

DAJJAL (THE ANTICHRIST)

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 أُوصِيكُمْ 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 blessed in this world and in the hereafter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Verily the Doomsday is nearer as mentioned by Allah the Almighty in the Quran in Chapter 54 (Surah Al-Qamar), verse (ayat) 1:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَقْرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَأَنْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ

Which means: *The Hour (of Judgment) is nigh, and the moon is cleft asunder.*

Among the biggest trials that Prophet Muhammad (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) feared the most is the coming of the *Dajjal* (Antichrist). The Prophet (pbuh) encouraged his followers to seek refuge in Allah the Almighty from the hardships caused by

the *Dajjal*. Many Muslims today are not aware of the *Dajjal* and its tribulations. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said in a *Hadith* which was narrated by Imam Muslim:

مَا بَيْنَ خَلْقِ آدَمَ إِلَى قِيَامِ السَّاعَةِ خَلْقٌ أَكْبَرُ مِنَ الدَّجَالِ

Which means: "Between time of the creation of Adam and the Resurrection Day, there is nothing greater than the mischief of Dajjal (the Antichrist)."

This *Hadith* explains the *Dajjal's* mischief as the cause of humans going astray. The Prophet (pbuh) also said in another *Hadith* which was narrated by Imam Abu Daud which means: I have told you so much about the *Dajjal* (Antichrist). However, I am still afraid that you may not understand. The Antichrist is short, hen-toed, woolly-haired, one eyed, with a sightless eye that neither protrudes nor is deep-seated. If you are confused about him, know that your Lord is not one-eyed.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) explained to us that before the coming of the *Dajjal*, its trials will come first and destroy the faith of the Muslims. The Prophet mentioned in a *Hadith* which was narrated by Imam Abu Daud:

لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ حَتَّى يَخْرُجَ ثَلَاثُونَ كَذَابًا دَجَالًا كُلُّهُمْ يَكْذِبُ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَعَلَى رَسُولِهِ

Which means: "The Hour shall not be established until nearly thirty Dajjal imposters appear, each of them claiming that he is the Messenger of Allah."

This *Hadith* shows that there are many liars who mislead the faith of Muslims and extend their mischief to Muslims such as Musailamah al-Kazzab, the teachings of Qadiani, ideology such as communism and other deviant teachings before the coming of the real *Dajjal*.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Prophet Muhammad (may Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) gave us much advice on how to save ourselves from the devastation of the *Dajjal* and we must strive to avoid the *Dajjal* and his loyal followers.

The *Dajjal* will show us various tricks such as reviving the dead, bringing down rain spontaneously or making the area dry immediately and "offer" paradise to its loyal followers.

We are recommended to recite Chapter 18 (Surah Al-Kahf) of the Quran on Friday and increase our knowledge and good deeds as self-defense againsts the mischief of the *Dajjal*. We are also encouraged to always read the Quran.

The Prophet (pbuh) said in a *Hadith* which was narrated by Imam Muslim:

مَنْ حَفِظَ عَشْرَ آيَاتٍ مِنْ أَوَّلِ سُورَةِ الْكَهْفِ عُصِمَ مِنَ الدَّجَالِ -  
قَالَ شُعْبَةُ مِنْ آخِرِ الْكَهْفِ

Which means: "Whoever recites ten verses from the beginning of Al-Kahf he is protected from the turmoil of the *Dajjal*."

Nobody is able to kill the *Dajjal* except for Prophet Isa (Jesus) as stated in the Quran in Chapter 4 (Surah An-Nisa), verse (*ayat*) 159:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَإِنْ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا لِيُؤْمِنُوا بِهِ قَبْلَ مَوْتِهِ <sup>ط</sup> وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَكُونُ عَلَيْهِمْ شَهِيدًا 

Which means: And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him (Prophet Isa or Jesus) before his death; and on the Day of Judgment he will be a witness against them;

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَتَفَعَّلِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ  
الْحَكِيْمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ  
الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ يَا فَوْزَ  
الْمُسْتَغْفِرِيْنَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِيْنَ