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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَىكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ.
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَنْظُرُ إِلَى صُورِكُمْ وَأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى قُلُوبِكُمْ
وَأَعْمَالِكُمْ.

DEALING WITH DISABILITIES

Dear brothers and sisters, according to a *ḥadīth*, the Prophet ﷺ said: “**Verily, Allah does not look at your appearance and your wealth, but He looks at your hearts and your deeds.**”¹ Dear Muslims, sometimes a person is tested with blessings and sometimes with hardship. These hardships are not always the fault of the person themselves. Just as having perfect health does not make a person better than another, so too does a disability not make a person less than another. Our beloved Prophet ﷺ brought the good news that a disability that is overcome with patience and determination is a means to enter the *janna*. The Prophet ﷺ paid special attention to people with disabilities and gave them important tasks. ‘Abdullāh ibn Umm Maktūm was a blind *ṣaḥābī*. In Makkah, he served as the *mu’adhdhin*, and in Madinah, whenever the Prophet ﷺ left the city, ‘Abdullāh was the Prophet’s representative. It is our duty to understand our brothers and sisters with disabilities better, to help them where necessary, and to make life easier for them. We should avoid words and actions that offend them. O Allah, grant us the strength to support our brothers and sisters with disabilities. Help us to be compassionate and guide us to make their lives easier. *Āmīn*.

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¹ Muslim, Al-Birr, 33; Ibn Mājah, Al-Zuhd, 9.