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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ تَفَرَّقُوا وَاخْتَلَفُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ  
الْبَيِّنَاتُ وَأُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ.  
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
لَا تَبَاغَضُوا، وَلَا تَحَاسَدُوا، وَلَا تَدَابَرُوا، وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ  
إِخْوَانًا.

## THE DAY OF 'ĀSHŪRĀ'

Dear brothers and sisters, the tenth day of the month of Muḥarram is the day of 'Āshūrā'. After the Prophet ﷺ immigrated to Madīna, he saw that the Jews fasted on the day of 'Āshūrā'. When he asked the reason, the Jews said that on that day Allah ﷻ had freed Musa and the *Banū Isrā'īl* from the enemy and that Musa and themselves fasted on that day out of gratitude. Thereupon the Prophet ﷺ ordered his *umma* to fast on that day. After fasting in the month of Ramaḍān was prescribed, he has left his *umma* free to fast or not to fast during 'Āshūrā'. Dear Muslims, the Prophet ﷺ said that fasting on the day of 'Āshūrā' will cause the sins of the past year to be forgiven. It is advised to combine fasting on the day of 'Āshūrā' with one day before and/or one day after. Dear believers, in the month of Muḥarram, an event occurred that saddens us, namely the martyrdom of Ḥusayn *'alayhissalām*, the beloved grandson of the Prophet ﷺ. Let's take wise lessons from this painful event. Let's unite our hearts. In the month of Muḥarram, let's increase and beautify our *ibāda*. And let us be thankful to Allah ﷻ for all His favors.