

**HIS (SAW) LEGACY FOR US: HIS UNIQUE LOYALTY**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَمَانَاتِهِمْ وَعَهْدِهِمْ رَاعُونَ

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

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

**Honorable Muslims!**

In this Friday's khutbah, let us remember instances of loyalty from the life of our beloved Prophet (saw), who was sent as mercy to the worlds.

**Dear Believers!**

First and foremost, he (saw) was devoted to his Lord (swt). In this regard, he (saw) never failed to observe his servitude and devotion, allegiance and submission to the Almighty Allah (swt).

The Messenger of Allah (saw) was loyal to people. He (saw) was so loyal that he spent his whole life to help people achieve happiness in this world and in the Afterlife. In this regard, our Lord (saw) addresses His Beloved (saw) as follows, "Perhaps, [O Muhammad], you would kill yourself with grief that they will not be believers."<sup>1</sup>

**Dear Believers!**

The Prophet of Mercy (saw) also placed a high value on loyalty to parents. One day after a young person said to him, "I have come to you, o Messenger of Allah, by leaving my parents weeping", our Prophet (saw) said, "Go back to them, and make them smile as you made them weep."<sup>2</sup>

**Dear Muslims!**

Our beloved Prophet (saw) would follow through on his pledges and definitely keep his promises. In one hadith, he would tell the importance of loyalty as follows, "He who breaches one's trust will never have his faith reach perfection. He who does not honor his word can never be pious in a perfect sense."<sup>3</sup>

**Dear Believers!**

Being loyal stems from faith and is a distinguishing feature of Muslims. Then, today, what falls upon us is to be loyal, just like our beloved Prophet (saw), whose ummah we are honored to be a part of. It is incumbent upon us to live by the verse "And they (believers) who are to their trusts and their promises attentive."<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Shu'ara, 26/3.

<sup>2</sup> Abu Dawud, Jihad, 31.

<sup>3</sup> Ibn Hanbal, III, 134.

<sup>4</sup> Mu'mininun, 23/8.