

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ

وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَيُطِيعُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ أُولَئِكَ سَيَرْحَمُهُمُ اللَّهُ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ يُرْجَى خَيْرُهُ وَيُؤْمَنُ شَرُّهُ وَشَرُّكُمْ مَنْ لَا يُرْجَى خَيْرُهُ وَلَا يُؤْمَنُ شَرُّهُ

Blessed Friday to You All, Brothers and Sisters!

Our Lord Almighty enjoins in the verse I have recited: **“The Believers, men and women, are protectors, one of another: they enjoin what is just, and forbid what is evil: they observe regular prayers, practice regular charity, and obey Allah and His Messenger. On them will Allah pour His Mercy: for Allah is Exalted in power, Wise.”**ⁱ

One day, our Prophet (pbuh) asked his companions: **“Shall I not inform you of the best of you from your worst?”** and continued: **“The best of you is the one whose goodness is hoped for, and people are safe from his evil. And the worst of you is he whose goodness is not hoped for, and people are not safe from his evil.”**ⁱⁱ

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

In the words of Allah’s Messenger (pbuh), a believer is submissive and loyal above all. He is precious, just like gold.ⁱⁱⁱ Throughout his life, he displays an Abrahamic stance and keeps his dignity. He would stand on his values and faith in

every situation and says: **إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ**, meaning: **‘To Allah we belong, and to Him is our return’**. He would not abandon the guidance of the Quran and the noble Sunnah, and would not turn away from the straight path.

In the words of the Great Messenger (pbuh), a believer is like a honey bee. Just like a honey bee,

he would only eat nice, clean, halal things and produce good things. He would not hurt or harm anybody.^{iv} His heart only has place for the good, the useful and the positive; but not for the bad, the harmful and the negative.

Honorable Believers!

There is no place for sadness and despair in the life of a believer. He believes in this verse

with all his heart: **“لَا تَخْزَنَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَنَا”** **“Have no fear, for Allah is with us”**.^v He knows that he has a protector who stands by his side when there are none, and who provides hope and relief.

A believer is a person whose tongue and hands people are safe from.^{vi} He would take refuge in Allah from deceiving and being deceived, in accordance with this hadith: **مَنْ عَشَّنَا فَلَيْسَ مِنَّا** meaning: **“Those who deceive is not one of us.”**^{vii} Bad and false words, insulting and heartbreaking expressions would not come out of a believers mouth. He would not marginalize, but he would unite; he would not hate, but he would be the bringer of glad tidings. He knows that one day he will account for all his actions and all his words.

Honorable Brothers and Sisters!

A believer is humble, as he knows this hadith: **“He who has in his heart the weight of a mustard seed of pride shall not enter Paradise.”**^{viii} He loves the Created for the Creator’s sake. He would know that a person is no good if he does not befriend others and others could not befriend him.^{ix} His actions are dressed in mercy, compassion, sincerity, friendliness and fondness.

And finally, a believer is like herbalist who sells nice perfumes.^x He would offer people ethics, morals and virtue. He would take a good place in the minds of the people. He would always leave a nice voice in the hearts.

How happy are those who is honored by these praises of our Prophet (pbuh)!

ⁱ At-Tawbah, 9/71.

ⁱⁱ At Tirmidhi, Al Fitan, 76; Ahmed b. Hanbel, II, 268.

ⁱⁱⁱ Ahmed b. Hanbel, II, 199.

^{iv} Ahmed b. Hanbel, II, 199.

^v At-Tawbah, 9/40.

^{vi} Al Bukhari, Faith, 4.

^{vii} Sahih Muslim, Faith, 164.

^{viii} Sahih Muslim, Faith, 147.

^{ix} Ahmed b. Hanbel, II, 400.

^x Taberânî, el-Mu’cemü’l-Kebir, XII, 319.