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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ  
أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ.  
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
أَفْضَلُ الصَّدَقَةِ أَنْ يَتَعَلَّمَ الْمَرْءُ الْمُسْلِمُ عِلْمًا، ثُمَّ يُعَلِّمَهُ أَخَاهُ  
الْمُسْلِمَ.

## THE VALUE ISLAM GIVES TO THE TEACHER

Dear brothers and sisters, Islam attributes great importance to learning and teaching knowledge. The first verse of the Qur'an that was revealed is *iqra'* or "read". Therefore, it is obligatory for every single Muslim, regardless of age, gender or location, to acquire knowledge. Man knows himself through knowledge. He comes to know Allah ﷻ through knowledge. With knowledge, he understands the messages of Allah ﷻ. He disciplines his soul with knowledge. He teaches truth, justice, morality, virtue and the good with knowledge. Dear Muslims, our beloved prophet Muhammad ﷺ declared that he has been sent as a teacher by saying: **"Verily, I have been sent only as a teacher"**<sup>1</sup> thus emphasizing the value of scholars and also considering himself a teacher. Dear attendees, I end my *khutba* with the following words and advice from the Prophet ﷺ: **"The best form of *sadaqa* for the Muslim is to acquire knowledge and then teach it to his Muslim brother."**<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Ibn Mājah, Al-Muqaddima, 17.

<sup>2</sup> Ibn Mājah, Al-Muqaddima, 20.