

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَقُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَزَهَقَ الْبَاطِلُ إِنَّ الْبَاطِلَ كَانَ زَهُوقًا

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَنْتَ نُورُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ... أَنْتَ الْحَقُّ، وَوَعْدُكَ

الْحَقُّ وَقَوْلُكَ الْحَقُّ، وَلِقَاؤُكَ الْحَقُّ، وَالْجَنَّةُ حَقٌّ، وَالنَّارُ حَقٌّ، وَالنَّبِيُّونَ

حَقٌّ، وَالسَّاعَةُ حَقٌّ ...

Blessed Friday to You, Brothers and Sisters!

Our Prophet (pbuh) conquered Mecca with his army, the city where he had to leave ten years ago with the journey of hegira. The Messenger of Allah was born and grew up in this blessed city and he was longing for it. He looked at the city with longing eyes then he went towards the House of Allah with enthusiasm and excitement. After the tawaf (circumambulation), he went in the Kaaba and cleared it and its surroundings from the idols after he recited this verse: i
 وَقُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَزَهَقَ الْبَاطِلُ إِنَّ الْبَاطِلَ كَانَ زَهُوقًا “And say: truth has (now) arrived, and falsehood perished: for falsehood is (by its nature) bound to perish.” ii

Honorable Believers!

The battle between truth and falsehood in human history started with the two sons of Adam, Habil and Qabil. While Habil stood by the truth with submission and sincerity, Qabil choose falsehood with his greed and jealousy. To the end of days, Habil will be the leader of the good ones and the goodness, while Qabil will be known as the symbol of evil ones and evil with the murder he committed.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The truth is the faith of tawheed. It is the faith in and submission to Allah. It is being a servant only to Him. The falsehood is to deny the existence and oneness of Allah and associate partners with Him. It is to serve others than Him. It is to be a servant to desires and wants. It is to be blind and deaf towards His countless blessings.

The truth is the life giving principles and the beauties of the manifest religion that is Islam which makes us human and the world a place to live. The falsehood is the beliefs and ideas that

are incompatible with our supreme religion. It is the practices that wage war on Islam. It is the evil that harms the honor and dignity of the people.

The path of the truth is the path of the prophets, martyrs, and good and faithful believers. At the end of this road lays a paradise of eternal blessings. The path of falsehood is the path of unbelievers, condemned, those who stray from righteousness, and the evil ones. The end of this road leads to hell that is home to doom and loss.

Brothers and Sisters!

While those who stay on the path of the truth become the hope of the oppressed and the downtrodden; those who unite in falsehood generally become the voice of oppression and the oppressors. While those who set their hearts to the truth fight for high values; those who fell into falsehood hold interests and self-seeking above all. While the lovers of the truth work in order to build the earth and make it livable; the servants of falsehood seek sedition, malice, lies, slander, and mischief. While those who stand by the truth strive to make peace, comfort, and justice prevail on earth; the followers of falsehood try to spill blood and tears, turn cities into ruins and harm the minds and the hearts.

So, Brothers and Sisters!

Whatever the circumstances, let us continue to stand by the truth and against the falsehood, let us continue to be the voice of the truth. Let us not abandon recommending one another the truth and patience. We must not forget that the help and mercy of Allah is going to be with us as long as we keep serving the truth. The falsehood could never hurt us as long as we pick up and raise the truth.

i Al-Bukhari, Oppressions, 32; Sahih Muslim, Jihad and Expeditions, 87.

ii Al-Isra, 17/81.