

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اسْتَحْوَذَ عَلَيْهِمُ الشَّيْطَانُ فَأَنْسَاهُمْ ذِكْرَ اللَّهِ أُولَئِكَ حِزْبُ

الشَّيْطَانِ أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ الشَّيْطَانِ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

...يُفْسَسُ الْعَبْدُ عَبْدًا سَهَا وَلَهَا وَتَسِي الْمَقَابِرَ وَالْبِلَى...

LET US LIVE A LIFE WITHOUT FORGETTING ALLAH, DEATH, AND THE HEREAFTER

Dear Muslims!

In the verse I have recited, our Almighty Lord (swt) states, “**Satan has taken hold of them, causing them to forget the remembrance of Allah. They are the party of Satan. Surely Satan’s party is bound to lose.**”¹

In the hadith I have read, our beloved Prophet (saw) says, “...**What an evil servant is the one who is heedless and diverted, forgetting about the graves and the trials. What an evil servant is the one who is violent and tyrannical, forgetting his beginnings or his end...**”²

Dear Believers!

Humans are afflicted with forgetfulness; they are prone to it by nature. At times, they forget themselves, their families, relatives, and neighbors, neglecting their responsibilities. Sometimes, they forget the very purpose of their creation, losing their sense of kindness and grace towards others. They may become so engrossed in worldly concerns that they overlook the Hereafter, the Day of Judgment, the scales of justice, accountability, heaven, and hell. And sometimes, they forget their religion, history, and culture, becoming estranged from their true essence.

Dear Muslims!

The worst kind of forgetfulness is when people forget their Lord. Yet, no matter where we are, our Lord is always with us.³ He is “al-Habir,” the One Who is fully aware of both what is hidden and what is apparent. As stated in the Qur’an,

“**Surely** إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَخْفَى عَلَيْهِ شَيْءٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ

nothing on earth or in the heavens is hidden from Allah.”⁴ Allah the Almighty, is the One Who creates,

sustains, sees all that we do, and hears all that we say. He knows what is in our hearts and is closer to us than our jugular vein. The cure for our illnesses, the remedy for our troubles, and the relief for our burdens all lie with Him. Despite all of our mistakes and

shortcomings, He is the One Who, with His name ar-Rahman, shows us mercy, with His name al-Ghaffar, forgives our sins, and with His name ar-Razzaq, provides us sustenance.

Esteemed Believers!

The Messenger of Allah (saw) said,

“**Remember often the destroyer** أَكْفِرُوا ذِكْرَ هَازِمِ اللَّذَاتِ

of pleasures: death.”⁵ He also informed us that those who control their desires and prepare for what comes after death are truly wise.⁶ For indeed, people who forget death and the reckoning have fallen captive to Satan. Today, those who mercilessly rain bombs upon Islamic lands—especially in Gaza—killing the innocent and committing genocide, are those who have forgotten Allah and taken Satan as their companion. Today, those who mercilessly take the lives that Allah has made sacred, and who subject women, children, and the elderly to all forms of violence, are the oppressors who have lost their sense of the Hereafter. Those who work to corrupt the pure nature of our youth and children with deviant ideologies and false trends are people who did not have their share of humanity. Those who promote sin on digital platforms, encouraging immorality and disregarding the sanctity of family privacy, are individuals who give no thought to death and what comes after. Losing sensitivity to what is halal and haram in business and trade, seeking gains through prohibited means like interest and gambling, are all consequences of forgetting Allah and the Hereafter.

Dear Muslims!

Let us live our lives with the awareness that we are always under the watch of our Lord and that we will inevitably account for our deeds in this world. Through our worship, let us strive to be good servants to our Lord, and through our virtuous character, let us seek to earn His pleasure. Let us continue with determination and patience to preserve the love of Allah that exists in the pure hearts of our children and youth. Let us remain vigilant against harmful trends that threaten our family home, where we learn our religious, moral, and human values. Let us not forget that rendering the earth prosperous and the building of a secure future will be carried out by generations who know their Lord, remember death, and embrace a deep awareness of the afterlife.

¹ Mujadila, 58/19.

² Tirmidhi, Sifat al-Qiyamah, 17.

³ Hadid, 57/4.

⁴ Ali ‘Imran, 3/185.

⁵ Nasa’i, Jana’iz, 3.

⁶ Tirmidhi, Sifat al-Qiyamah, 25.