

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ  
وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ.  
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلَا يُؤْذِ جَارَهُ ، وَمَنْ كَانَ  
يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكْرِمْ صَيفَهُ ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ  
بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيَقُلْ خَيْرًا أَوْ لِيَصْمُتْ.

### AKHIRAH (HEREAFTER): OUR ETERNAL HOME

#### Honorable Muslims!

We are all travelers in this ephemeral world. We will live as long as our Lord (swt) has ordained for us, and then we will migrate to the Hereafter, which is eternal. The Hereafter is the name of our eternal home where we will be rewarded for what we have done in this world. Belief in the Hereafter is one of the six pillars of faith.

#### Dear Believers!

The Doomsday (qiyamah) is bound to come, and the life of this world, despite all its charm and glamor, is bound to end someday. All humanity will gather before Allah the Almighty (swt) on the Day of Judgement, and our sins and good deeds will be weighed on the infallible balance called mizan. Our book of deeds will be opened before us, and it will be said, **“اقرأ كتابك كفى بنفسك اليوم عليك حسيباً”** **“Read your record. You alone are sufficient this Day to take account of yourself.”**<sup>1</sup> Those who believe and do righteous deeds in this world and adopt good morals as their principle will attain the mercy of Allah (swt) and enter Paradise. Those who neglect their responsibilities in this life will be punished in Hell.

#### Dear Muslims!

Belief in the Hereafter should guide how we live in this world. The consciousness of accountability should prevent us from evil and lead us to good deeds. The thought of eternal life should make us good people and ideal believers with our essence, our words and our way of life. In one of his hadiths, our Prophet (saw) says, **“Let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day be generous to his neighbor. Let him who believes in Allah and the Last Day be generous to his guest. Let him**

**who believes in Allah and the Last Day speak good, or keep silent.”**<sup>2</sup>

#### Dear Believers!

Believers who believe in the Hereafter live in peace with themselves, their family, their environment, and all living and non-living creatures. Their hands and tongues do no harm to anybody. They cannot attack another person’s property, life, chastity or honor.

Believers who believe in the Day of Judgment treat their spouses well. They do not withhold compassion and mercy from their children. They seek to be the subject of their parents’ supplications and strive to attain their pleasure. They observe and respect the rights of relatives and neighbors. They reach out to the orphan, the poor and those in need.

Believers who believe in eternal life stay away from evil. They do not act out of negative emotions such as resentment, ambition, envy and hostility. They do not violate the rights of the people and the public. They do not contaminate their earnings with haram. They seek peace and happiness not in wealth and property, position and status, fortune and fame, but in faith in Allah, the joy of worship, and the beauty of morality.

#### Dear Muslims!

What we sow in this world, we will reap in the Hereafter. Whatever we do for good in this world, we will see it in the Hereafter. Whatever we give in the name of charity and sadaqah in this world, we will find it in the Hereafter. So, let us not let the temporary desires of the worldly life make us forget the Hereafter. Let us keep in mind the warning of our Lord (swt), **“O humanity! Indeed, Allah’s promise is true. So do not let the life of this world deceive you...”**<sup>3</sup> Let us avoid all kinds of words and behaviors that will cause us to be embarrassed in the Hereafter. Let us not forget that our Lord (swt) will hold us accountable for what we have done and for what we have not done, even though we had the opportunity to do so.

I would like to conclude this Friday’s khutbah with the following verse: **“O believers! Be mindful of Allah and let every soul look to what deeds it has sent forth for tomorrow. And fear Allah. For certainly Allah is All-Aware of what you do.”**<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Isra, 17/14.

<sup>2</sup> Bukhari, Adab, 3.

<sup>3</sup> Fatir 35/5.

<sup>4</sup> Hashr, 59/18.