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Encouraging to take account of the soul and preparing for what's after death

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As for what follows:

Indeed Allah the Most High did not create us in play and He did not leave us *sudaa* (i.e. without guidelines, obligations and prohibitions). As Allah says:

أَفَحَسِبْتُمْ أَنَّمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ عَبَثًا وَأَنَّكُمْ إِلَيْنَا لَا تُرْجَعُونَ

“Do you think that we only created you in play and you will indeed not return to Us”

فَتَعَالَى اللَّهُ الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْكَرِيمِ

So Exalted be Allah, the True King, none has the right to be worshipped but He, the Lord of the Supreme Throne!

And Allah says:

أَيَحْسَبُ الْإِنْسَانُ أَنْ يُتْرَكَ سُدًى

Does man think that he will be left Suda [neglected without being punished or rewarded for the obligatory duties enjoined by his Lord (Allah) on him]?

Rather Allah created us to single Him out with worship. As He the Most High says:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

"And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me"

And He sent to us the best of His Messengers, and revealed to us the best of His Books and He legislated for us the best of His legislations.

{فَمَنْ آمَنَ وَأَصْلَحَ فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ (48) وَالَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يَمَسُّهُمُ الْعَذَابُ بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْسُقُونَ (49)}

"So whosoever believes and does righteous good deeds, upon such shall come no fear, nor shall they grieve. But those who reject Our Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc. the torment will touch them for their disbelief"

This worldly life which we are living is the abode of tests and trials as Allah the Most High says:

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفُورُ

"The One Who created death and life to test you to see which of you are best in deed and He is the All-Mighty, the All-Forgiving"

Therefore the happy person is he who seizes this opportunity thereby worshipping Allah alone, denouncing shirk and its people. He fears his Lord in secret and open and does righteous actions (and) by which benefits him the day he meets his Lord. And the miserable person is he who is neglectful and lax in this life and is busy with the splendors of the world and its amusements. So one worships another god with Allah or innovates in the religion that which Allah has not permitted or he ruins himself with destructive sins or he wastes his life, insistent upon disobedience and wrong doing.

Servant of Allah, Indeed that which will aid the servant upon uprightness in this worldly life is that he continues taking account of himself and looking back to his actions as Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

"O you who believe, have taqwa of Allah and let each soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow and fear Allah, indeed Allah is All aware of what you do"

Therefore let us increase in taking ourselves to account by each of us inspecting our lives and actions alongside the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah, looking to see if he is upon what Allah is pleased with from at-tawheed and the sunnah and safety from shirk and innovation, looking to see is he one who has performed the obligations and abandoned the prohibitions? Is he from those who have taken their provisions of the sunan and recommended acts of worship and from those who have left those disliked and doubtful matters?

Servant of Allah, indeed the one at the point of death when he sees the hereafter he will not hope for anything from the worldly life and he will only hope for a little more time to do righteous actions. As Allah says:

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَ أَحَدَهُمُ الْمَوْتُ قَالَ رَبِّ ارْجِعُونِ (99) لَعَلِّي أَعْمَلُ صَالِحًا فِيمَا تَرَكْتُ كَلَّا إِنَّهَا كَلِمَةٌ هُوَ قَائِلُهَا وَمِنْ وَرَائِهِمْ بَرْزَخٌ إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ

“Until, when death comes to one of them, he says: "My Lord! Send me back, "So that I may do good in that which I have left behind!" No! It is but a word that he speaks, and behind them is Barzakh (a barrier) until the Day when they will be resurrected.”

And He says:

وَأَنْفِقُوا مِنْ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ أَحَدَكُمُ الْمَوْتُ فَيَقُولَ رَبِّ لَوْلَا أَخَّرْتَنِي إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ فَأَصَّدَّقَ وَأَكُنْ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ

“And spend (in charity) of that with which We have provided you, before death comes to one of you and he says: "My Lord! If only You would give me respite for a little while (i.e. return to the worldly life), then I should give Sadaqah (i.e. Zakat) of my wealth, and be among the righteous”

Yes, they will hope to return to the worldly life, but it is an unreachable far-off hope, and a request that will not be responded to in such a case. And here we are in this limited time which every neglectful one at the point of death hopes for. Therefore let us seize the opportunity before it goes away with the building of it with pure faith and righteous actions.

SECOND KHUTBAH

As to what follows:

Indeed this worldly life is the abode of action and no accountability during it and the hereafter is the abode of accountability and no action during it. So whoever takes himself to account in this

life and prepares for what comes after death with righteousness and piety; Allah will make his scale (of good deeds) heavy, place his book in his right (hand) and make his accounting easy for him. And whoever follows his soul's lust and hopes on Allah, He will make his scale light, his accounting difficult and he will take his book in his left hand from behind his back. I seek refuge with Allah from the accursed shaytan.

فَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوتِيَ كِتَابَهُ بِيَمِينِهِ

Then, as for him who will be given his Record in his right hand,

فَسَوْفَ يُحَاسَبُ حِسَابًا يَسِيرًا

He surely will receive an easy reckoning,

وَيَنْقَلِبُ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِ مَسْرُورًا

And will return to his family in joy!

وَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوتِيَ كِتَابَهُ وَرَاءَ ظَهْرِهِ

But whosoever is given his Record behind his back,

فَسَوْفَ يُدْعَىٰ تُدْعَاةً

He will invoke (his) destruction,

وَيَصَلَّىٰ سَعِيرًا

And shall enter a blazing Fire, and made to taste its burning.

إِنَّهُ كَانَ فِي أَهْلِهِ مَسْرُورًا

Verily, he was among his people in joy!

إِنَّهُ ظَنَّ أَنْ لَنْ يَحُورَ

Verily, he thought that he would never come back (to Us)!

بَلَىٰ إِنَّ رَبَّهُ كَانَ بِهِ بَصِيرًا

Yes! Verily, his Lord has been ever beholding him!

The shaykh concludes with dua

O Allah make us from those who take their books with their right (hands) and receive an easy accounting and return to his family in paradise happily.

O Allah do not make us from those who receive their books behind their backs and their accounting will be difficult and will supplicate for punish and destruction and will be made to enter and taste the punishment of a Blazing Fire, indeed You are All forgiving Most Merciful.

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