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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ
تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ
وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
حَصَّنُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بِالزَّكَاةِ، وَدَاوُوا مَرَضَاتِكُمْ بِالصَّدَقَةِ

ZAKĀT AND ŞADAQAT AL-FITR

Dear brothers and sisters! According to a *hadīth*, the Prophet ﷺ said: **“Protect your wealth with *zakāt* and ask Allah for healing with *ṣadaqah*.”**¹ *Zakāt* is an act of worship that enriches and increases wealth. Giving *zakāt* and *ṣadaqah* makes a person richer, not poorer. Any kind of charity given with sincere intentions for the sake of Allah is valuable in the sight of Allah and deserves a reward. So let us take care of the needy with our financial worship like *zakāt* and *ṣadaqat al-fitṛ*. Let’s respect the rights of our brothers and sisters with confidence. Let’s be a cure for their troubles without hurting their hearts. I close my *khutba* with this verse: **“And of their wealth there was a just share for the poor and needy.”**²