.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

A Muslim also has responsibilities towards themselves. We should be mindful of how we spend our time, what we say, what we earn and what we consume. Our faith should be evident in our dealings with others. Let us keep our tongues from lies, backbiting and insults and our hands from oppression and injustice. People should find safety and kindness in us, never harm. The Prophet (saw) said: “*There is no faith for one who cannot be trusted, and no religion for one who does not keep a promise*.”[2] This hadith reminds us how important trustworthiness and keeping our word are in our religion. Let us remember that a Muslim does not live for themselves alone. We should look after our neighbours, offer help to those in need, stand alongside those who are oppressed and remain attentive to the needs of those around us.

Bringing joy to someone’s heart, easing another person’s hardship and speaking kindly are all part of what is expected of a Muslim.

Dear Jama’ah!

Our personal responsibilities also extend to our families. Allah (swt) says: “**O you who believe, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones.**”[3] Alongside providing for our families’ material needs, we must care for their faith, character and spiritual growth. Let us strive to leave our children a good future, sound character and firm faith. We must be examples to them in both our words and our actions.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Prophet Muhammad (saw) said: “*The wise person is the one who calls themselves to account and works for what comes after death.”*[4] So let us take account of ourselves each day. Let us reflect on what we have done that may earn Allah’s pleasure or incur His displeasure. As we repent for our sins, let us learn from our mistakes and strive to put ourselves right. Being Muslim means seeking Allah’s pleasure in every part of life.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Jama’ah!

The **December Youth Umrah**, organised each year by our Hajj and Umrah Department, is a valuable spiritual opportunity for our youth. During this journey to Makkah and Madinah, our youth strengthen their awareness of worship, their bonds of brotherhood and their sense of belonging to the community. They also have an opportunity to learn closely about the life of the Prophet, his noble Companions and the history of Islam. We invite our young brothers and sisters who have not yet registered to speak with our community leaders and complete their registration before places fill up, so they too can join this blessed journey.

May Allah (swt) accept your intentions and acts of worship. May He keep our hearts and our path directed towards our qiblah, and fill our hearts with love for Allah and His Messenger. Ameen!

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[1]Surah Adh-Dhariyat, 51:56
[2]Ibn Hanbal, vol. 3, p. 134
[3]Surah At-Tahrim, 66:6
[4]Tirmidhi, Qiyamah, 25