

# KHUTBA

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English

## Do good deeds before you leave this world

People are blessed with opportunities, but they do not choose it while still alive. One of the opportunities is to regret and ask for Allah's forgiveness. You are exposed for temptations all the time, which can lead you to sins.

Abu Huraira (raa) said: Prophet (SAAW) said: **"By Him in Whose hands my soul is, if you never make mistakes, Allah will replace you with others who make mistakes and ask for His forgiveness."** [Muslim]

A person who makes mistakes will usually live a life in loneliness, pain and agony, surrounded by the darkness, without direction, until his regret comes and the person slowly confess to his sins, and see that the only way is back to Allah and pray for forgiveness.

Allah (SWT) says:

***"And all of you beg Allah to forgive you all, O believers, that you may be successful."***

[Koran, 24:31]

***"And march forth in the way (which leads to) forgiveness from your Lord, and for Paradise as wide as the heavens and the earth, prepared for Al-Muttaqun"*** [Koran, 3:133]

Turn to Allah and beg for forgiveness, and you will find Him forgiving, merciful and gracious.

Anas Ibn Malik (raa) said that the messenger of Allah (SAAW) said:

**"O son of Adam, so long as you call upon Me and ask of Me, I shall forgive you for what you have done, and I shall not mind. O son of Adam, were your sins to reach the clouds of the sky and were you then to ask forgiveness of Me, I would forgive you. O son of Adam, were you to come to Me with sins nearly as great as the earth and were you then to face Me, ascribing no partner to Me, I would bring you forgiveness nearly as great as it."** [At Timidhi]

Abi Dar (raa) said that the Messenger of Allah (SAAW) observed: **"He who intended to do good, but did not do it, one good was recorded for him, and he who intended to do good and also did it, ten to seven hundred good deeds were recorded for him. And he who intended evil, but did not commit it, no entry was made against his name, but if he committed that, it was recorded. And if he draws near to Me an arm's length, I draw near to him a fathom's length. And if he comes to Me walking, I go to him running, were you to come to Me with sins nearly as great as the earth and were you then to face Me, ascribing no partner to Me, I would bring you forgiveness nearly as great as it."**

[Muslim]

Abu Huraira relates that the Holy Prophet said: **"Hasten to do good for soon there will be a succession of disorders like the chasing darknesses of night; a person will start the day believing and will end it disbelieving, or go to bed believing and get up in the morning disbelieving. He will be ready to sell his faith for a worldly advantage."** [Muslim]

Al Hassan used to say: **"Hasten, hasten, for the day death comes to you, all your deeds stop. Mercy over him who looks at himself and weep over his mistakes."** Then he said the following verse: **"So make no haste against them; We only count out to them a (limited) number (of the days of the life of this world and delay their term so that they may increase in evil and sins)."** [Koran, 19:84]. Then he said: **"A believers deeds will be used as a pillow in the grave. Good deeds are better than bad deeds. Do good deeds as long as long as you can."**

A man wrote this message to his brothers: **"Remember that life on earth is a dream and the hereafter is a forever reminder, and that death is in between. We are in a confusion of dreams."**

Mohammad Ibn Yusuf wrote to his brother and warned him before he leave this world and enter the grave, because in the grave he will only find his deeds. Monkir and Nakir will come to you, make you sit and ask you. If you find Allah near you, it is good, but if He is absent, you will experience the worst darkness, tight grave, torture etc. In addition to all this you will also experience Resurrection and **"The Day when the Trumpet will be blown, and you shall come forth in crowds (groups after groups)."** [Koran, 78:18]. That day will everything come to the surface, Hell will get its worst condition, the balance will be brought forward and all our books will be opened.

Allah (SAAW) says: **"And the earth will shine with the light of its Lord (Allah, when He will come to judge among men): and the Book will be placed (open); and the Prophets and the witnesses will be brought forward; and it will be judged between them with truth, and they will not be wronged."** [Koran, 39:69].

O Muslims, think about your situation and what level you are at. Think about what you can do to be amongst the fortunate who enters Paradise. Think about the hole in the ground (grave) and what you can do to fill it with pleasure until Resurrection day.

O Allah, remind us to mention You often, guide us to do the right, protect us and bless us until we meet You, and may you accept us. **"Our Lord! Punish us not if we forget or fall into error, our Lord! Lay not on us a burden like that which You did lay on those before us (Jews and Christians); our Lord! Put not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear. Pardon us and grant us Forgiveness. Have mercy on us. You are our Maula (Patron, Supporter and Protector, etc.) and give us victory over the disbelieving people."** [Koran, 2:286]

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