

KHUTBA

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English

The Judgement day

Dear Muslims,

We wake up every day and start planning for our lives. We plan to get more money and think how we can be rich, to build or own a nice house and think about the fastest way of getting it, to get cars and ...and ...etc. For this we start planning our working schedules, meetings and appointments. We are extremely cautious about these appointments and schedules and never miss or forget any. But, unfortunately, we forget about a very important appointment. An appointment that we will all attend to but only few are prepared or working to prepare for it. It is the time for us to leave this life and everything we gained, earned or owned behind us. Simply it is the time for us to die. It is the time to move from our wide houses to a very simple narrow house, the grave.

None of us know when his time will come, to attend his appointment, but we are all sure that it will definitely come. It may be after some moments, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months or years but it will definitely come. **Every soul shall have a taste of death in the end to Us shall ye be brought back** [Koran, 29:57]. Since we do not know when our moment will come, we should make our self ready and be prepared always and at anytime. But the question is how do we prepare?

Before answering this question let us view the description of the time of death and what will happen after. Let us see how this is described by Quran and prophet Mohammad (PBUH).

It was We Who created man, and We know what dark suggestions his soul makes to him: for We are nearer to him than (his) jugular vein. Behold, two (guardian angels) appointed to learn (his doings) learn (and note them), one sitting on the right and one on the left. Not a word does he utter but there is a sentinel by him, ready (to note it). And the stupor of death will bring Truth (before his eyes): «This was the thing which thou wast trying to escape! » And the Trumpet shall be blown: that will be the Day whereof Warning (had been given). And there will come forth every soul: with each will be an (angel) to drive, and an (angel) to bear witness. (It will be said:) «Thou was heedless of this; now have We removed thy veil, and sharp is thy sight this Day!» And his Companion will say: «Here is (his Record) ready with me!» (The sentence will be:) «Throw, throw into Hell every contumacious Rejecter (of God)!» Who forbade what was good, transgressed all bounds, cast doubts and suspicions; who set up another god beside God: Throw him into a severe Penalty. Companion will say: «Our Lord! I did not make him transgress, but he was (himself) far astray.» He will say: «Dispute not with each other in My Presence: I had already in advance sent you Warning. The Word changes not before Me, and I do not the least injustice to My Servants.» One Day We will ask Hell, «Art thou filled to the full?» It will say, «Are there any more (to come)?» And the Garden will be brought nigh to the Righteous,- no more a thing distant(A voice will say:) «This is what was promised for you,- for every one who turned (to God) in sincere repentance, who kept (His Law), Who feared (God) Most Gracious unseen, and brought a heart turned in devotion (to Him): Enter ye therein in Peace and Security; this is a Day of Eternal Life!» There will be for them therein all that they wish-- and more besides in Our Presence. [Koran, 50:16-35].

What a great and meaningful words. First it starts with a reminder that Allah is close to us and he knows what we do. It is not only a reminder but also a warn for us not to fell deep into sins because everything we do will be monitored and registered and we will be judged later (in the Judgement day) based on it. After that comes the description of the pain and suffer we experience when we are dying. When we realize that it is the end of our lives and when we feel sorry for every sin and every moment we spent following our instinct and desires. When we realize that it is too late for *Tawbah*. It is a clear message for us to work for that moment, to worship, ask forgiveness and reform ourselves and be better Muslims before it is too late to do so.

After that Allah describes to us what will happen in the Judgement day and how people will be divided into two main groups, winners and losers. The winners will go to Paradise and the losers to Hell. It is for us to decide which group to join. By believe in Allah, or disbelieve, obey Allah or disobey, doing worships or sins, following Allahs way or the devil's path.

Prophet Mohamad also described in detail what will happen after death. Albaraa bin Azib-may Allah be pleased with him- said:

We attended with the Messenger of Allah - peace be upon him - the funeral of a man from the Ansar. The grave was not yet ready when we reached the graveyard; so we sat with the Prophet waiting. The prophet started to look up to the sky and then down to the ground three times. After that he said: I ask Allah to be saved from the torment (or punishment) in the grave. Then he said when the good and true Muslim is dying the angel of death sits besides him with some other angels. The other angels have shrouds from Paradise. The angel of Death takes out the soul from the body and says: come out to the forgiveness and blessings from Allah. The other angels immediately take the soul, put it in the shrouds and take it up to the heavens. They pass through the 7 skies. In each sky they are asked: whose is this good soul? They reply mentioning the best known name for the person that people used to call him when he was alive. When they reach the seventh heaven Allah says: Note it as pleased soul and take it down to the earth as I promised the human beings that as I have created them from the earth, they will be buried in it when they die and I will call them from there to the Judgement day. So the angels take it down to the body in the grave. In the grave two angels, Monkar and Nokair, come to ask him about Allah, Islam and Prophet Mohammad. He answers correctly. Then he lives in great blessings until the Judgement day. Thereafter, a good-looking, good smelling and well dressed man appears to him, he asks him who are you? He answered: I am all the good things (i.e. Worships, charity, Sadaqah ...etc) you were doing in life. So when the man sees these blessings and knows that he is getting good rewards at the Judgement day, he asks Allah. O Allah, hasten the Judgement day?

The opposite will happen to the bad Muslims or non Muslims. When the death angel comes to collect his soul, he says come out to the torment and punishment. The soul then scatters in his body. So when the death angel collected it he experiences the worst pain and torment ever. Then the accompanying angels, whom are with dark faces and unfriendly looking, took his soul and cover it with shrouds from hell and take it to the heavens. When they pass through the 7 skies they are asked: whose is this bad soul? They reply mentioning the worst known name for the person that people used to call him when he was alive. When they reach the seventh sky, it closes and they can't access further. Then Allah says: Note it as bad and malignant soul and take it down to the earth as I promised the human beings that as I have created them from the earth, they will be buried in it when they die and I will call them from there to the Judgement day. So the angels drop it down to the body in the grave. In the grave two angels, Monkar and Nokair, come to ask him about Allah, Islam and Prophet Mohammad. He answers: I don't know. Then he lives in great and bad torment until the Judgement day. Thereafter, a bad looking, odd smelling and bad dressed man appears to him, he asks him who are you? He answered: I am all the bad things (i.e. sins, hurting people, cheating ...etc) you were doing in life. So when the man sees the torment and knows that he is getting bad rewards at the Judgement day, he asks Allah. O Allah, do not make the Judgement day come? Narrated by Al-hakim in Almustadrak

Taking these pictures described in Quraan and by Prophet Mohamad (PBUH) and being fully aware about what will happen to us after death, we now have to choose. Do we want the blessings or the torment? If we want the blessings we must worship more, ask forgiveness and do the good, following Prophet Mohammad and alshaha path. We should make sure that our salary, food, clothes, houses ... etc comes from Halal source. Before doing anything we should ask ourselves, Does Allah likes me to do it or not? What will I gain from doing it? Will I gain rewards or sins? If rewards go on and proceed and If sins you should retreat.

Dear Muslims,

We have to work hard to avoid the torment. Let us decide from now to live a new life. A life in which we follow strictly the Allahs path. Let us reform our way of living, do more worships and ask forgiveness and Tawbah may Allah forgive our previous sins.

O Allah, I ask you to be saved from the torment in grave.