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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ
عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا.
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ، وَأَطِعُوا الطَّعَامَ، وَصَلُّوا
الْأَرْحَامَ.

MAINTAINING FAMILY TIES (ŞILAT AL-RAHİM)

Dear brothers and sisters, Islam places great emphasis on *şilat al-rahim*, the maintenance of family ties. This implies that you should maintain regular contact with your family, participating in their joys as well as their sorrows. Upholding these ties doesn't only mean interacting with those who visit you, but also reaching out to those who don't. Unfortunately, many parents today live in isolation and need attention, and there are neighbors who appreciate a simple greeting or a sincere smile. Let us, as believers, win the hearts of our parents and keep the ties with our relatives and neighbors alive.