

FRIDAY SERMON

24 Syawal 1437H / 29 July 2016

LESSONS AND WISDOM FROM THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ

إِذَا وَقَعَتِ الْوَاقِعَةُ ۝ لَيْسَ لَوْقَعَتِهَا كَاذِبَةٌ ۝ خَافِضَةٌ رَّافِعَةٌ
۝ إِذَا رُجَّتِ الْأَرْضُ رَجًا ۝ وَيُسَّتِ الْجِبَالُ بَسًّا ۝ فَكَانَتْ
هَبَاءً مُنْبَثًّا ۝

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ
أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ
أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِنِّي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدَ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ
قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى فِي كِتَابِهِ الْعَزِيزِ :

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِيَ الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِن تَنَزَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ
فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِن كُنتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ
تَأْوِيلًا



- Meaning: “O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. And if you disagree over anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result.”

- Dear brothers,
- Let us all have taqwa towards Allah s.w.t. by obeying His commands and leaving behind His prohibitions.

- Hopefully we will all be blessed with His grace and blessings in this world and the hereafter.

- Dear brothers,
- Judgement day is the day where every one of us will stand before Allah waiting for the judgement of our deeds.

- As a believer, we should always think and try to improve our faith in order to achieve the goodness in this world and the hereafter.

- As a reminder, let us ponder upon one of the pillars of faith that is related to an event that will surely arrive.

- At that time, all living things shall perish and what will remain is only Allah the Almighty, the Creator. This day is called the Day of Judgement.

- Judgement Day is the day in which every man will be resurrected by Allah, and they will be judged for every deed done during their life in this world, from the smallest deeds to the greatest deeds.

- Every man will receive what they deserve according to their deeds.

- The situation during Judgement Day is briefly described in surah al-Waqiah, verse 1 until 6, which means:

- “When the Occurrence occurs. There is, at its occurrence, no denial. It will bring down [some] and raise up [others]. When the earth is shaken with convulsion. And the mountains are broken down, crumbling. And become dust dispersing.”

- That very day, humans will proclaim “Glory be to Allah!”

- The state of Judgement Day as described in this paragraph is absolutely horrifying.

- It is terrifying and worrying for every human soul.

- However, due to our mind's limited capability, we are not able to fully imagine the day as it is pictured.

- All we can do is to try and understand the calamity of the Judgement Day in general solely based on what has been explained by Allah and his Messenger.

- For example, Allah says in the Quran how a mother would not care about her children when facing the chaos of Judgement Day, even though she would have been willing to sacrifice her life for them when living in this world.

- Dear brothers,
- Despite learning about the Day of Judgement and everything related to it, it is really important for us to recognize the wisdom and lessons behind it.

- This is because without truly believing in the Judgement Day, it will cause a person to be confused and unable to gain the expected benefits.

- Appreciation of the Judgement Day should not make a person hide, frightened, and leave all his goals and plans in life.

- When Allah and his Messenger repeatedly talked about the Day of Judgement and the events that will occur, it is not only to remind people of death, but also to remind everyone how they should spend their lives in this world wisely.

- This is because every action and every deed that we carry out will be taken into account in front of Allah.

- Every utterance, every gesture, nothing is hidden from Allah, The All-Knowing.

- And because of that, we find that the Prophet had repeatedly associate the belief in the Day of Judgement with daily practices.

- For example, in a hadith narrated by Imam Bukhari and Muslim, Rasulullah s.a.w said:

- "Let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day speak good, or keep silent; and let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day be generous to his neighbour; and let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day be generous to his guest."

- Think of how the situation would be to us later, when our feet are planted before Allah.

- We should be ashamed because there are still the rights of Allah and the Sunnah of the Prophet that has not been fulfilled, prayers we have missed, the laws of the Quran and Sunnah that have been belittled, and one must feel shameful if he has ignored the rights of his family members, children, and wife.

- In conclusion, we can summarize our preparation for the Day of Judgement:

- First: Realizing the Judgement Day is real to educate ourselves to always have taqwa towards Allah s.w.t and that it is an event that will surely occur.

- Second: Fulfilling all the basic obligations by fulfilling the rights of Allah and the rights of mankind.

- Third: Improving ourselves by doing good deeds, and hoping that Allah accepts all of them.

- Remember, Allah conceals when the Day of Judgement will occur to test every human being, especially the Muslims, whether they truly believe the day will occur or whether they doubt it.

- While we are still alive, grab the opportunity Allah has given us to do as much good deeds as possible, to be made as a provision for the hereafter.

- Repent to Allah from all sins and bad deeds we have done.

- Ask for forgiveness, if we had committed any wrongdoings among one another.

- Remember, when you are on the verge of death, it is no use to hope anymore.

- May we always be blessed with success and His guidance in trying to achieve the best in the eyes of Allah in this world and the hereafter, and may we be placed among the anbiya', siddiqin, syuhada', and solihin.

- Allah says in surah al-Hajj, verse 2:

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

- Meaning: “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.”