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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ 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 وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness towards Allah the Almighty by carrying out all His commands and abandoning all His prohibitions. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this world and the Hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Praise be to Allah, we are now at the end of the year 1447 Hijrah. Soon, we will step into the new year, which reminds us of the great event of the Hijrah of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessing be upon him) from Makkah to Madinah. Hijrah was not merely a change of place, but a transformation of life from the darkness of ignorance to the light of faith. Hijrah also teaches mankind to change from ignorance to knowledgeable and with good manners, and from sinful to obedience to Allah the Almighty.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 4 (surah an-Nisa') verse 100:

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وَمَنْ يُهَاجِرْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يَجِدْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُرُغْمًا كَثِيرًا وَسَعَةً وَمَنْ يَخْرُجْ مِنْ بَيْتِهِ مُهَاجِرًا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ يُدْرِكْهُ الْمَوْتُ فَقَدْ وَقَعَ أَجْرُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ١٠٠



Which means: *“Whoever emigrates in the cause of Allah will find many safe havens and bountiful resources throughout the earth. Those who leave their homes and die while emigrating to Allah and His Messenger—their reward has already been secured with Allah. And Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”*

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 13 (surah as-Ra’d) verse 11 which means: *“Indeed, Allah would never change a people’s state of favour until they change their own state of faith”*.

These verses remind us that change towards goodness requires effort, determination, and true resolution. Therefore, the arrival of the new Hijri year should be taken as an opportunity for us to engage in self-reflection, evaluate past deeds, and improve our weaknesses so that we may become individuals closer to Allah

Dear brothers and sisters,

Resolution is not merely a desire or words uttered at the beginning of the year, but a determination born out of awareness and accompanied by continuous effort. A good resolution must be built upon the foundation of faith, sincerity, and earnestness to change into a better person in the sight of Allah.

Therefore, the resolution for the new Hijri year should begin with self-reflection, that is, evaluating our relationship with Allah the Almighty, our relationship with fellow human beings, and the sincerity in our deeds.

The Messenger of Allah the Almighty said in a hadith narrated by at-Tirmidhi and Ibn Majah:



الْكَيِّسُ مَنْ دَانَ نَفْسَهُ وَعَمِلَ لِمَا بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ، وَالْعَاجِزُ مَنْ أَتْبَعَ نَفْسَهُ هَوَاهَا وَتَمَنَّى عَلَى اللَّهِ الْأَمَانِي.

Which means: *"The clever person is the one who subjugates his soul, and works for what is after death. And the incapable is the one who follows his desires and merely hopes in Allah."*

Indeed, a resolution without self-reflection and earnest effort will remain nothing more than mere wishful thinking.

Dear blessed brothers and sisters,

In Islam, resolutions cannot be separated from the spirit of Hijrah, which is to change towards goodness by leaving behind all that is forbidden by Allah the Almighty. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari and Muslim, which means: *"A Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand other Muslims are safe. And a muhajir (emigrant) is the one who abandons what Allah has forbidden."*

Thus, a true resolution is not only about increasing good deeds, but also about abandoning sins and wrongdoings such as gossiping, slandering, gambling, excessive entertainment, and futile activities.

Therefore, the resolution for the new Hijri year should begin with improving one's relationship with Allah the Almighty by safeguarding the obligatory acts of worship and increasing voluntary acts such as the Sunnah Rawatib prayers, reciting the Qur'an, sending blessings upon the Prophet (pbuh), engaging in remembrance (zikir), supplication (du'a), and seeking forgiveness (istighfar)."



In addition, we must also strive to refine our character and personality with praiseworthy traits such as honesty, trustworthiness, and sincerity, while avoiding blameworthy traits such as arrogance, betrayal, and showing off.

We must also strengthen our relationships with fellow human beings by maintaining ties of kinship, helping those in need, and engaging in mutual goodness within community life.

At the same time, being steadfast in performing good deeds, even if they are small, is highly encouraged, because continuous deeds are more beloved to Allah the Almighty, as mentioned in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari and Muslim: *'The most beloved deeds to Allah are those done consistently, even if they are few.'*

Dear brothers and sisters,

To conclude today's sermon, let us reflect upon several important lessons to be taken as guidance in life:

Firstly, the new Hijri year should be taken as an opportunity to improve oneself with good character and to abandon blameworthy traits.

Secondly, we must resolve to improve the quality of our worship and draw closer to Allah the Almighty with sincerity and steadfastness.

Thirdly, we must strive to become individuals who are more beneficial to our family, society, and religion through righteous deeds and a life that is pleasing to Allah the Almighty.

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إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أُولَٰئِكَ يَرْجُونَ رَحْمَتَ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ٢١٨



بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَانِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.