

THE COLLAPSE OF MORALS (*akhlaq*) INVITES TRIBULATIONS

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ
كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ، وَأَشْهَدُ 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 وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ
مُسْلِمُونَ.

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

Dear brothers and sisters,

Morality (*akhlaq*) is a major branch of Islam besides faith and islamic law (*sharia*). That is why one of the Prophet's (pbuh) mission is to perfect human morals as stated in a hadith narrated by Imam Ahmad:

إِنَّمَا بُعِثْتُ لِأَتَمِّمَ صَالِحَ الْأَخْلَاقِ

Which means: “I have only been sent to perfect good moral character.”

Morality is closely related to faith and man's relationship with his Creator. The moral decay that occurs among Muslims today is due to weak faith, lack of religious knowledge and excessive exposure to entertainment or outside culture. When human morality collapses, various evils and corruptions spread in society. Rampant cases of rape, sodomy, abortion, murder, snatch theft, robbery and so on occur in society. The prevalence of adultery, LGBT, drugs, alcohol, corruption, breach of trust, etc. can bring wrath and tribulation from Allah the Almighty.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 7 (surah al-A'raf) verse 96:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَىٰ ءَامَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَنَحْنَاهُمْ عَلَيْهِمْ بَرَكَاتٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ

وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَٰكِن كَذَّبُوا فَأَخَذْنَاهُم بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾

Which means: *Had the people of those societies been faithful and mindful of Allah, We would have overwhelmed them with blessings from heaven and earth. But they disbelieved, so We seized them for what they used to commit.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Look at how the people of Lot (nabi Lut) were turned upside down and buried due to practicing abnormal sex. Similarly, the people of Prophet Noah (pbuh) were drowned in a great flood because of their bad morals of going against the call of da'wah.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter (surah al-Qasas) verse 59:

...وَمَا كُنَّا مُهْلِكِي الْقُرَىٰ إِلَّا وَأَهْلُهَا ظَالِمُونَ

Which means: *And never would your Lord have destroyed the cities ...except while their people were wrongdoers.*

Let us stay away from evil and vice and practice noble morals, so that we are protected from the wrath of Allah the Almighty.

Firman Allah the Almighty says in chapter 33 (surah al-Ahzab) verse 21 :

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ
الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا



Which means: *Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example for whoever has hope in Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah often.*

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

