

## Signs of the End of Time

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا  
وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ  
لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا  
عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ  
أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَآيَايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us all increase our obedience towards Allah the Almighty by doing everything that He prescribes and avoiding all that He prohibits. Hopefully, we will be among those who are blessed by Allah the Almighty in this world and in the Hereafter.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Allah the Almighty says in the Qur'an in Chapter 47 (Surah Muhammad), verse (ayat) 18:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

فَهَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا السَّاعَةَ أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمْ بَغْتَةً <sup>ط</sup> فَقَدْ جَاءَ أَشْرَاطُهَا فَأَنَّى لَهُمْ إِذَا جَاءَتْهُمْ ذِكْرُهُمْ <sup>١٨</sup>

Which means: “Do they then only wait for the Hour (of Doom) that it should come on them of a sudden? But already have come some tokens thereof, and when it (actually) is on them, how can they benefit then by their admonition?”

Do we realize that we are now nearing the end of time? The signs of the end of time (the last Hour ) have been revealed by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in an authentic *Hadith* which was narrated by Imam al-Bukhari:

Which means: *There will not be a Day of Judgement until there are two major groups out to kill each other. There will be a great battle between them but they are both calling towards the same cause. And there will be no Judgement Day until many deceivers (dajjal) who spread lies (almost thirty in number), all claim to be the Messenger of Allah. And Judgement Day will not come until religious knowledge disappears. And Judgement Day will not come until many earthquakes occur, time seems much shorter, slander is spread, killings (wars) are every where, and there is an overflow of wealth until the owner of the wealth has difficulty to find a person who would accept his alms. He goes here and there offering his wealth but no one wants to accept it. The person offering the wealth says: "I do not need any more wealth." And there will not be a Day of Judgement until mankind will boast of towering buildings. And a person passes by another's grave and says, "It would be nice if I had been placed in his place." And there will be no Day of Judgement until the sun rises from where it sets. When the sun rises from where it sets and many people know of it, then they will all believe. Unfortunately, at that time their faith will no longer be useful. Previously, they did not believe and did not have good faith. And verily the Hour will come when two people are displaying clothes for trading, but neither of them have time to sell the clothes they are displaying, and they do not have time to fold them. And verily the Hour will come when a man just returned bringing milk from his camel, but does not have time to drink it. And verily the Hour will come when a man has just repaired his pool but is unable to fill it with water. And verily the Hour will come when a person puts food into his mouth but does not have time to eat it.*

The previous *Hadith* reminds us that some of the signs of the Hour that were described by the Prophet (pbuh) already exist today. Therefore, as Muslims we must learn from this *Hadith* and make it a reminder to become more righteous.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Today, slander and lies are a common occurrence. The type of slander and lies circulating among the people involves matters relating to ideology, politics, society and economics. Nowadays, defaming is common and doing so does not bring fear or

worry among the people who are in pursuit of power, position, rank, wealth and worldly enjoyment.

Among the signs of the end of time is the disappearance of religious knowledge among the people. There will be no successors to replace the deceased Muslim Scholars and religious knowledge will be used for self-interest. The ignorants will claim to be experts in religion and will issue religious edicts (fatwa) according to their desires. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said in a *Hadith* which was narrated by Imam al-Bukhari and Muslim:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَقْبِضُ الْعِلْمَ انْتِزَاعًا يَنْتَزِعُهُ مِنَ الْعِبَادِ وَلَكِنْ يَقْبِضُ الْعِلْمَ بِقَبْضِ الْعُلَمَاءِ ، حَتَّى إِذَا لَمْ يَبْقَ عَالِمٌ اتَّخَذَ النَّاسُ رُؤُوسًا جُهَالًا ، فَسُئِلُوا فَأَفْتَوْا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ ، فَضَلُّوا وَأَضَلُّوا .

Which means: *Indeed Allah will not remove knowledge from His servants all at once, but He will withdraw the knowledge by removing the Muslim Scholars (through death), so that there will come a time when not a single scholar remains (alive). Then men will appoint a leader from the ignorants (those without religious knowledge) among them. When these ignorant leaders are asked, they will immediately give a religious ruling that is not based on real knowledge. So they will go astray and mislead others.*

### **Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Let us all learn from these signs of the end of time. Are we prepared to face the Day of Retribution that will surely come? Have we increased our good deeds as a preparation for the Hereafter? We must abandon all the sins and disobedience. We must repent and ask for forgiveness from Allah the Almighty. We must increase our good deeds and worship by enjoining what is good and forbidding what is evil. We must remember Allah the Almighty at all times through *zikrullah*. We must continue our obligatory worship and try to increase our optional worship. We must be kind to one another, and not speak ill of others or reveal their shame. Remember! The Day of Resurrection will surely come as stated in the Quran in Chapter 53 (Surah An-Najm), verses (*ayat*) 57-58:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

أَزَفَتِ الْأَزْفَةُ ﴿٥٧﴾ لَيْسَ لَهَا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ كَاشِفَةٌ ﴿٥٨﴾

Which means: *The Imminent (Hour of Judgement) has approached. There is no one but Allah who can say when and how it will happen.*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ  
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،  
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ  
التَّائِبِينَ.