

## WORLDLY LIFE IS A JOURNEY OF BENEVOLENCE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
 مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ  
 فَلَا يُجْزَى إِلَّا مِثْلَهَا وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ.  
 وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
 أَلْبِرٌ حُسْنُ الْخُلُقِ وَالْإِثْمُ مَا حَاكَ فِي نَفْسِكَ وَكَرِهْتَ  
 أَنْ يُطْلَعَ عَلَيْهِ النَّاسُ.

**Honorable Muslims!**

In the verse I have recited, Allah the Exalted (swt) states, **“Whoever comes with a good deed will be rewarded tenfold. But whoever comes with a bad deed will be punished for only one. None will be wronged.”**<sup>i</sup>

In the hadith I have read, the Messenger of Allah (saw) says, **“Virtue is a kind disposition. Vice is what rankles in your mind and that you disapprove of its being known to the people.”**<sup>ii</sup>

**Dear Believers!**

Worldly life is a journey of benevolence. It is our most important duty to believe, do beneficial deeds, and make goodness prevail on earth. It is our most fundamental duty to avoid and prevent evil, improper and harmful acts.

Benevolence means believing in Allah, the Judgment Day, angels, the Book, and the prophets. It means giving charity out of our wealth to relatives, orphans, the poor, travelers

and all people in need. It means performing prayers, paying alms (zakat), and keeping the promises we make. It means helping each other in poverty, sickness and difficult times as well as sharing with each other and thanking Allah (swt) in richness and health.<sup>iii</sup>

Benevolence entails to be a sincere servant, a respectful child, merciful parents, and a loyal spouse. It means sharing the joy and sorrow of our relatives and neighbors. Benevolence means sincerely extending our hands to the oppressed, orphan, patient and elderly.

**Dear Believers!**

Then, let us give meaning to our lives starting now. Let us conquer hearts of people through benevolence and thus, gain their du‘a. Let our compassionate hands extend towards those in need. Let our affectionate hearts touch to the heart of a lonely person. Let our eyes meet with exhausted eyes to refresh them. We should not forget that evil cannot be prevented by complaining about it but by taking a stand against it and spreading the benevolence. And benevolence is not something to be spoken, read or written. It is about action.

<sup>i</sup> An‘am, 6/160.

<sup>ii</sup> Muslim, Birr, 15.

<sup>iii</sup> Baqarah, 2/177.