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Prophet's sermon in which he reminded people of Allâh, the Exalted; and called to loving Him and loving each other for His Sake Ibn Ishaq said:

¹ Al-Bukhâri, vol. 6, p. 94 Muslim, vol. 1, p. 194

"The Messenger of Allâh $\frac{1}{2}$ gave another speech in which he said, 'All thanks are due to Allâh, I thank Him and seek His Aid. We seek refuge with Allâh from the evils within ourselves and the burden of our evil deeds. He whom Allâh guides will never be misled and he whom He misguides will never find one to guide him. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allâh, Alone without partners. Verily, the best speech is the Book of Allâh the Exalted. He in whose heart the Qur'ân is made beautiful and on its account entered Islam after being a disbeliever, who chose the Qur'ân above the speech of all people, has indeed attained success. The Qur'ân is the best and most eloquent speech there is. Love those who love Allâh, and love Allâh from the bottom of your hearts."¹

The Prophet ﷺ meant here that Allâh's love should encompass all parts of the heart, for in this case, one's actions will start from his heart in sincerity with Allâh:

"Do not get bored with Allâh's Speech or remembering Him, nor allow your hearts to grow hard towards it. Worship Allâh, associate none with Him in worship and fear Him as He should be feared. Let your tongues say the truth for Allâh's Sake and love each other on guidance of Allâh's love. Verily, Allâh becomes angry if His Covenant is broken. May Allâh's peace, blessings and mercy be upon you." (Ibn Hisham collected this sermon in his book on the *Seerah* of the Prophet 礬 vol. 1, p. 501 and *Ibn Kathir*)

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Al-Bidayah Wan-Nihayah, vol. 3, p. 214 and Al-Baqillani in Al-I'jaz, p. 110