

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters brace yourselves, the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said in a hadith which has been reported by Bukhari, on the authority of Anas bin Malik رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

اصْبِرُوا

‘Be patient’

فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَأْتِي عَلَيْكُمْ زَمَانٌ

‘There is no year that comes’

إِلَّا الَّذِي بَعْدَهُ شَرٌّ مِنْهُ

‘Except that the one that comes after it will be worse’

My brothers and sisters in this year ahead, only Allah تَعَالَى knows the unseen and what will happen however we have been told by the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and his sincere Companions have warned us also, that the fitna is only going to increase. Abdullah bin Masood رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ he said:

يُوشِكُ مَنْ عَاشَ مِنْكُمْ

أَنْ يَرَى مُنْكَرًا

‘I fear for those who live for a very long time, they will see a great deal of sins.’

My brothers and sisters in a hadith reported by a Muslim on the authority of Anas bin Malik رضي الله عنه, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ told us about the days ahead, he said:

لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ

‘The hour will not be established’

حَتَّى لَا يُقَالَ فِي الْأَرْضِ : اللَّهُ اللَّهُ

‘Until none will be left on Earth to say, Allah, Allah’

In the times ahead my brother and sisters, the tawheed of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** is going to be lifted. Eman will be reduced to just saying, ‘Allah, Allah’ and even that will be taken away, until he said in another hadith reported by Muslim also, that the ‘Dajjal will soon appear.’

فَيَبْقَى شِرَارُ النَّاسِ

‘And when he appears on Earth the worst of all mankind will remain’

فِي خِفَّةِ الطَّيْرِ , وَأَخْلَامِ السَّبَاعِ

‘They will be fast like birds’

And the ulama have explained the statement of the Messenger of Allah **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, to be fast like birds, meaning they’ll be fast to commit immoral Deeds **فِي خِفَّةِ الطَّيْرِ** like a bird. **وَأَخْلَامِ السَّبَاعِ** and they will be like predatory animals beasts meaning they will eat one another up in oppression and injustice.

لَا يَعْرِفُونَ مَعْرُوفًا , وَلَا يُنْكِرُونَ مُنْكَرًا

‘They will not recognize anything which is good and they will not reject anything which is bad’

Until he said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

فَيَمْتَلُ لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ

‘The Shaitaan will appear. He will walk amongst the people in the image of a human being and he will talk to them even.’

So he said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

فَيَقُولُ أَلَا تَسْتَجِيبُونَ؟

He will say to mankind, ‘will you not respond to me?’ Will he not respond to the Dajjal?

So the masses of human beings who will say:

فَمَا نَأْمُرُكَ؟

‘What do you command us with’

So the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

فَيَأْمُرُهُمْ بِعِبَادَةِ الْأَوْثَانِ

Shaitaan will command them to worship idols and they will listen.

وَهُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ

And now look at the description of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

وَهُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ دَارٌ رَزَقُهُمْ , حَسَنٌ عَيْشُهُمْ

‘They will have their provisions increased and they will live a nice comfortable life while Shaitaan is there and that the Dajjal is there and they are worshipping other than Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى.’

The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said that, ‘these are the worst of creation and there’s going to come a time that this will take place’ and then he said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

ثُمَّ يَنْفَخُ فِي الصُّورِ

‘Then the trumpet will be blown and the hour will be established’

My brothers and sisters, when tawheed is forgotten and when ikhlaas is abandoned as you can see in this hadith, all that remains on earth, is corruption.

But how will that affect you? How will that affect your children? How will that affect the ummah?

My brothers and sisters Ibn Katheer رَجْمَهُ اللَّهُ he gives us the benefit from what’s happened in this ummah before. He tells us about Baghdad and how it was burnt down. My brothers and sisters Baghdad was the sea of Islamic knowledge and civilization. When it was burnt down, when its knowledge was taken away, it was a huge loss for the Muslim Ummah hence Ibn Katheer رَجْمَهُ اللَّهُ talks about it and talks about the events which led up to that, so that we can reflect. He says رَجْمَهُ اللَّهُ:

وَبَدَّلَتْ بَعْدَ تِلَاوَةِ الْقُرْآنِ , بِالنَّعْمَاتِ وَالْأَلْحَانِ

‘Before Baghdad was burnt down, before this Ummah was afflicted with this great affliction’ he said, ‘before that took place, people had abandoned the listening of the Qur’an and reciting of the Qur’an and studying of the Qur’an, and they had replaced it with النَّعْمَاتِ وَالْأَلْحَانِ, with singing and songs.’

وَبَعْدَ سَمَاعِ الْأَحَادِيثِ النَّبَوِيَّةِ

‘And they left the study of the prophetic hadith’

بَدَرَسِ الْفَلْسَفَةَ الْيُونَانِيَّةَ

‘Instead, they engaged in philosophy and theorised’

وَبَعَدَ الرِّيَاسَةَ وَالنَّبَاهَةَ، بِالْخَسَاسَةِ وَالسَّفَاهَةِ

‘They replaced leadership and having Just authority with oppression and meanness and foolishness.’ And then he says the consequence which should be recorded in our hearts, and seen in our limbs and written in gold, my brothers and sisters. He says رَجِمَهُ اللَّهُ:

وَمَا أَصَابَهُمْ ذَلِكَ إِلَّا بِبَعْضِ ذُنُوبِهِمْ

‘What befell them, it was only a result of their deeds. For their sins’

وَمَا رَبُّكَ بِظَلَّامٍ لِّلْعَبِيدِ

‘And your Lord is not oppressive over the servants.’

My brother and sisters he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘as time goes by, each generation will get worse which will only mean that people will stop praying. People will stop giving in zakat. And in a hadith by At-Tabarani رَحِمَهُ اللهُ which has been classified as saheeh by Al - Albani رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, he describes something as if he is alive right now صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He spoke the truth. He says صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

ما منع قوم الزكاة

‘There is no group of people which withhold the zakat’

إلا ابتلاهم الله بالسنين

‘Except that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى will punish them with years of successive hunger and drought.’

In another version which is reported by Ibn Majah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ also classed as saheeh by Al - Albani رَحِمَهُ اللهُ:

إلا منعوا القطر من السماء

‘Except that they will be prevented and they will not even have a drop from the sky’



Changes in the climate my brothers and sisters it rains and it doesn't rain and when it does rain people are still poor. When it rains there is no barakah in our produce. When it rains, it comes as a punishment - he spoke the truth صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, about the days ahead, as people stop praying and people withhold the zakat; punishment will arrive.

My brother and sisters is one of the greatest sins which has filled the earth is dhulm. One of the greatest sins that has filled the earth is dhulm and soon as the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has described, 'the earth will be full of dhulm. Oppression directed towards the heavens. And oppression spread out like a net on the earth. Like a blanket.' He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ says in a hadith which is reported by al - Hakim حِمَةُ الْكَلْبِيِّ, which has some weakness in it, it's been attributed that he said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

يُنزَلُ بِأُمَّتِي فِي آخِرِ الزَّمَانِ

'Upon my Ummah, there will descend in the last days'

بَلَاءٌ شَدِيدٌ مِنْ سُلْطَانِهِمْ

'There will descend a great calamity from their leaders and their governments'

لَمْ يُسْمَعْ بَلَاءٌ أَشَدُّ مِنْهُ

‘No one has ever heard of a calamity which is greater than the calamity that they will face’

حَتَّى تَضِيقَ عَنْهُمْ الْأَرْضُ الرَّحْبَةَ

‘Until they find themselves confined on the earth nowhere to run’

The oppression will spread so much, there will be nowhere on earth that you can get away from it.

وَحَتَّى يُمَلَأَ الْأَرْضُ جَوْرًا وَظُلْمًا

‘Until the whole earth will be full of wrongdoing and oppression’

لَا يَجِدُ الْمُؤْمِنُ مَلْجَأً , يُلْتَجَى إِلَيْهِ مِنَ الظُّلْمِ

‘The believer will have nowhere to protect himself from the oppression that has filled the earth’

In another hadith which has been made saheeh by Al- Albani رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, which supports this one, he says صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ

‘The hour will not be established’

حَتَّى تُمَلَأَ الْأَرْضُ ظُلْمًا وَجَوْرًا وَعُدْوَانًا

‘Until the earth will be spread with oppression and wrongdoing and transgression’

My brothers and sisters our success and our provisions our eman and our fortress depends on the rights that we give to one another and before that, that we give to our Master **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and if you fail in this, we will only leave yourselves exposed in the days ahead.

My brothers and sisters, the dunya has not been mentioned in the Qur’an except that Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** tells the reader to seek the akhira instead. What we have in this dunya is la ilaha illallah and istigfar because of our sins and in the days ahead my brothers and sisters, la ilaha illallah will decrease. Tawbah and istigfar will decrease, until you will see a world where the Shayateen will walk openly, with his inhabitants having taken themselves as an open enemy against Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. He **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** says in the Quran:

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ٤١

“Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by [reason of] what the hands of people have earned so He may let them taste part of [the consequence of] what they have done that perhaps they will return [to righteousness]” ar-Rum (The Romans, The Byzantines) 30:41

Second khutbah

My brothers and sisters, don't let today pass you by, except that you have taken a lesson for tomorrow. Allah **سُبْحَانَہُ وَتَعَالَى** gives us a lesson in the Qur'an:

وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا قَرْيَةً

“And Allah presents an example : a city” an-Nahl (The Bee) 16:112

‘Allah gives you a lesson in a town that existed once’

كَانَتْ عَامِنَةً

“which was safe” an-Nahl (The Bee) 16:112

‘They lived in comfort’

ءَامِنَةٌ مُّطْمَئِنَّةٌ يَأْتِيهَا رِزْقُهَا رَغَدًا مِّن كُلِّ مَكَانٍ

“...its provision coming to it in abundance from every location” an-Nahl (The Bee) 16:112

‘And they had whatever they wanted’ - provisions from all different directions.

فَكَفَرَتْ بِأَنْعُمِ اللَّهِ

“but it denied the favors of Allah” an-Nahl (The Bee) 16:112

‘But they disbelieved and were ungrateful to the favors of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى

اللَّهُ فَادَّقَهَا اللَّهُ لِبَاسِ الْجُوعِ وَالْخَوْفِ بِمَا كَانُوا يَصْنَعُونَ

“So Allah made it taste the envelopment of hunger and fear for what they had been doing”

an-Nahl (The Bee) 16:112

‘Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى covered them with a taste of hunger and fear because of what they used to do.’

My brothers and sisters, don't let the seasons pass you by, except that you have taken a lesson from. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى tells us that the hellfire is scorching, but there is actually a part of the hellfire which is extremely cold; it's freezing in its punishment. The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said in a hadith that's agreed upon:

فَشِدَّةُ مَا تَجِدُونَ مِنَ الْبَرْدِ

'The extreme cold that you experience in these winter days in the dunya'

من زمهريرها

'It is from the زمهريرها of the hellfire'

Abdullah ibn Masood رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ explains what does زمهريرها is, he says:

هو لون من العذاب

'It a different type of punishment in the hellfire'

وهو البرد الشديد



‘It is an unyielding cold. The hellfire, it has has an in yielding cold’

حتى إن أهل النار إذا ألقوا فيه

‘To the extent that when the people of the hellfire will be placed in Zamhareer’

سَأَلُوا اللَّهَ أَنْ يُعَذِّبَهُمْ بِالنَّارِ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ

‘They will call to Allah and they will say, ‘Oh Allah! Punish us for a thousand years in the hellfire, this will be easier for us’

أَهْوَنَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ عَذَابِ الزَّمْهَرِيرِ يَوْمًا وَاجِدًا

‘Than one day in Zamhareer. A thousand years in the fire will be easier, than one day in this intense cold will be a punishment worse than the fire.’

My brothers and sisters, these are lessons that we need to learn today because what is coming ahead of us is going to happen. The dunya my brothers and sisters the first of it and the last of it is a lesson for the believer.



Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى swears by time in the Qur'an because of its importance and each day you are being pushed forward, and as you are being dragged, some people are trying to grab onto the dunya and they're trying to cling onto it, but when you are buried in the hole 2ft by 6ft, whatever you have grabbed from the dunya won't fit in there. In actual fact, when you were buried and you enter into your grave, the dunya will either expand more than the dunya, the grave will either expand more than the dunya that you currently live in, or it will be constraint and it will squeeze you tighter than the 6 by 2 that you were buried in the dunya in the first place.

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