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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَلَا تُخْزِنِي يَوْمَ يُبْعَثُونَ يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ مَالٌ وَلَا بَنُونَ إِلَّا مَنْ أَتَى
اللَّهَ بِقَلْبٍ سَلِيمٍ.
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَنْظُرُ إِلَى صُورِكُمْ وَأَمْوَالِكُمْ، وَلَكِنْ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى
قُلُوبِكُمْ وَأَعْمَالِكُمْ.

A PURE HEART

Dear brothers and sisters! The Prophet ﷺ said in a *ḥadīth*: “**Verily, Allah does not look at your appearances and your wealth, but He looks at your hearts and your works.**”¹ Dear believers, the heart is the source of faith and disbelief, love and hate, courage and cowardice, goodness and badness, in short, of all emotions. Both beauty and evil begin and end in the heart. A pure heart leads to inner peace and freedom from worries and achieves liberation and satisfaction. Dear Muslims, the true purpose of our faith is to produce believers with pure hearts so that people can live in peace and security. Dear brothers and sisters, I conclude my sermon with a supplication that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ expressed after the night prayer for a pure heart: “اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ رَحْمَةً مِنْ عِنْدِكَ تَهْدِي بِهَا قَلْبِي،” **“O Allah! Verily, I ask You for mercy from You by which You guide my heart on the right path.”**² *Āmīn.*

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¹ Muslim, Al-Birr, 34.

² Al-Tirmidhī, Al-Da‘awāt, 30.