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Iman And Understanding Of The Day Of Judgement

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْمَلِكِ الْحَقِّ الْمُبِينِ الَّذِي أَبَانَ لِعِبَادِهِ مِنْ آيَاتِهِ مَا
بِهِ عِبْرَةٌ لِلْمُعْتَبِرِينَ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ
لَهُ إِلَهَ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ
وَرَسُولَهُ الْمَبْعُوثُ رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا . أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَيَا
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Beloved Friday Jemaah,

Let us increase our takwa to Allah s.w.t. by obeying His commands and abstaining from what He has prohibited upon us. Hopefully by doing so, we will be able to gain true happiness on the Day of Judgement (Day of Qiyamah). It on this day that every one of us will be held accountable by Allah s.w.t., awaiting for His judgement upon us on all of our actions and deeds.

Friday Jemaah,

Last week, the khatib called upon us as believers to always ponder upon our actions, in a bid to boost our iman and thus achieve success in this world and the hereafter. As a continuation, today I would like to call upon all to reflect upon one of the six articles of faith. It is tied to an impending event that will certainly occur. On that day, everything that is living will perish, and the only one that is eternal is The Almighty, Allah The Creator. That is the Day of Qiyamah or the Day of Judgement.

Jemaah,

On the Day of Qiyamah, all humankind will be resurrected by Allah s.w.t. and their deeds in this world will be judged – from the smallest of actions to the biggest of deeds. Each individual will be rewarded appropriately, based on his or her deeds. Allah has described the situation on the Day of Qiyamah in surah Al-Qiyamah verses 1 to 10:

لَا أُقْسِمُ بِيَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ۖ وَلَا أُقْسِمُ بِالنَّفْسِ اللَّوَّامَةِ
أَتَحْسَبُ الْإِنْسَانَ أَلَّنْ جَمَعَ عِظَامَهُ ۖ بَلَىٰ
قَدِيرِينَ عَلَىٰ أَنْ نُسَوِّيَ بَنَانَهُ ۖ بَلْ يُرِيدُ الْإِنْسَانُ

لِيَفْجُرَ أَمَامَهُ ﴿١٠﴾ يَسْأَلُ أَيَّانَ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ﴿١١﴾ فَإِذَا
 بَرِقَ الْبَصَرُ ﴿١٢﴾ وَخَسَفَ الْقَمَرُ ﴿١٣﴾ وَجُمِعَ الشَّمْسُ
 وَالْقَمَرُ ﴿١٤﴾ يَقُولُ الْإِنْسَانُ يَوْمَئِذٍ أَيْنَ الْمَفْرُجُ ﴿١٥﴾

Which means: *“I swear by the Day of Resurrection. And I swear by the reproaching soul [to the certainty of resurrection]. Does man think that We will not assemble his bones? Yes. [We are] Able [even] to proportion his fingertips. But man desires to continue in sin. He asks, “When is the Day of Resurrection?” So when vision is dazzled. And the moon darkens. And the sun and the moon are joined, Man will say on that Day, “Where is the [place of] escape?”*

Subhanallah! The description of the Day of Qiyamah as depicted by the verses above is too shocking. It instils fear and worry in the hearts of every believer. However, the full extent of the situation on the Day of Judgement is something that we cannot comprehend or imagine because of the limitations of our intellect. We can only understand it in a general manner through what is explained by Allah s.w.t. and His Messenger. For example, in the Quran Allah speaks about how a mother, whom we know is someone who would be willing to sacrifice her life for child in a heartbeat, will not even have the slightest care for child on that dreadful day. Allah says:

يَوْمَ تَرَوْنَهَا تَذْهَلُ كُلُّ مُرْضِعَةٍ عَمَّا أَرْضَعَتْ وَتَضَعُ
كُلُّ ذَاتِ حَمَلٍ حَمْلَهَا وَتَرَى النَّاسَ سُكَرَىٰ وَمَا هُمْ
بِسُكَرَىٰ وَلَٰكِنَّ عَذَابَ اللَّهِ شَدِيدٌ ﴿٢﴾

Which means: “On the Day you see it every nursing mother will be distracted from that [child] she was nursing, and every pregnant woman will abort her pregnancy, and you will see the people [appearing] intoxicated while they are not intoxicated; but the punishment of Allah is severe”. [Surah Al-Hajj verse 2]

Blessed Jemaah,

While we seek to understand and learn about the Day of Qiyamah, and everything related to it, it is also important for us to identify the wisdom (hikmah) and lessons behind the Day of Judgement. This is because, without deep understanding and appreciation of why we believe in the Day of Qiyamah, it will cause confusion and failure to fully gain the benefits and intended effects of having been told of this day. A deep understanding of Qiyamah should not cause a believer to hide, tremble in fear and completely leave behind life in this world and focus solely on the hereafter.

Indeed, when Allah and His Messenger reiterated about the Day of Judgement and the events that will occur, it is not meant

to only remind humankind of death. Instead, it is aimed at telling humankind how they should continue living in this world.

That is why when Rasulullah was asked when the Day of Qiyamah will occur, he responded by asking several questions: *“How have you prepared yourself for it? The man replied: I do not prepare for it by performing many prayers, fasting and I don’t give out much tithe. But I love Allah and His Messenger. And the Prophet s.a.w. said: You will be raised with those whom you love”*. [Hadith narrated by Imam Al-Bukhari]

Jemaah, Rasulullah s.a.w. made it clear in the hadith above the hikmah and the objective of us learning about the Day of Qiyamah. It is not to determine when the day will come; but for us to learn and believe in the Day of Qiyamah so as to understand how we should continue to live the rest of our lives. This is because every speech and action will be held accountable in front of Allah s.w.t. Every step, every word, nothing is hidden from Allah the All-Knowing.

That is why we find that Rasulullah s.a.w. repeatedly related belief in the Day of Qiyamah with our deeds. In a hadith, Rasulullah s.a.w. said: *“He who believes in Allah and the Last Day must either speak good or remain silent, and he who believes in Allah and the Last Day, do not harm his neighbours, and he who believes in Allah and the Last Day, must honour his guests.”* [Hadith reported by Bukhari and Muslim].

Friday Jemaah,

Take a moment to reflect – what will our situation be like when we are standing in the court of Allah s.w.t.? Will we feel the love and longing that we have for Him has been fulfilled when we meet Allah The One and Only? While we are in this world, we depend upon Him, we call upon His beautiful names. Hence, when a believer gets to meet with whom s/he loves most, s/he will definitely be the happiest person.

Do not be among those who feel embarrassed and scared when they are standing in the court of Allah s.w.t. Embarrassed because there are rights of Allah and Rasul s.a.w. that one has not fulfilled. Solat that was not performed. Rules from the Quran and Sunnah that one ignored or took lightly. Or even embarrassed because one neglected one's duties toward one's family, wife and children.

Jemaah,

As a conclusion to today's sermon, there are several lessons that we can learn relating to our preparations for the Day of Judgement.

First: Realising that the Day of Qiyamah is indeed true and to wholeheartedly understand it, so as to train ourselves to always be takwa to Allah. Qiyamah is a confirmed destination. When we are aware of our final destination, we should be able to plan our journey to reach the destination.

Second: Ensure that we fulfil the rights of Allah and the rights of others.

Third: To better ourselves by increasing our good deeds, with sincere hope that the good deeds and acts of worship that we perform will be accepted by the Allah.

May we always be given Taufiq and Guidance from Allah s.w.t. to be resilient in our efforts to reap the best in the sight of Allah in this world and the hereafter, and to be placed with His beloved servants from among the Anbiya, Siddiqin, Syuhada' and Solihin. Amin Ya Rabbal Alamin.

بَارِكْ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا
فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.