

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شَرِّهِ وَأَنْفُسَنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ

فَإِنَّ أَصْدَقَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى وَخَيْرُ الْهُدَى هَدْيُ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَشَرُّ الْأُمُورِ مُحَدَّثَاتُهَا وَكُلُّ مُحَدَّثَةٍ بَدْعَةٌ وَكُلُّ بَدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ وَكُلُّ ضَلَالَةٍ فِي النَّارِ

Dear my brothers in Islam,

All thanks and praise is due to Allah Ta'ala, we seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge to Allah from the evil within ourselves and the consequences of our evil deeds. Whosoever Allah guides will never be led astray, and whosoever Allah leads astray will never find guidance. We bear witness that there is no God but Allah, alone without any partners, and we bear witness that Muhammad shallallahu'alaihi wa sallam is His servant and His Messenger.

As a reminder for myself and all of us, let us increase our taqwa to Allah Subhaanahu wa Ta'ala by fulfilling all of His commands and refraining from all His prohibitions. Let's continue to be guided by the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet Shallallahu'alaihi wa sallam in our daily life.

Dear brothers,

You might know, today is March 11, some people are probably going to commemorate the big earthquake and tsunami tragedy that occurred 5 years ago. Yes, it was a big tragedy, and it might remind us about the proximity of death, the suffering, and such things. For many people in Japan, the death and tragedy related to this event become an unforgettable moment and is always remembered. However, we as a Muslim know that we can die anytime, anywhere. So it is actually not really necessary to commemorate a particular tragedy at some specific time.

Moreover, we believe that the death is actually not the end of our journey. Compared to the earthquake or tsunami, there will be a bigger event that we will have to face and we must prepare for. That's the Last Day, or the Resurrection, and the Judgement Day. We will be resurrected and will be questioned about what we have done. The belief in the Last Day is an essential part of our faith. So let's always be conscious of Allah and do construct our lives in accordance to what He has ordered us.

Allah says in the Quran,

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ وَاحْشَوْا يَوْمًا لَّا يَجْزِي وَالِدٌ عَن وَلَدِهِ وَلَا مَوْلُودٌ هُوَ  
جَازٍ عَن وَالِدِهِ شَيْئًا ۚ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ ۖ فَلَا تَغُرَّنَّكُمُ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا وَلَا  
يَغُرَّنَّكُم بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ

“O mankind, fear your Lord and 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 and be not deceived about Allah by the Deceiver.” (Luqman: 33).

Allah also says in another verse,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا آمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَالْكِتَابِ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ عَلَيَّ رَسُولِهِ  
وَالْكِتَابِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ مِن قَبْلُ ۚ وَمَن يَكْفُرْ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ  
وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا

“O you who have believed, believe in Allah and His Messenger and the Book that He sent down upon His Messenger and the Scripture which He sent down before. And whoever disbelieves in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, and the Last Day has certainly gone far astray.” (Annisaa: 136).

Dear my brothers,

On the Last Day, the utmost Divine justice shall prevail when Allah is questioning His Creation. No one’s deeds shall go in vain. The believers and the unbelievers cannot be treated equally. Allah the most High says,

أَمْ حَسِبَ الَّذِينَ اجْتَرَحُوا السَّيِّئَاتِ أَن نَّجْعَلَهُم كَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا  
الصَّالِحَاتِ سَوَاءً مَّحْيَاهُمْ وَمَمَاتُهُمْ ۚ سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ

“Or do those who commit evils think We will make them like those who have believed and done righteous deeds - [make them] equal in their life and their death? Evil is that which they judge.” (Al Jathiya: 21).

Dear my brothers,

Because of the importance of this day, a glimpse into it was described in the holy Quran as a reminder to us. There are many verses in the Quran talking about the happening of the Last Day, the Resurrection, and the Judgement Day. In the Quran, it is mentioned about some of the events that will happen on and after the Day of Qiyama. However, only Allah who knows the complete list and the detailed order of the events.

What we can do is to learn the Quranic verses concerning the Day of Qiyama for our preparation to face it. Shortly speaking, the events on the Day of Qiyama would include the following: The dooms day, the resurrection, waiting for the judgement, Allah's talk and questioning on the judgement, presentation of the book of deeds and witness, people's talk to each other, intercession, process of judgement, and finally the entrance to heaven or hell fire.

Dear my brothers,

The Last Hour and the Day of Judgment are a very terrible moment. Everyone will even think about himself or herself on that day. They will not think about the others. The relations of friend or family is no longer important. One will even sue another if they have dispute between them so as to save himself.

Allah says in the beginning of Surah Al-Hajj,

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ ۚ إِنَّ زَلْزَلَةَ السَّاعَةِ شَيْءٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١﴾ يَوْمَ تَرَوُنَّهَا  
تَذْهَلُ كُلُّ مُرْضِعَةٍ عَمَّا أَرْضَعَتْ وَتَضَعُ كُلُّ ذَاتِ حَمَلٍ حَمْلَهَا وَتَرَى النَّاسَ  
سُكَارَىٰ وَمَا هُمْ بِسُكَارَىٰ وَلَٰكِنَّ عَذَابَ اللَّهِ شَدِيدٌ ﴿٢﴾

“O mankind, fear your Lord. Indeed, the convulsion of the [final] Hour is a terrible thing. 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.” (Al Haj: 1-2).

Allah also says in Surah ‘Abasa,

فَإِذَا جَاءَتِ الصَّاعَةُ ﴿٣٣﴾ يَوْمَ يَفِرُّ الْمَرْءُ مِنْ أَخِيهِ ﴿٣٤﴾ وَأُمِّهِ وَأَبِيهِ ﴿٣٥﴾  
وَصَاحِبَتِهِ وَبَنِيهِ ﴿٣٦﴾ لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مِّنْهُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ شَأْنٌ يُغْنِيهِ ﴿٣٧﴾

“But when there comes the Deafening Blast on the Day a man will flee from his brother and his mother and his father and his wife and his children. For every man, that Day, will be a matter adequate for him.” (Abasa: 33-37).

Dear my brothers,

On the Day of Judgment, anyone who is questioned in detail will be tortured, while the good believer will have an easy reckoning. Prayer will be the first thing that will be questioned about on the Day of Judgment, as Prophet Muhammad ﷺ told us in an authentic hadith, "The first thing the people will be accountable for on the Day of Judgment is prayer." (Sunan Abu Dawud No. 864)

Anyone will also be asked about how he lived his life, and how he utilized his youth, with what means did he earn his wealth, how did he spend his wealth, and what did he do with his knowledge. Allah mentioned in Surah At-Takathur,

ثُمَّ لَتَسْأَلَنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ ﴿٨﴾

"Then you will surely be asked that Day about pleasure." (Surah At-Takatsur: 8)

Therefore, the Last Day and the judgment that awaits everyone should serve as a wake-up call to hearts and minds to do good deeds. All of this is for winning Allah's satisfaction and for fear of the tribulation of that Day. Indeed, Allah has promised the pious salvation in the Hereafter as recompense in return for their good actions and speech.

Regarding the people who have firm belief in the Last Day, they are mentioned in the Quran,

وَيُطْعَمُونَ الطَّعَامَ عَلَىٰ حُبِّهِ مِسْكِينًا وَيَتِيمًا وَأَسِيرًا ﴿٨﴾ إِنَّمَا نُطْعِمُكُمْ لِوَجْهِ اللَّهِ لَا نُرِيدُ مِنْكُمْ جَزَاءً وَلَا شُكُورًا ﴿٩﴾ إِنَّا نَخَافُ مِنْ رَبِّنَا يَوْمًا عَبُوسًا قَمْطَرِيرًا ﴿١٠﴾ فَوَقَاهُمُ اللَّهُ شَرَّ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ وَلَقَّاهُمْ نَضْرَةً وَسُرُورًا ﴿١١﴾

**“And they give food in spite of love for it to the needy, the orphan, and the captive, [Saying], "We feed you only for the countenance of Allah. We wish not from you reward or gratitude. Indeed, We fear from our Lord a Day austere and distressful." So Allah will protect them from the evil of that Day and give them radiance and happiness.”** (Al Insan: 8-11).

Truly, it is the Day of Judgment when the hearts will fearfully turn about and the distress will heighten. But true believers will always ready themselves to it because they trust that it is inevitable. Thus they will pray and supplicate to their Creator and give Zakat and charity. Standing in awe for meeting their Lord, they keep away from sins, holding a mixed feeling of fear and hope for a day when no worship or actions are accepted anymore. Allah mentions these characteristics in the Quran,

رَجَالٌ لَا تُلْهِهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَن ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَإِقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ ۗ  
يَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا تَتَقَلَّبُ فِيهِ الْقُلُوبُ وَالْأَبْصَارُ ﴿٣٧﴾

**“[Are] men whom neither commerce nor sale distracts from the remembrance of Allah and performance of prayer and giving of zakah. They fear a Day in which the hearts and eyes will [fearfully] turn about.”** (Annur: 37).

Dear brothers,

Glad tidings to whoever repents and gets ready to the Day of Reckoning by devoting himself wholly to acts of kindness and charity so all of these will testify for him when standing in front of Allah.

With this in mind, we ask Allah to make us among those who listen and follow the best of what they listen to. May Allah also protect us all and help us to obey Him and follow the teaching of His Prophet Muhammad shallallaahu'alaihi wa sallam.

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ آيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ . وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْبَصِيْرُ . أَقُوْلُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا  
وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ

## Second sermon

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِيْنَ، وَبِهِ نَسْتَعِيْنُ عَلَى أُمُوْر الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ،

وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ، أَمَا بَعْدُ

Dear my brothers,

Let's obey Allah as we are ordered to do so, and be aware that survival can be attained by following the teachings of Islam, purifying the heart from hatred and sin residues, acquiring good manner and being nice to people. In this regard, Allah the most High says,

يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ مَالٌ وَلَا بَنُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾ إِلَّا مَنْ أَتَى اللَّهَ بِقَلْبٍ سَلِيمٍ ﴿٨٩﴾

“The Day when there will not benefit [anyone] wealth or children, but only one who comes to Allah with a sound heart.” (Ashuaraa: 88-89).

On the same matter, there was one saying attributed to Ali Ibn Abu Talib radhiyallahu'anh, he said, which can be translated as, “this world is ending while the Hereafter is approaching. Each of them has its own sons and daughters. And be those of the Hereafter (i.e., working for the second life) and not of this world, for today there is work (that can be accepted) but there is no (immediate) judgment, but tomorrow there is (immediate) judgment yet no actions (that can be accepted).

Let's make du'a.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا  
اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ إِنَّكَ سَمِيْعٌ قَرِيْبٌ مُّجِيْبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ  
رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيْمَانِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ فِيْ قُلُوْبِنَا غِلًا لِلَّذِيْنَ آمَنُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَءُوْفٌ رَّحِيْمٌ  
رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوْبَنَا وَإِسْرَافَنَا فِيْ أَمْرِنَا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِيْنَ  
رَبَّنَا لَا تُرِغْ قُلُوْبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ  
رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا إِنْ نَسِينَا أَوْ أَخْطَأْنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْنَا إِصْرًا كَمَا حَمَلْتَهُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تُحَمِّلْنَا مَا لَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا بِهِ  
وَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمْنَا أَنْتَ مَوْلَانَا فَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِيْنَ  
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ  
سُبْحَانَ رَبِّكَ رَبِّ الْعِزَّةِ عَمَّا يَصِفُوْنَ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِيْنَ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِيْنَ