

JUDGMENT DAY AND SENSE OF GIVING AN ACCOUNT

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ وَأَخْشَوْا يَوْمًا لَا يَجْرِي
وَالِدٌ عَنْ وَالدِّهِ وَلَا مَوْلُودٌ هُوَ جَانٍ عَنْ وَالِدِهِ
شَيْئًا...ⁱ

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
أَكْثَرُهُمْ لِلْمَوْتِ ذِكْرًا وَأَحْسَنُهُمْ لِمَا بَعْدَهُ
اسْتَعْدَادًا أَوْلَعِكَ الْأَكْيَاسُ.

Honorable Muslims!

Allah the Almighty has bestowed two lives upon humans. The first one is the world of trial in which we live. Upon death, life in this world ends and the afterlife begins. Death never means the end of existence; rather, it is the first gateway to eternal life.

Dear Muslims!

The Hour will come, the life we live in this world will come to an end and, the eternal afterlife will start. People will rise from the dead, gather at the place of resurrection, and the trial balance will be set up through the will of the divine might. That day is the day of reckoning.

On that day, all intentions and deeds, whether implicit or explicit, good or evil, will be disclosed and all humanity will hear the following address: “Read your record! Sufficient is yourself against you this Day as an accountant!”ⁱ

On that day, our mouth will be muted, and instead, our limbs will speak. Our Lord (SWT) informs us of this truth as follows:

“That Day, We will seal over their mouths, and their hands will speak to Us, and their feet will testify about what they used to earn.”ⁱⁱ

That day, no one will be oppressed, but only get their reward for what they have done. No one shall move until they are asked about their life and what they did with it, about their youth and what they wore it out in, about their wealth and how they earned it and spent it upon, and what they did with what they knew.ⁱⁱⁱ

Dear Believers!

What suits a believer who believes in Allah and in Judgment Day is to review their own accounts before they are brought into account. Believers should view this world not as a place of play and fun, but as a place to obtain the pleasure of our Lord (SWT). We should never deviate from the perfectly straight path of Islam, from the guidance of the Holy Qur’an, and from our Prophet’s (saw) sunnah. I would like to conclude this Friday’s khutbah with the following verse: “O humankind! Fear your Lord. Fear a Day when no father will avail his son, nor will a son avail his father at all. Indeed, the promise of Allah is truth. So let not the worldly life delude you.”^{iv}

ⁱ Isra, 17/14.

ⁱⁱ Ya-Sin, 36/65.

ⁱⁱⁱ Tirmidhi, Sifat al-Qiyamah, 1.

^{iv} Luqman, 31/33.