

KHUTBA

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English

You must believe the *barzakh* (stage of existence that follows after death)

The Prophet of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, was in a funeral, sat at the edge of the grave and cried and then said: “**O my brother, for this, prepare yourself.**” His tears flowed until the dust beneath him got wet. (Ibn Majah)

The Muslim believes that the chastisement and bliss in the grave, and the questioning of the two angels are correct and are the truth. How many people in these graves are being tormented but we do not realize it, and how many of their neighbors (in the graves next to one) are being blessed with a door opened for them to Paradise, but we do not realize it.

But the wisdom of Allah is great, and the true believer is the one who believes with certainty what Allah tells him more than what he sees with his own eyes, because what Allah tells us cannot be subject to confusion or lies, but what the eyes see may be imaginary. How many people have sworn that they have seen the new crescent moon, when it was in fact a star; how many people have seen the new moon and it turned out to be a white hair on his eyebrow; how many have seen a shadow and said that it was a person coming towards him, but it turned out to be the trunk of a palm tree; how many people have seen a stationery object moving and a moving object standing still. But what Allah tells us cannot be subject to confusion.

We ask Allah to make us steadfast, for what Allah tells us about these matters is stronger than what we can see.

A story to reflect upon:

Please do not come close, a wise fish said to a small group of fish,
do not touch the food, it's not food, it's a trap.

I know what this is the small daring fish said: do not obey these words, it's delicious food.

I wise fish said: Please do not come close, this is not delicious food , it's a trap, called a (lures), artificial Lures, which be attached with a hook fish, which will become stuck in your body.

This hook tied by a line, and this is tied to a fishing rod, and a man called a fisherman catches it with his hands, he is sitting in something called the a boat, and next to him sitting his wife and children, his wife puts a liquid of oil in a tray on the stove to frying us, beside the women is an animal it is called a cat, it likes to eat us as well, if we eat the lures then we will be finished, we will be give to the children as a meal and to the cat our bones.

The daring fish did not believe, so he took the lure, then suddenly ...he was removed from his world of the sea to the world of the mainland, now he see the other world, the fisherman and this boat, this wife, and these children, the fire, and his tray etc., Oh my God .. It's a fact .. Why I could not have believed .. now I'm finished for ever.

Under the sea = this world

Above the sea = the hereafter

The Wise fish = A Prophet

The small fishes = The people

Lures = Bad deeds

The boat = The grave

....and you can understand the rest of it.

Allah said to us: (For such is the state of the disbelievers), **until, when death comes to one of**

them, he says: My lord, send me back that I might do righteousness in that which I left behind." No! It is only a word he is saying; and behind them is a barrier (Barzakh) until the Day they are resurrected." (Al-Mu'minun, 23:99-100)

Reason neither rejects nor negates the chastisement and bliss in the grave and what happens therein, such as the question of the two angels. Rather sound reason acknowledges and supports it.

A person who is sleeping may have a dream and be pleased and delighted by its effect. He feels sorrow and regret when he is awakened. Likewise, he may dream of what he dislikes and so he feels regret and distress because of it. When he is awakened, he praises the person who woke him. In both of the cases one feels pleasure and sorrow and it affects the soul of the sleeping person, although they are not tangible, no one denies this. How then can the chastisement and bliss in the grave be denied although it's the same case?

We ask Allah to make us and you steadfast.