

Racism, human dignity, and one human family

Tribe, colour, language, and nationality can help people know one another. None of them makes one soul more honoured before Allah.

CENTREPIECE Surah al-Hujurat 49:13, Sahih Muslim 2564

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Difference was created for recognition

Allah says that humanity was made into peoples and tribes so that we may know one another, then places honour in taqwa alone (al-Hujurat 49:13). Difference is real. Superiority based on difference is the lie.

2. Prejudice often hides inside ordinary choices

Racism is not limited to insults. It can shape whom a family considers suitable for marriage, who is trusted with leadership, whose mistakes are generalised, and whose pain is believed. Private habits can contradict public sermons.

3. The heart and deeds are the measure

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said that Allah does not look at our bodies or appearances, but at our hearts and deeds (Muslim 2564). A community must learn to organise its respect around the measure Allah named.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Return to the centrepiece and gather the message around one honest change connected to racism, human dignity, and one human family.

Suggested closing: Examine one preference you have always called cultural. Ask honestly whether it gives a person less dignity than Allah gave them.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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