



First khutbah

Reminder based on Tareeq al - Hijratayn of Ibn al - Qayyim (Allah have mercy on him).

Everyday, your time is decreasing. All of you are moving forward. Every second that passes by, every moment that leaves you is stored away in a book and you can't get that moment back. Even if you paid everything you owed.

Ibn al - Qayyim رَحِمَهُ اللهُ said, a beneficial rule we can all benefit by:

“The servant – from the moment he sets foot into this abode, then he becomes a traveller advancing to his Lord, and the duration of his journey is: his life-span which has been written for him.”

But his life my brothers and sisters, he carries on, will go through stages and levels. His days and nights continues to be rolled up behind him, until he comes to his destination and his travel has ended. So when he is sure and when he can see these stages and levels passing him by with speed, it is now Ibn al - Qayyim رَحِمَهُ اللهُ is saying, it is now which is the time for him to act. Is there anything better than a person who received his days and when his morning finally comes, his success is made clear to him.

My brothers and sisters, we live in a world full of distractions so be careful, as time is passing by and so is your age. And it could be, that you now reach an age, you will reach a certain age and you will realise that perhaps you haven't done enough good deeds. You have lived a long life and nothing to show for it.

Ibn al - Qayyim رَحِمَهُ اللهُ then says, people, on their way back to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى, on two separate paths. Qismun, a group of people. Those who are travelling back to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى, only to live in a land of wickedness and misery. As the scrolls are being rolled up behind them as they pass through these different stages day and night, they get closer to this evil resting place. And every single stage that is passing by, they are distancing themselves from their Lord سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. Every single day that passes by, they are distancing themselves from their Lord سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. Every single day that passes by, they are getting further away from the land of His generosity.

And it is true my brothers and sisters; all of us are trading every day we have. A trade we trade with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and trade we trade with each other and trade, there's not money and products. Every single day we are trading our deeds. We are trading with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and we are trading with the creation.

Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى says in the Qur'an:

يَوْمَ يَجْمَعُكُمْ لِيَوْمِ الْجَمْعِ ذَلِكَ يَوْمُ التَّعَابُنِ

“The Day He will assemble you for the Day of Assembly - that is the Day of Deprivation” at-Taghabun (Mutual Disillusion, Haggling, The Cheating) 64:9

This, my brothers and sisters is what your life has come to, either it is success or is loss. Either it is Jannah, or it is the fire. Either it is a house made from gold and silver, its bricks suspended in the sky. Or chains in darkness and smoke. Some people my brothers and sisters, are trading for themselves to live in Dars Salaam, and some people are trading themselves to live in a pit of fire.

My brothers and sisters, your life is just minutes and seconds. Ask yourself, how many people take hours to do something which should take them just minutes? How many people are using their precious moments that they have in the life of this Dunya and attaining something, except that it is useless.

Ibn al - Qayyim رَحِمَهُ اللهُ said the end result of man, every single one of us when we go back to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى is up to 18 levels. Meaning you could be anywhere from 0 to 18. But all of this can be summarised in just a few words from the book of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى:

عِبَادِنَا طَمَعْنَاهُمْ ظَالِمٌ لِنَفْسِهِ وَمِنْهُمْ مُقْتَصِدٌ وَمِنْهُمْ سَابِقٌ بِالْخَيْرَاتِ إِذِنَ اللَّهُ

“Our servants; and among them is he who wrongs himself, and among them is he who is moderate, and among them is he who is foremost in good deeds by permission of Allah” Fatir (The Angels, Originator, The Creator) 35:32



Some of them, the pious, they are swimming and they are running away with the rewards.

ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَضْلُ الْكَبِيرُ ۝ ٣٢

“That [inheritance] is what is the great bounty” (The Angels, Originator, The Creator) 35:32

Then, we have some people who are just about doing good deeds and just about staying away from bad ones. These people have their heads just above water. Then we have a group of people who are struggling and these people are drowning in their sins living a life of misery in the dunya, before a life of misery in the Akhirah. These people cannot establish what is obligatory upon them and these people will have remorse later because of the actions that they used to do of disobedience to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى.

Then we have the lowest of the low my brothers and sisters. The people of كُفْر and نفاق, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى protects us of it. Such people are dead even before the race has begun. These people are not even racing at all.

So how did we get to this state my brother and sisters? How did we get to this state when we don't even know which from these four we belong? How do we get to this state when your life and your existence depends upon it? There is one major obstacle for my brother and sisters. There is one major obstacle for Banu Adam and every single one of us, in their relationship with the dunya.

Insaan, human beings, can never let go of طول الأمل. Extended hope; he lives carelessly. He doesn't know what his Lord thinks of him and he doesn't care for what his Lord thinks of him. He has hope in the dunya for attaining his pleasures and this blinds him about thinking about his end.

Why my brothers and sisters?

طول الأمل

His hope outweighs his deeds. He thinks he is great in his security but nothing has been promised and guaranteed to him. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said in a hadeeth which is reported by at - Tirmidhi who classed it as Hasan himself, he said صلى الله عليه وسلم, the intelligent one, is the one who prepares himself right now. And he acts for what is about to come after death. And the foolish one, the person who is incapable of any good. He leads a life of following his own lusts and desires, and such a person living a life of sin, has hope in Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى still.

Shaddad ibn Aws reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “The wise man is one who holds himself accountable and performs good deeds to prepare for what comes after death. The foolish man is one who gives into his lowly desires and seeks their indulgence from Allah.”

Source: Sunan al-Tirmidhī 2459 Grade: *Hasan* (fair) according to Al-Tirmidhi

هُوَ آهَا وَتَمَنَّى عَلَى اللَّهِ عَنْ شَدَادِ بْنِ أَوْسٍ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ الْكَيْسُ مَنْ دَانَ نَفْسَهُ وَعَمِلَ لِمَا بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ وَالْعَاجِزُ مَنْ اتَّبَعَ نَفْسَهُ

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Ibn al - Qayyim رَحِمَهُ اللهُ he says, “everything in the dunya that has passed you by all of it was just dreams” my brothers and sisters. “What remains is hope and wishful thinking. And your time, is lost in between the two”; between dreams and your false hopes.

My brothers and sisters, another 12 months has been plucked away from you and it will be soon that your scrolls will be rolled up from behind you and you will be put to rest. Listen to this sincere advice, He says, سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى: “for this day, prepare for what he has in his everlasting life for you, in reward, that is what you should store for and that is the real competition.”

لِمِثْلِ هَذَا فَلْيَعْمَلِ الْعَامِلُونَ ٦١

“Indeed, this is the great attainment” As-Sāffāt (Those who set the Ranks) 37:61

وَفِي ذَلِكَ فَلْيَتَنَافَسِ الْمُتَنَافِسُونَ

“So for this let the competitors compete” al-Mutaffifin (Defrauding, The Defrauders, The Cheats, Cheating) 83:26

Second khutbah

The life of this dunya requires sabr; being patient upon being good and being patient and staying away from bad. None of this is easy, but being a Muslim, but being a Muslim, requires patience. Patience is bitter, but Jannah is the target. So to help you, Ibn al - Qayyim رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, he gives you three characteristics of the dunya, which can help you understand it's true reality. He says, “the dunya, from the first of it, to the last of it, it is الضيق. It is full of constraints and suffocation. It has constant turbulence; ups and downs. It is a life of heat and desires. But then he goes on to say Ibn al - Qayyim رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, Jannah also has characteristics and for those people who are patient in the life of dunya, those current, those constraints, those constraints will be replaced with السعة, and those turbulences, those constants ups and downs, will be replaced with الحرير and that heat and those desires, that he experienced in the life of this dunya, will be replaced with البرودة.

السعة my brothers and sisters, a vastness in Jannah. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has promised a vastness in Jannah, a physical vastness but a vastness for your chest also. الحرير, a smoothness, a silkiness that touches your body and entire life. And a البرودة, coolness, a relaxation in Jannah and a satisfaction.

These things will not be attained in the dunya. Even if you attained it, and you lived for a very long period of time and you spent everything you owned. These things have been reserved for the people of Jannah.

وَجَزَاهُمْ بِمَا صَبَرُوا جَنَّةً وَحَرِيرًا ۝۱۲

“And will reward them for what they patiently endured [with] a garden [in Paradise] and silk [garments]” al-Insan (Man) 76:12

مُتَّكِنِينَ فِيهَا عَلَى الْأَرَائِكِ لَا يَرَوْنَ فِيهَا شَمْسًا وَلَا زَمْهَرِيرًا ۚ ١٣

[They will be] reclining therein on adorned couches. They will not see therein any [burning] sun or [freezing] cold” al-Insan (Man) 76:12

وَدَانِيَةً عَلَيْهِمْ ظِلُّهَا وَذُلَّتْ أَسْفُلُهَا تَدْلِيلًا ۚ ١٤

“And near above them are its shades, and its [fruit] to be picked will be lowered in compliance” al-Insan (Man) 76:12

My brothers and sisters, we can all see that the dunya is running away. She flees from you like a thief from its victim and as she runs away she’s only getting only even more disobedient and corrupt, but most of men have fallen for the tricks of Iblees. They run after her because of their extended hope. They fear that they’re going to lose out on something, so they run after her, but there are some people who are standing still my brothers and sisters.

The people of iman, have certainty that other people don’t. So he stands there waiting whilst others are running frantically in their worries. He hasn’t for one moment, overlook the promise of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى . He hasn’t for one moment overlooked the promise of a reward of Jannah. He knows that the road is long, so he adorns himself with patience. He constantly reminds himself of the journey back to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and he doesn’t busy himself in chasing what is impossible and pointless, because he will never be able to catch it.

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“One who guides to something good has a reward similar to that of its doer”- Saheeh Muslim vol.3, no.4665.