

SIGNS OF THE END OF TIMES

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ 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 عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،
فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اِتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

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

Dear brothers and sisters,

Believing in the Hereafter or the Day of Judgment is one of the six pillars of faith. The Day of Judgment is one of the unseen matters that has been clearly explained in the Qur'an and Hadith. We are not only required to believe in it, but also to understand the events of the Day of Judgment, which is equally important. This is because it directly affects how we live our daily lives, encouraging us to be more God-conscious and reminding us of what will happen after death. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 22 (Surah Al-Hajj) verse 7:

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Which means: “*And certainly the Hour is coming, there is no doubt about it. And Allah will surely resurrect those in the graves.*”

Although Allah the Almighty has concealed the exact time of the Day of Judgment, He has revealed signs indicating its nearness, known as the signs of the End of Times. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 47 (Surah Muhammad) verse 18:

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Which means: “Are they only waiting for the Hour to take them by surprise? Yet some of its signs have already come. Once it actually befalls them, will it not be too late to be mindful?”

Many signs that will appear before the Day of Judgment are explained in the Qur'an and hadith. These are divided into minor signs and major signs.

Among the **minor signs** of the End Times are:

1. Religious knowledge will gradually diminish, many Islamic scholars will pass away, and ignorant people will be appointed as leaders.

Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari, which means:

“Verily, Allah does not take away knowledge by snatching it from the people but He takes away knowledge by taking away the scholars, so that when He leaves no learned person, people turn to the ignorant as their leaders; then they are asked to deliver religious verdicts and they deliver them without knowledge, they go astray, and lead others astray.”

2. The occurrence of widespread immoral acts and the spread of ignorance.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim:

إِنَّ مِنْ أَشْرَاطِ السَّاعَةِ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ الْعِلْمُ وَيَثْبُتَ الْجَهْلُ وَيُشْرَبَ الْخَمْرُ وَيَظْهَرَ الزِّنَا

Which means: *“It is from the conditions of the Last Hour that knowledge would be taken away and ignorance would prevail (upon the world), the liquor would be drunk, and adultery would become rampant.”*

3. Widespread killings will occur, as Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim:

“By the One in Whose hand my soul is! A time will come upon people when the killer will not know why he killed, and the one who was killed will not know why he was killed.” The companions asked, *“How will that happen?”* He replied, *“That is al-Harj; both the killer and the one killed will be in Hell.”*

Meanwhile, the **major signs** of the Day of Judgment mentioned by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim, which means:

“Indeed, the Hour will not be established until you see ten signs before it: the smoke (ad-Dukhan), the Dajjal, the beast (ad-Dabbah), the rising of the sun from the west, the descent of Isa son of Maryam, the emergence of Gog and Magog (Ya’juj and Ma’juj), three major land sinkings—one in the East, one in the West, and one in the Arabian Peninsula; and a fire that will emerge from the depths of Aden (Yemen) and will drive people to their place of gathering—it will spend the night with them wherever they rest.”

Dear brothers and sisters,

The discussion about the signs of the Day of Judgment is not merely for knowledge, but more importantly, it serves as a reminder to increase righteous deeds as provisions for the afterlife. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Tirmidhi:

الْكَيِّسُ مَنْ دَانَ نَفْسَهُ وَعَمِلَ لِمَا بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ وَالْعَاجِزُ مَنْ أَتْبَعَ نَفْسَهُ هَوَاهَا وَتَمَتَّى عَلَى اللَّهِ

Which means: *“The intelligent person is the one who reflects upon himself and acts for the life after death, while the weak person is the one who follows his desires and merely hopes in Allah.”*

We should not believe in predictions about the date of the Day of Judgment, as there is no authentic evidence regarding its exact time. Only Allah the Almighty knows it. Allah says in chapter 7 (Surah Al-A'raf) verse 187:

يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ السَّاعَةِ أَيَّانَ مُرْسَاهَا قُلْ إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ رَبِّي

Which means: *“They ask you O Prophet regarding the Hour, “When will it be?”
Say, “That knowledge is only with my Lord.”*

Imam Ibn Kathir (may Allah have mercy on him) stated in his tafsir: *Knowing the time of the Day of Judgment is a secret of Allah; it has not been disclosed to anyone; not even to the angels or His messengers.”*

Dear brothers and sisters,

To conclude this sermon, let us truly believe in the certainty of the Day of Judgment. Let us also cultivate strong faith and take lessons from the signs of the End of Times as conveyed by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), while continuously striving to improve ourselves and increase our piety towards Allah the

Almighty. Reflect upon what Allah the Almighty says in chapter 20 (Surah Taha) verse 15:

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Which means: *The Hour is sure to come. My Will is to keep it hidden, so that every soul may be rewarded according to their efforts.*”

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ 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 اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.