

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** has created the dunya for an appointed time for us to live on. Therefore, despite its size, despite its strength, despite its beauty, this dunya is not permanent because the dunya is a commanded slave also . Ibn al - Qayyim **رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ** he said, Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** gives permission to the earth:

أَحْيَانًا بِالنَّفْسِ

Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** gives permission to the earth sometimes for it to breathe and when the earth breathes:

فَتَحَدَّثَتْ فِيهَا الزَّلَازِلُ الْعِظَامَ ،

Then you see these great earthquakes after Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** has commanded it or permitted for it to breathe:

فَيَحْدُثُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ لِعِبَادِهِ الْخَوْفُ وَالْخَشْيَةُ ،

As a result in the aftermath, this creates for the servants that are living on top of earth, fear. Submissiveness.

وَالْإِنَابَةُ

It creates repentance.

وَالْإِفْلَاحُ عَنِ الْمَعَاصِي

An abandonment from sin.

وَالْتَضَرُّعُ إِلَى اللَّهِ سُبْحَانَهُ

A humility towards Allah تَعَالَى سُبْحَانَهُ the glorified.

وَالنَّدَمُ

And it creates remorse.

Then he said رَحِمَهُ اللهُ that, 'some of the Salaf, they used to say when they saw an earthquake:

إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ يَسْتَعِيبُكُمْ

‘Your Lord is admonishing you! Your Lord is admonishing you!’

Well there is good news and bad news when it comes to earthquakes my brothers and sisters. The good news comes in a report which is collected by Abu Dawood رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, made sahih by Shaykh Al - Albani رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ he said:

أُمَّتِي هَذِهِ مَرْحُومَةٌ

‘This ummah of mine, is an ummah which has mercy on it’

لَيْسَ عَلَيْهَا عَذَابٌ فِي الْآخِرَةِ

‘It has no punishment reserved for the akhira’

عَذَابُهَا فِي الدُّنْيَا

‘It’s punishment, the punishment of this ummah, is in the life of this dunya’

And then he explains صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

الْفِتْنُ وَالرَّزَازِلُ وَالْقَتْلُ

‘Their punishment for their sins, their tests will come about by fitn, by being tested’

Their punishment in the dunya, the punishment for the ummah of Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will be that they experience earthquakes and their punishment and their test in the dunya is that they will be fought for the sake of their religion. This is a form of good news my brothers and sisters. It says in Awn al - Ma’bood in explanation:

فهي مَخْصُوصَةٌ بِمَزِيدِ الرَّحْمَةِ

This is a specific virtue for this ummah of Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

It has mercy on it from Allah:

وإِيمَانِ النَّعْمَةِ

It's favours have been completed for it:

أَوْ يَتَّخِيفِ الْإِصْرَ وَالْأَنْقَالَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ عَلَى الْأُمَّمِ قَبْلَهَا

Its burdens have been lightened for it, unlike the heavy burdens that the nations before us continued to hold.

Therefore this teaches us that there is no test that you face in the dunya whether it's earthquakes, whether it's illnesses, whether it's in your wealth, whether it's in sadness, whatever it is, it has been tailor made for you:

هُنَالِكَ آتَتْهُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَأُنزِلُوا زَلْزَالًا شَدِيدًا ۝ ١١

**“There the believers were tested and shaken with a severe shaking” al-Ahzab (The Clans, The Coalition, The Combined Forces, The Allies) 33:11**

Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** is going to test you with a tailor-made test that which you can bear with, so that there is hope that when you return to him in the akhira there is no punishment and you return only with the pleasure of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**.

## Khutbah - Earthquake

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But, in these events also my brothers and sisters there is bad news. There is news that we should take caution as we get closer to the hour, there will be an increase in sin, hence Ibn al - Qayyim رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ he says:

وَمِنْ تَأْتِيرِ مَعَاصِي اللَّهِ فِي الْأَرْضِ

‘From the direct effects of the sins on earth’

مَا يَحُلُّ بِهَا مِنَ الْخَسْفِ وَالزَّلَازِلِ ، وَيَمَحَقُ بَرَكَاتِهَا

‘An increase of eclipses. You will see an increase of earthquakes, because sin will fill up the earth and how barakah and blessings will be lifted from our lives.’

So Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى from his mercy to this ummah, sends these occurrences so that the slaves know that Allah تَعَالَى is there and He’s watching over them and for the believers to return to fear Him:

وَمَا نُرْسِلُ بِالْآيَاتِ إِلَّا تَخْوِيفًا ٥٩

“And We send not the signs except as a warning” al-Isra` (Children of Israel, The Israelites) 17:59

‘And we have not sent our signs except to warn them and to make them afraid of destruction’

Contemplate my brothers and sisters. The nation of Aaad they were removed by a fierce wind which lasted for over a week. The nation of Thamud were taken with an extreme shaking. These nations my brothers and sisters, used to carve out their homes for mountains. How big and strong they were but Allah سُبْحَانَهُ removed them as account of their sins, hence Ibn Taymiyyah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ reminds us and advises us:

والزلازل من الآيات

‘And these earthquakes are from the signs of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى

التي يخوف الله بها عباده،

‘Which Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى sends to his servants to remind them, so that they can increase in fear of Him Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى.’

Brothers and sisters, there is also bad news. In a hadith which is reported by al - Bukhari, the Messenger of Allah said:

لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ

‘The hour will not be established’

حَتَّى يُفْبَضَ الْعِلْمُ،

‘Until the knowledge is lifted’

وَتَكْثُرَ الزَّلَازِلُ

‘And earthquakes will increase’

This is because sins will increase as we get closer to the hour, hence ibn Hajar رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ says:

أَنَّ الْمُرَادَ بِكَثْرَتِهَا

‘What he meant here صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the earthquakes will increase’

شُمُولِهَا وَدَوَامِهَا

‘They will increase everywhere and they will become a constant feature in human life as they get closer to the hour’



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My brothers and sisters we live on this earth but we don't own it. We depend on it, but we don't control it.

Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** gives us ease and blessings, but Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** can take it away swiftly.

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Second khutbah

Not far from here, we had the people of Pompeii. These people were the people of shirk. They had a volcano living besides them but they didn't fear the volcano and they did not fear Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. These people were committing zina openly and they were following the actions of the people of Loot, until Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** took them with the earth shaking, the volcano erupted, the volcano erupted and molten rock and ash was pushed 15km into the sky. That ash then reigned upon them, hot ash and the day became night because of the cloud of ash, it blocked out the sun. 4 billion tons of rock fell upon them in 24 hours, added to the darkness, added to the heat, added to them being pelted. It began with lightning and thunder approximately 12k people were killed. It happened so fast, their ruins remain; you will see them dead in the position that death took them - a sign for their believers.

Then we have Ibn Asakir **رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ** mentioning an earthquake that happened in the third century [year 233h], it was such a terrible earthquake that happened in Dimishiq, Damascus, its tremors could be felt all the way to Ghouthah.

Ibn Katheer **رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ** talks about another earthquake which took place in the seventh year [654h], 7th Century after hijra there was an earthquake which happened so bad in hijaz, the flames, the flames could be seen all the way in Basrah.

Then we had the power of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** seen in the great fire of Medina. A fire which created an earthquake, which created a fire which then destroyed parts of Masjid an Nabawai **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**.

So what should be our response my brothers and sisters?

An earthquake took place in the time of Umar رضى الله عنه and this teaches our response. He [his son] says in a khutbah that Abdullah ibn Umar narrates that our father, Umar delivered at the response of an earthquake:

لَئِنْ عَادَتْ

‘If this earthquake happens again’

لَأَخْرُجَنَّ مِنْ بَيْنِ ظَهْرَانِيكُمْ

‘If it happens again, I will move away from amongst you people’

Therefore, our immediate response my brothers and sisters should be to account for our sins as a Muslim ummah, not just as one nation or one country it is wajib for every single one of us to return back to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى with tawbah and istighfar because the Muslim ummah is one body.

Also my brothers and sisters, another reaction is to increase in sadaqah. An earthquake took place in the time of Umar bin Abdul Aziz رَحِمَهُ اللهُ and he said رَحِمَهُ اللهُ:

إِنْ هَذِهِ الرَّجْفَةُ

‘These shaking about’

شَيْءٌ يُعَاتِبُ اللهُ بِهِ الْعِبَادَ

‘...is a rebuking from Allah **وَتَعَالَى** to some of his servants’

فَمَنْ اسْتَطَاعَ

‘Anyone who is able’

أَنْ يَتَصَدَّقَ فَيَفْعَلْ

‘Anyone who is able to give in sadaqah, then he should do so because Allah **وَتَعَالَى** says:

قد أفلح من تزكى

‘Successful are those who purify themselves’

Hence the Prophet ﷺ said in a hadith which is agreed upon:

مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُ لَا يَرْحَمُ

‘Whoever does not show mercy will not be shown mercy’

My brothers and sisters our Muslim ummah is in need in Turkey and in Syria. By giving in sadaqah, this is the correct approach, this will bring about the mercy of Allah ﷻ because Allah ﷻ loves those people who show mercy.

Another reaction to earthquakes my brothers and sisters is to refer and resort to the worship of Allah ﷻ as - salat, ad - dua and the dhikr of Allah ﷻ. Imam adh - Dhahabi said that, ‘there was once an earthquake which took place in the same region that has taken place today in Damascus, but imam adh - Dhahabi said, ‘that the earthquake lasted for three hours’. Constantly the earth was shaking for a period of three hours and he then explains that the reaction of those people:

وَهَرَبَ الْخُلُقُ إِلَى الْمَصَلَّى يَجَارُونَ إِلَى اللَّهِ

‘They run to the place of prayer, hastening to seek refuge in Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**’

My brothers and sisters, Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** has created the dunya stable for us to live on, but even she becomes weak and soft, so she shakes and she crumbles and if something so big can humble herself to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**, then realise Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** has sent these earthquakes to banu Adam either as a count of our sins or for us to return to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** in fright, or that Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** wants to test you. Either way, the reaction should be that we need to return back to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and it is a sign from Him that He wants us to change and get closer to Him.

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