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### **Sermon of Fast-Breaking Feast (*Eid Al-Fitr*)**

All praise is due to Allah; Allah is The Greatest; Allah is The Greatest, and much praise is due to Allah. Exalted is Allah in the morning and in the evening. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

Today, we receive the blessed *Eid al-Fitr* that spreads joy, happiness and pleasure into our world. It is the day of the great blessing as the Almighty Allah grants great rewards. It is on that day, Muslims become happy for the days they have fasted, the prayer they have performed, the good deed they have done and the charity they have given. The Almighty Allah says, **"Say [Prophet], 'In Allah's grace and mercy, let them rejoice: these are better than all they accumulate.'"** The Prophet (PBUH) said, "The one who fasts, experiences two joys: he feels pleasure when he breaks the fast. He is joyful by virtue of his fast when he meets his Lord."

During the feast, the manifestations of lawful joy are shown as our Prophet (PBUH) said when he came to Medina. He (PBUH) found the

people of Medina celebrating two days on which they engaged in games. He asked: What are these two days (what is their significance)? They said: We used to engage ourselves in games on them in the pre-Islamic period. The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: Allah has substituted for them something better than them, the day of *Adha* (sacrifice) and the day of *al-Fitr* (breaking of the fast).

There is no doubt that thanking Allah the Almighty for His Graces is one of the most important manifestations of the celebration of *Eid*. Fasting, Night Prayer and other forms of worship are the blessings from Allah that He bestowed upon His servants and guided them to perform. The Almighty Allah said, **“He wants you to complete the prescribed period and to glorify Him for having guided you, so that you may be thankful.”** In addition, it is desirable to pay attention to visiting relatives and strengthening social relations, and provide for the poor to save them from asking people on that day. The Almighty Allah said, **“Allah is well aware of whatever good you do.”** Our Prophet (peace be upon him): said, “You will be rewarded for whatever you spend for Allah’s sake even if it were a morsel which you put in your wife’s mouth.” Moreover, the Prophet (PBUH) said, “He who believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him show hospitality to his guest; and he who believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him maintain good relation with kins.” In another Hadith, the Prophet (PBUH) said about the poor, “Save them from begging on that day.”

One of the way to thank Allah for His guidance is to continue these acts of worship after the month of Ramadan. All the days of the year are seasons of obedience, and if the gates of Paradise are made open in Ramadan, they are not closed after it. Our Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "The gates of Paradise are opened on Mondays and Thursdays." The Prophet (PBUH) also said, "Whoever of you performs *Wudu'*(abolution) carefully and then says, '*Ash-hadu an la ilaha illallahu wa anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa Rasuluhu* [I testify that there so no god but Allah, and that Muhammad (PBUH) is His servant and Messenger], the eight gates of Paradise are opened for him. He may enter through whichever of these gates he desires.'"

The continuous adherence to obedience is an act of compliance with the commands of the Almighty Allah, as He (Glory be to Him) said, "**Worship your Lord until what is certain [death] comes to you.**" Aishah was asked, "How were the deeds of the Prophet? Did he use to do extra deeds of worship on special days?" She said, "No, but his deeds were regular and constant." Al-Hasan al-Basri said, "One of the rewards of the good deeds is the guidance to perform other good deeds."

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All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

One of the good deeds that a Muslim is recommended to do after Ramadan as the Prophet (peace be upon him) instructed us is to fast six days in the month of Shawwal, as the Prophet (PBUH) said, "Whoever fasts Ramadan, then follows it with fasting six days from Shawwal, then that is (equal in reward) to fasting the entire year."

It is also desirable to continue performing night prayer, making *Dhikr*, reciting the Qur'an, and performing other acts of worship that one used to observe during this blessed month.

We ask Allah to accept our fasting, night prayer and all our good deeds, and to save our country Egypt and all other countries of the world!