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Family and Community:
Sanctuaries of Love for Our Children

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا
وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ، وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ
لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ. قَالَ تَعَالَى فِي التَّنْزِيلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا
الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Zumratal mukminin rahimakumullah,

Let us have taqwa towards Allah s.w.t. by obeying all His commands and refraining from all His prohibitions. May Allah s.w.t. bless our families, protect our **children** and descendants, and gather us all together in His Paradise. Amin, ya Rabbal 'Alamin.

Dear blessed congregation,

Children are a precious blessing and a trust bestowed upon us by Allah s.w.t. Their presence brings joy into our lives, continues our lineage, and, we hope, carries forward our legacy of goodness. This is why we are encouraged to offer the supplication recorded in Surah Al-Furqan, verse 74. Allah says:

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ
وَأَجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾

Which means: *“And those who pray, ‘Our Lord! Bless us with spouses and offspring who will be the comfort of our eyes, and make us good examples for the righteous.’”*

Dear brothers,

Indeed, **children** are a blessing from Allah. Yet raising and nurturing them is also a heavy **responsibility**. Did not Rasulullah s.a.w. remind us, that every one of us is a guardian, and that every one of us will be held accountable for those under our care? This **responsibility** is even more significant in a time of rapid change, intense competition, and the boundless influence of the online world.

My brothers, a father’s **responsibility** is not merely to build walls that isolate his **children** from the influences of the outside world. Rather, it is to develop in them a strong sense of identity and character so that they can face these influences with resilience.

Like a growing tree, we must ensure that it is firmly rooted so that it does not easily fall when faced with storms.

In short, our **responsibility** is to prepare our **children** to live in their time, to face the challenges of their era, rather than merely the challenges we ourselves faced when we were growing up.

Today's sermon would like to share two suggestions for **supporting** the development of our **children**:

First: Make our presence felt

Amid the demands of daily life, there may be times when we do not give our **children** the attention they deserve. Yet they deeply yearn for our presence, both physically and emotionally. If they do not experience warmth, affection and attention at home, we worry that they may become more vulnerable to unhealthy external influences.

Indeed, they may already be attending school, going to a childcare centre, or attending religious classes. Nevertheless, the **responsibility** of educating and nurturing them, and providing them with a **safe** space, remains first and foremost the **responsibility** of parents.

Second: Build a trusted support system

At times, the **responsibility** of raising **children** can feel difficult when carried alone. We need a **safe** and reliable **support**

network, whether through close family members, trusted friends and contacts, or childcare providers.

In fact, this **responsibility** extends to every member of society. Rasulullah s.a.w. reminded us, which means: *“He is not one of us who does not show compassion to the young and honour the elderly.”* (At-Tirmizi)

Our communities and institutions must be **safe** spaces for **children** – places that welcome them with kindness and patience, and guide them with compassion. We must strive to provide them with the best possible **support** system, while ultimately placing our trust and reliance upon Allah s.w.t., as we reflected upon last Friday.

Dear congregation,

Together, let us build a network that educates, nurtures, protects and **supports** our **children**. May Allah s.w.t. bless every effort we make, protect our **children** and descendants from harm and moral vices, and make them the joy of our hearts in this world and the Hereafter. Amin, ya Rabbal ‘Alamin.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ
الرَّحِيمُ.

Second Sermon

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا كَمَا أَمَرَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ تَعَالَى فِيمَا أَمَرَ، وَانْتَهُوا عَمَّا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ وَزَجَرَ.

أَلَا صَلُّوا وَسَلِّمُوا عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْمُصْطَفَى، فَقَدْ أَمَرَنَا اللَّهُ بِذَلِكَ حَيْثُ قَالَ فِي كِتَابِهِ الْعَزِيزِ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ.

وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمُهْدِيِّينَ سَادَاتِنَا أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ وَعُثْمَانَ وَعَلِيٍّ، وَعَنْ بَقِيَّةِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالْقُرَابَةِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ، وَتَابِعِي التَّابِعِينَ، وَعَنْ مَعَهُمْ وَفِيهِمْ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ ادْفَعْ عَنَّا الْبَلَاءَ وَالْوَبَاءَ وَالزَّلَازِلَ وَالْمِحْنَ، مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ، عَنِ بَلَدِنَا خَاصَّةً، وَسَائِرِ الْبُلْدَانِ عَامَّةً، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ انْصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي غَزَّةٍ وَفِي فَلِسْطِينَ وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ

عَامَّةً، يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً، وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً،
وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى، وَيَنْهَى عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ، فَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ
يَذْكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوا عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ، وَلَذِكْرُ
اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.