THE SACRIFICES OF PROPHET IBRAHIM ALAIHISSALAM ROMLESSONS

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اَخْمَدُ لِلهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِيْنُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوْذُ بِاللهِ مِنْ شُرُوْرِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللهُ فَلاَ مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضْلِلْ فَلاَ هَادِيَ لَهُ. وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلاَّ اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيْكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُوْلُهُ. اَللهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ. وَرَسُوْلُهُ. اَللهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ الله، اتَّقُوْا اللهَ وَأُوْصِيْكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُوْنَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Him in this life and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

In four days, Muslims will celebrate Eid al-Adha, the day where Muslims all over the world are commanded and recommended to sacrifice and donate meat from livestock to the poor. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith:

Indeed, the first thing that we do today (Eid-al-Adha) is that we pray, then return home and then we slaughter the sacrifice, and whoever does so has

followed my sunnah. As for the person who slaughters before prayer, it is not a sacrificial deed.

The requirement of qurbanis a sign of our obedience to Allah the Almighty. Without sacrifice of our soul and property, it is not possible for the law of Allah the Almighty to be upheld. Prophet Ibrahim Alaihissalam was willing to slaughter Prophet Ismail Alaihissalam, his beloved son, simplyto obey the command of Allah the Almighty. Similarly, Siti Hajar's obedience to her husband Prophet Ibrahim to live alone in the arid lands of Mecca, was simply a belief in Allah's command. This is the essence of the lesson from the great sacrifice of Prophet Ibrahim, his wife and son Alaihimussolatuwassalam.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Let us continue to defend the sanctity of Islam. Realize that, qurban reminds us to not forget that we are a united ummah that helps each other.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 37 (surah As-Safaat) verse 103-107:

فَلَمَّا أَسْلَمَا وَتَلَهُ, لِلْجَبِينِ اللَّ وَنَكَ يُنَاهُ أَن يَتَإِبْرَهِيمُ اللَّ عَلَا اللَّهُ اللَ

Which means: And when they had both submitted and he put him down upon his forehead, We called to him: "O Abraham, You have fulfilled the vision." Indeed, We thus reward the doers of good. Indeed, this was the clear trial. And We ransomed him with a great sacrifice."

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِى القُرْءَانِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِیْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحُكِيْمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِیْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاَوْتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِیْعُ الْعَلِیمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِیْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِیْمَ لِیْ وَلَکُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُ سُلِمِیْنَ وَالْمُ سُلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُ وُمِنیْن وَالْمُ وَمِناتِ، وَالْمُ وُمِنیْن وَالْمُ وَمِناتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِیْمُ.