

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, nothing in the dunya is permanent, even the most dependable things are feeble and under the command of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. On the authority of Abu Hurayrah رضي الله عنه, as reported by Bukhari and Muslim, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ he said:

لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ

“The Hour will not be established”

حَتَّى يُفْبِضَ الْعِلْمُ، وَتَكْثُرَ الزَّلَازِلُ

“The Hour will not be established until knowledge is seized and earthquakes increase”

Ibn Hajar al-Asqalani رحمه الله he explains:

أَنَّ الْمُرَادَ بِكَثْرَتِهَا

“What is meant here in the statement of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ where he says, “That earthquakes will increase”

شُمُولَهَا وَدَوَامَهَا

“The earthquakes will exist and they will increase everywhere and they will become constant as a feature in human life”

A sign my brothers and sisters of the anger of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. A sign my brothers and sisters of the power of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**. A sign that we are not close to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and we have forgotten Him. Ibn Qayyim رحمه الله he says:

وَقَدْ يَأْذُنُ اللَّهُ سُبْحَانَهُ لِلْأَرْضِ أَحْيَانًا بِالتَّنَفُّسِ

“Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**, the glorified allows for the earth sometimes to breathe. The earth breathes”

فَتَحَدَّثَتْ فِيهَا الزَّلَازِلُ الْعِظَامَ ،

“And a result, when the earth breathes, we see great earthquakes taking place”

فَيَخْذُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ لِعِبَادِهِ الْخَوْفُ وَالْخَشْيَةُ ،

“As a result in the aftermath, the servant of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** is filled with fear and submissiveness to Allah

سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى”

وَالْإِنَابَةَ

“And are returning back to Him in repentance”

وَالْإِقْلَاحَ عَنِ الْمَعَاصِي

“An abandonment of sins”

وَالْتَضَرُّعَ إِلَى اللَّهِ سُبْحَانَهُ ،

“And a humility towards Him, the glorified One”

وَالنَّدَمُ

“Earthquakes create remorse”

كَمَا قَالَ بَعْضُ السَّلَفِ كَمَا قَالَ بَعْضُ السَّلَفِ

“As some of the Salaf used to say when earthquakes used to take place, they used to remind one another”

إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ يَسْتَعْنِبُكُمْ

“Surely your Lord is admonishing you”

My brothers and sisters it may be hard to realise, but in all of this there is some good news as well. The good news comes in a report which has been collected by Abu Dawood رحمه الله and it has been made by saheeh by al Albani رحمه الله and the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ he said:

أُمَّتِي هَذِهِ أُمَّةٌ مَرْحُومَةٌ

“My Ummah, my nation, this one, is a Ummah that has mercy on it”

لَيْسَ عَلَيْهَا عَذَابٌ فِي الْآخِرَةِ

“It has no punishment in the akhirah”

عَذَابُهَا فِي الدُّنْيَا

“The punishment of my Ummah is in the dunya”, and then he gives us a list صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

الْفِتْنُ

“The trials and the tests that the Believers face”

وَالزَّلَازِلُ

“Earthquakes”

وَالْفُتُنُ

“This Ummah, will be killed. This Ummah will be fought, but this is good news for you”

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My brothers and sisters, this is the place where we are supposed to be tested and the tests are not over until we reach back to Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**.

But in these events as well my brothers and sisters, there is bad news. As we get closer to the Hour, there will be an increase of sin because as closer we get to the hellfire, as close as we get to the Day of Judgment, people are closing themselves to the hellfire. People are abandoning Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** will abandon them. Al Hakim رحمه الله narrates in his Musnad with a chain which is sahih, Anas bin Malik رضي الله عنه he said:

“I went to visit A’isha رضي الله عنها with a friend of mine and we asked A’isha, our mother رضي الله عنها, our mother A’isha رضي الله عنها, we were talking about earthquakes, can you give us some guidance? So our mother, A’isha رضي الله عنها she said:

فَإِذَا اسْتَحَلُّوا الزَّيْنَةَ وَشَرِبُوا الْخُمُورَ بَعْدَ هَذَا وَضَرَبُوا الْمَعَازِفَ

“When people think zina is okay and then after that they start drinking alcohol and then they beat the instruments in order to listen to music”

غَارَ اللَّهُ فِي سَمَائِهِ

“Allah from above them **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** becomes jealous because they are not obeying Him, but they are obeying something else instead”

فَقَالَ لِلأَرْضِ

So A'isha رضي الله عنها says that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى says to the earth:

تَرْتَلِّزِي بِهِمْ

“Shake with them on top of it, shake with them on top of it”

فَإِنْ تَابُوا وَنَزَعُوا

“If they repent and they leave it, then stop shaking”

وَإِلَّا هَدَمَهَا عَلَيْهِمْ

“Otherwise crumble with them on top of it”

So they asked Anas رضي الله عنه and his Companion:

“Are these earthquakes a punishment from Allah?”, she said رضي الله عنها :

رَحْمَةً وَبَرَكَاتٍ وَمَوْعِظَةً لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ،

“It’s a mercy. It’s a blessing and it’s a wake-up call for their Believers”

وَنكَالًا وَسَخْطَةً وَعَذَابًا لِلْكَافِرِينَ

“And it is a humiliation and an anger and a punishment for those who disbelieve”. Anas bin Malik Anas

رضي الله عنه he said:

“When I had these words from A’isha رضي الله عنها , I became so happy”

And the meaning of his statement here Anas, is that because he heard the same thing from the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ himself directly.

My brothers and sisters, these events remind the Believer. These events remind the Believer, that sins can be harmful, so harmful that the earth shakes out of fear of Allah سُجَّانَهُ وَتَعَالَى with what is being committed on top of it. Ka’ab al-Ahbar, one of the Tabi’een he said رحمه الله :

إِنَّمَا زُلْزِلَتِ الْأَرْضُ إِذَا عُمِلَ فِيهَا بِالْمَعَاصِي

“The earth shakes when sins are being committed on top of it”

فَنُرْعِدُ فَرَقًا مِّنَ الرَّبِّ جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ

“So it shakes and it spews out what’s underneath it, because of fear of what Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** and His anger”

أَنْ يَطَّلَعَ عَلَيْهَا

“It shakes and it spews out that which is beneath it and it crumbles that which is on top of it, fearing that Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** is going to be angered with the earth itself, so the earth shakes”

My brothers and sisters, we live on earth. We live in this dunya, but we don't own it. We depend on it, but we don't control it. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** gives us ease and His blessings can be found everywhere throughout it, but if He is disobeyed **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**, He will take. And when He takes, **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**, He takes swiftly and none, not even the pious are spared, and then each group will be resurrected according to how they were. Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** tells us in the Qur'an:



وَلِلَّهِ غَيْبُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ ۗ وَمَا اَمْرُ السَّاعَةِ اِلَّا كَلَمْحِ الْبَصَرِ اَوْ هُوَ اَقْرَبُ ۗ اِنَّ اِلٰهَ عَلٰى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ ۙۙ

“And to Allah belongs the unseen [aspects] of the heavens and the earth. And the command for the Hour is not but as a glance of the eye or even nearer. Indeed, Allah is over all things competent” an-Nahl (The Bee) 16:77

Second Khutbah

My brothers and sisters, in a hadith which is reported by Imam Ahmed رحمه الله in his Musnad and classed as saheeh by al - Albani رحمه الله, the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ told us about a sign of the Day of Judgment, he said:

لا تقوم الساعة

“The Hour will not be established”

حتى يُمطرَ النَّاسُ مُطْرًا

“Until it rains upon Mankind”

ولا تُكِنُّ منه إلا بيوت الشعير

“They will have houses made out of bricks, but that rain will wipe out those houses of bricks and then it will result in them having houses made out of animal hair”

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A hadith which is saheeh from the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ as an establishment of the Day of Judgment, the Ulema have explained, some of them have said:

“That as we get closer to the Hour, it will rain and it will flood and even bricked houses with concrete will not be able to cope with the anger of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and they will go back to living in tents.” Others from the Ulema have said:

“As we get closer to the Hour, sins will be everywhere and it will spread so much so that even the innocent people will be taken away”

Hudhayfah ibn al-Yaman رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ he said:

لَيُوشِكُنَّ أَنْ يُصَبَّ عَلَيْكُمُ الشَّرُّ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ حَتَّى يَبْلُغَ الْفَيَافِيَ

“I fear soon”, Hudhayfah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ says, “I fear soon, a punishment will be poured from above you from the sky, until it reaches everyone, even the people that are living in the suburbs”

My brothers and sisters, earthquakes, floods, winds, eclipses and whatever else Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has decreed, must remind the person of the power of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and the ability of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى over the creation. These signs can't make a person more blind than he already is and more deaf than he has already become, so what's the reaction of the Believer?

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Number one my brothers and sisters, it is wajib to respond to these events with tawbah and istigfaar. Umar رضي الله عنه, he said once after an earthquake took place:

فإن الله ذو قدرة غالبة،

“Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى surely is all able and powerful, which cannot be overcome”

وعز قاهر،

“His strength is compelling”

يعفو عن من يشاء، ويؤخذ من أراد،

“سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى He pardons whoever He wants and He takes whoever He wills”

The first reaction of the Believer is to return to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى with tawbah and istigfaar, but another reaction and a response that the Believer must have is to fulfil his wajibaats. These signs must remind a person that he is being short when it comes to the obligations that he has with Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and the creation and that he has fallen into what is haram and that he must stay away from them.

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Anas bin Malik رضي الله عنه, once there was a very strong wind so he says:

فَنُبَادِرُ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ مَخَافَةَ الْقِيَامَةِ

“Let us run to the Masjid fearing that this wind is the establishment of the Hour”

The response from the Companion when he saw something like this was to go back to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى to make sure that he is fulfilling his wajiibat. Also from the response that a Muslim must have when events like this take place is to increase in sadaqah, this is because Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى is merciful to those who show mercy. Once there was an earthquake and Umar bin Abdul Aziz رحمه الله he said:

فَمَنْ اسْتَطَاعَ أَنْ يَتَصَدَّقَ فَيُفْعَلْ

He gives a khutbah saying, “Whoever can increase and help out in giving sadaqah, then they must do so”

My brothers and sisters loss, is not the loss of life. Is not the destruction of cities, this is not a loss, because all of this belongs to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and it will return back to Him in one way or another. Loss and all loss my brothers and sisters is when a person has been warned, but he remains ardent against the warning.

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