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English

The consequence of neglecting (Allah's guidance) is remorse

Alhamdulillah for the owner of everything Who says: *Did ye then think that We had created you in jest, and that ye would not be brought back to Us (for account)?* (23:115)

Dear Muslims,

This worldly life is short and limited. Every thing we build and gain in our lives will not accompany us to the hereafter; and thus we can not use or enjoy it after we are dead. The only thing that remains with us and influence our fate in the hereafter is the good deeds that we do in this life for the sake of Allah. Hence the wise of us is those who spend their lives working and earning as much as they can for the hereafter.

The succession of the night and day teach us an important lesson about this life; what goes will never come back again. This lesson is only understood by the wise people and leads them to invest their times in useful things as they realize that these times will never come back again. Prophet Mohamed (saws) urged us to use our time in a useful way when he said: **“Grab five things before five others: your youth before your old age, your health before your illness, your wealth before your poverty, your leisure before your work, and your life before your death.”** (Al-Hakim)

He also indicated that we are to be asked about these times and how we invested them in the judgment day. Prophet Mohamed said: **“A servants two feet will not move on the Day of Judgement until he is questioned about four (things): His youth, how he spent it, his knowledge, how he acted upon it, his wealth, how he earned it and how he spent it and his body, how he used/wasted it.”** (Al-Tirmidhi)

So, whoever used his time for the benefits and pleasures of this life will regret after he died and his remorse will be very great at two times:

- When he is dying he will wish that he is given another chance or extension to his life so that he may do good as Allah says:

In Falsehood will they be Until, when death comes to one of them, he says: “O my Lord! send me back (to life),- In order that I may work righteousness in the things I neglected.” By no means! It is but a word he says. Before them is a Partition till the Day they are raised up. (23:99-100)

In the hereafter, when people are rewarded according to their deeds in this life, he wishes if he can go back to this life so he can do good deeds as he has experienced the hardness of punishment. Allah says:

If thou couldst but see when they are confronted with the Fire! They will say: “Would that we were but sent back! Then would we not reject the Signs of our Lord, but would be amongst those who believe!” (6:27)

If only thou couldst see when the guilty ones will bend low their heads before their Lord, (saying:) “Our Lord! We have seen and we have heard: Now then send us back (to the world): we will work righteousness: for we do indeed (now) believe.” (32:12)

They will say: “Our Lord! Twice hast Thou made us without life, and twice hast Thou given us Life! Now have we recognized our sins: Is there any way out (of this)?” (40:11)

Qatadah said regarding the last verse: **By Allah, they don't wish to go back to their families or clans, to get more of the pleasure of life, or to spend and fulfill their desires. Rather, they wished to return in order to perform and do acts of obedience to Allah - the Almighty -; God have mercy on those who do, in this life, the same good deeds and act of obedience that the unbeliever will wish to do when they meet the punishment in the Judgment Day.**

Allah Also says:

But warn them of the Day of Distress, when the matter will be determined: for (behold,) they are negligent and they do not believe! (19:39)

Ibn Kathir provided the following translation for the latter verse:

(And warn them of the Day of grief and regrets) warn the creation of the Day of Distress. (When the case has been decided) when the people of Paradise and the people of Hell will be sorted out, and everyone will reach his final abode which he was destined to remain in forever. (While (now) they are) today, in the present life of this world. (In a state of carelessness) with the warning of the Day of grief and regret, they are heedless. (And they believe not) meaning they do not believe that it is true.

Imam Ahmad narrated that Abu Sa'id said that the Messenger of Allah (saws) said: **“When the people of Paradise enter Paradise and the people of the Hellfire enter the Hellfire, death will be brought in the form of a handsome ram and it will be placed between Paradise and the Hellfire.”** Then, it will be said, **“O people of Paradise, do you know what this is?”** Then, they will turn their gazes and look, and they will say, **“Yes, this is death.”** Then, it will be said, **“O people of the Hellfire, do you know what this is?”** Then, they will turn their gazes and look, and they will say, **“Yes, this is death.”** Then, the order will be given for it to be slaughtered and it will be said, **“O people of Paradise, eternity and no more death, O people of Hellfire, eternity and no more death.”** Then the Messenger of Allah recited the previous Ayah; then, the Messenger of Allah made a gesture with his hand and said: **“The people of this life are in the state of heedlessness of this life.”**

Dear Muslims,

Isn't it the time to wake up from our heedless state and regret our sins and the times that we waste doing these sins?

Isn't it the time to correct our path in this life and decide not to waste more of our times in this life doing sins and disobedience to our Lord?

We all better do that before we regret when it's too late to repent.

Ibn Masood said: **“I have never regretted anything as a day spent of my life without doing good deeds.”**

Bilal ibn ass'd once said: if we are asked: **“do you want to die?”**, we answer **“No”**; and if we are asked **“why?”** we reply **“in order to repent and do good deeds”**. However if it's said to us **“Ok then do good deeds”** we say: **“Yes I will do”**; we keep working for this life everyday and postponing working for the hereafter.

I hereby urge you to use your times in doing good and acts of obedience before its too late. We better revise our selves and our path before we be in the situation described in Quran: **“Lest the soul should (then) say: 'Ah! Woe is me!- In that I neglected (my duty) towards God, and was but among those who mocked!'- * Or (lest) it should say: 'If only God had guided me, I should certainly have been among the righteous!'- * it should say when it (actually) sees the penalty: 'If only I had another chance, I should certainly be among those who do good!'” (39:56-58)**

O Allah, we ask you to guide and help us to use our times, in this life, in Your obedience. O Allah, make us one of those who regret their sins, repent and turn to You.

Amen