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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَمَنْ أَرَادَ الْآخِرَةَ وَسَعَى لَهَا سَعْيَهَا وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَأُولَئِكَ كَانَ

سَعْيُهُمْ مَشْكُورًا.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

يَا إِخْوَانِي لِمِثْلِ هَذَا فَأَعِدُّوا.

AFTERLIFE IS ENDLESS AND MORE AUSPICIOUS

Dear Muslims!

The Messenger of Allah (saw) was at a funeral with his companions. He sat at the edge of the grave. He was so deeply affected by the moment that tears ran down his blessed cheeks. He cried so much so that the soil got wet with his tears. The Messenger of Allah (saw), who wished the happiness of his ummah for the world and the Afterlife more than anything, told his companions, “O my brothers! Prepare yourselves for death.”¹

Dear Believers!

While chasing never-ending desires, sometimes we forget our purpose of creation and we do not even think about death. We take the death incidents around us or in media as ordinary events and do not pay attention. Unfortunately, we just glance at the number of lives we lose every day due to the pandemic and do not care about it.

We all know and believe that death and resurrection are true. We are the passing guests in this life. We will suddenly pass away from this world, in which we came for trial, and arrive at the Afterlife (*akhirah*) that is our original home. We will answer for our good and bad deeds in the presence of Lord of the Worlds (swt). We will either attain the eternal reward or be subjected to the painful torment.

Dear Believers!

Belief in the Afterlife is the most important principle that directs our life and gives meaning and value to it. Because the person who believes in the

Afterlife is aware that the keys of eternal happiness is in this world. With this consciousness and faith, one endeavors to live a life that seeks the pleasure of Allah (swt). The believers make their lives fruitful with the righteous deeds they do as a requirement of the faith. They adorn their life with good morals. They make efforts to be exalted in the presence of Allah with their taqwa. They find peace only by remembrance of Allah (swt). They stay away from obscenities that make them forget the Almighty Allah (swt). They present their servitude to the Almighty Allah (swt) with their du‘a. They express their gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon them. They live at peace with their family, environment and society.

Esteemed Muslims!

We should be aware that the Afterlife is more auspicious and endless. We should not be among those who prefer life in the world to the life in the Afterlife.²

يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ مَا غَرَّكَ بِرَبِّكَ الْكَرِيمِ

We should duly perform the requirements of servitude to the Almighty Allah (swt) for not being the object of the question, “O mankind, what has deceived you concerning your Lord, the Generous?”³

إِفْرَأْ كِتَابَكَ كَفَىٰ بِنَفْسِكَ الْيَوْمَ عَلَيْكَ حَسِيبًا

We need to question ourselves before encountering with the call “[It will be said], ‘Read your record. Sufficient is yourself against you this Day as accountant.’”⁴ We must fill our deed books with righteous deeds for being able to say “So as for he who is given his record in his right hand, he will say, ‘Here, read my record! Indeed, I was certain that I would be meeting my account.’”⁵ Let us not forget that, “But whoever desires the Hereafter and exerts the effort due to it while he is a believer - it is those whose effort is ever appreciated [by Allah].”⁶

¹ Ibn Majah, Zuhd, 19.

² A‘la, 87/16, 17.

³ Infitar, 82/6.

⁴ Isra, 17/14.

⁵ Haqqah, 69/19, 20.

⁶ Isra, 17/19.