

WHEN THE HORN BLOWS

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 عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

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

Let us increase be righteousness and obedient servants to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and and leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this life and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Day of Judgment will surely occur. It is Allah the Almighty's promise to mankind, but we do not know when it will happen. The Prophet (pbuh) reminds his followers about the coming of this day. The signs of the Day of Judgment are apparent these days as if reminding us clearly of the promised moment. All that is left is the blow of the horn by the angel Israfil who is prepared to carry out his

duties at any moment. Why do we still deny the Day of Judgment when the time for it to occur is very near?

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 39 (surah az-Zumar) verse 68:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَنُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ فَصَعِقَ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا مَنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ثُمَّ نُفِخَ فِيهِ
أُخْرَىٰ فَإِذَا هُمْ يَنْظُرُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

Which means: *And the Horn will be blown, and whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth will fall dead except whom Allah wills. Then it will be blown again, and at once they will be standing, looking on.*

When the horn is sounded the second time, all creatures will be resurrected from their graves and gathered at *masyhar* (land of gathering) as mentioned by Allah the Almighty in chapter 14 (surah Ibrahim) verse 48:

يَوْمَ تَبْدَلُ الْأَرْضُ غَيْرَ الْأَرْضِ وَالسَّمَوَاتُ^ط وَبَرَزُوا لِلَّهِ الْوَاحِدِ الْقَهَّارِ ﴿٤٨﴾

Which means: *[It will be] on the Day the earth will be replaced by another earth, and the heavens [as well], and all creatures will come out before Allah, the One, the Prevailing.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

What is our preparation before the trumpet is blown? Here are some things we can do to in prepare ourselves for the hereafter:

Carry out mandatory orders such as prayer, tithe (zakat), fasting and pilgrimage dilligently. Avoid all prohibitons such as shirk and saying : “ I was born a muslim but I did not convert to Islam” and stay away from committing adultery, drinking alcohol, gambling, telling lies and etc. These are the things that we should seriously avoid before we face death or the Day of Judgment. Other examples include disobedience to parents, suppressing the weak, cheating, stealing, giving and receiving bribes and murder. Those who have sinned should repent immediately and seek apology to those they have sinned. Or else be prepared to faced the painful consequences on the Day of Judgment.

From Abu Hurairah radhiyallahu-an-hu; the Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim and al-Tirmizi which means:

“Do you know who is bankrupt?” They said, “The one without money or goods is bankrupt.” The Prophet said, “Verily, the bankrupt of my nation are those who come on the Day of Resurrection with prayers, fasting, and charity, but also with insults, slander, consuming wealth, shedding blood, and beating others. The oppressed will each be given from his good deeds. If his good deeds run out before

justice is fulfilled, then their sins will be cast upon him and he will be thrown into the Hellfire.”

Strive to be among the seven groups who will be protected by Allah the Almighty on the Day of Judgment.

From Abu Hurairah radhiyallahu-an-hu; the Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari which means:

“There are seven whom Allah will shade in His Shade on the Day when there is no shade except His Shade: a just ruler; a youth who grew up in the worship of Allah, the Mighty and Majestic; a man whose heart is attached to the mosques; two men who love each other for Allah’s sake, meeting for that and parting upon that; a man who is called by a woman of beauty and position (for illegal intercourse), but he says: ‘I fear Allah’; a man who gives in charity and hides it, such that his justify hand does not know that his right hand gives charity; and a man who remembered Allah in private and so his eyes shed tears.”

Dear brothers and sisters,

Account for our deeds before we are accounted for by Allah the Almighty. Be prepared with as much knowledge, righteousness and good deeds as possible. May we be protected from this extremely difficult and agonizing situation.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 59 (surah Al-Hasyr) verse 18:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا

تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

Which means: *O you who have believed, fear Allah . And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow - and fear Allah . Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do.*

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