

First khutbah

My brothers and sisters, every generation had a Prophet and Messenger sent to them. Everytime they deviated, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى through His mercy sent another revelation, another Messenger, another Prophet:

فَأَرْسَلْنَا فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِنْهُمْ أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ أَفَلَا تَتَّقُونَ

"And We sent among them a messenger from themselves, [saying], "Worship Allah ; you have no deity other than Him; then will you not fear Him?" " al-Mu`minun (The Believers) 23:32

And now my brothers, Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has sent the best of them, Muḥammad ibn ‘Alī ibn ‘Abd Allāh صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with the best of books, but his coming my brothers is actually a sign that the end is near. The coming of Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is actually a sign that our chance to follow the Messengers have all been used up and this is our last attempt:

فَهَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا السَّاعَةَ

"Then do they await except that the Hour" Muhammad (Muhammad) 47:18

أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمْ بَغْتَةً

“...should come upon them unexpectedly?” Muhammad (Muhammad) 47:18

فَقَدْ جَاءَ أَشْرَاطُهَا

“But already there have come [some of] its indications” Muhammad (Muhammad) 47:18

Yet the signs of the hour have already come, the Ulema of tafsir said the sign here, refers to Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and that he has already come.

My brother there is no doubt, that there are many signs around us that the hour is near and one of the biggest of the minor signs of the Day of Judgement is ignorance will spread. The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said in a hadith which has been reported by Muslim:

لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ

“The hour will not be established”



حَتَّى لَا يُقَالَ فِي الْأَرْضِ : اللَّهُ اللَّهُ

"Until there will be left no one on earth to say Allah, Allah"

Ignorance will spread my brothers, until the name of Allah will not even be mentioned properly and this has already begin to happen today. Most people have no connection to the religion let alone learning it and because of ignorance, badness will fill the earth.

My brothers, we have an example of the effects of ignorance and we have just witnessed a whole month go by as if it was a day or part of a day. The passing of Ramadan so quickly, the passing of times so quickly is a sign that the hour is close my brothers.

In Sahih al Bukhari, the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has been reported to say:

لا تقوم الساعة حتى يتقارب الزمان

"The hour will not be established until until time begins to pass quickly"

A week will seem like a day and a day will seem like hours.



تقارب الزمان

“Time will pass quickly” and people haven’t achieved anything because time is passing so quickly and we’ve seen this with our own eyes and we felt this with our own souls. Time moves quicker than it did before my brothers and what have we actually achieved? The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

لا تقوم الساعة حتى يتقارب الزمان

“The hour is going to be established, when time passes by quickly and all of you will feel it”.

My brother’s, another sign of the hour is that people are going to get worse. Gentleness and goodness will leave humanity. In Sahih Muslim the authority Abdullah ibn Masood رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ ،

“The hour will not be established”

إِلَّا عَلَى شِرَارِ النَّاسِ

“except that it will be established upon the worst of people”

We have just heard brothers, that ignorance will spread. People will stop following the religion. Time will go by quickly and people will not achieve anything, this makes them the worst of people. These people will leave the religion and these people will not establish any kind of goodness and we have witnessed this in front of our own eyes.

My brothers none of this is fiction and none of this is far away. ere we have another hadith from the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ as collected by al Bazaar with a good chain of narration as classed by ibn Hajar رَحِمَهُ اللهُ. He said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

إِنَّهُ لَحَقٌّ،

“Surely these signs”, the establishment of the Day of Judgement, “all of it, surely” he said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, a man who does not lie, he said, “all of this is true”:

وَأَمَّا إِنَّهُ قَرِيبٌ، .

“And it is near”

فَكُلُّ مَا هُوَ آتٍ قَرِيبٌ

"And everything that is going to happen before the Day of Judgement, it is near"

So don't think yourself to be safe my brothers. He has warned us all صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that it's going to happen and it's going to happen quick and fast. And it's going to happen very close.

My brothers and sisters another sign and the description of the time that we live in and the times ahead is that people will become greedy; they won't be concerned about whether what they're doing right or what is wrong, they're just thinking about themselves. In Sahih al Bukhari, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ he said:

يَأْتِي عَلَى النَّاسِ زَمَانٌ

"There will come upon mankind a time, a generation"

لَا يُبَالِي الْمَرْءُ مَا أَخَذَ مِنْهُ أَمِنَ الْحَلَالِ أَمْ مِنَ الْحَرَامِ

"A man will not care that is he taking his wealth from what is halal or what is haram"

My brothers, isn't this happening today? People are more concerned about the paper that they find in their pockets in the dunya over a land where the currency is good deeds. People will start competing for the sake of the dunya and they will not care whether it is halal or haram.

Times my brothers, times will become confusing. The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, that “the hour will be established when everyone will be confused”. In a hadith reported by ibn Majah and classed as sahih by al Albani, he says صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

سَيَأْتِي عَلَى النَّاسِ

“There will come a time and a generation upon mankind”

سَنَوَاتٌ خَدَاعَاتُ

“Years and years of deception, trickery, lies”, then he explained how it'll be at that time صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

يُصَدَّقُ فِيهَا الْكَاذِبُ ، وَيُكذَّبُ فِيهَا الصَّادِقُ

“The liar will be believed and the truthful person will be deceived”

And these characteristics are going to spread all over the dunya as if we live in one village as we already exist in. We live in a time where information is shared within moments, with ease. It doesn't matter if you are rich, if you are poor, it doesn't matter what language you speak. Everything, everyone thinks the same and it's then easy for people to then become confused when it comes to their religion or, who is speaking the truth or who is lying in terms of their dunya until my brothers, until, let's listen to this next hadith. This is reported by Ahmad in his Musnad and has been classed as saheeh by Albani رَحِمَهُ اللهُ:

يُوشِكُ أَنْ يَغْلِبَ عَلَى الدُّنْيَا لُكْعُ بَنِي لُكْعٍ

“Soon, soon, most of the dunya will be full of people who are...”

لُكْعُ بَنِي لُكْعٍ

The Ulema have explained here, that this hadith means, that the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is saying, “soon the dunya will be full of people who are not intelligent”. “People who are not intelligent” “until” my brothers, “the dunya will be filled with people who are falling into this deception” سَنَوَاتُ خَدَاغَاتٍ as he said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

My brothers it's a dangerous mix when people who have no religion and then they are being exposed to fitnah and corruption, they're mixing their wealth with halal and haram and they are competing with one another - how is it going to be? How will mankind look like? Here we have a narration from Ibrahim bin Adham رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ one of our leaders from the Predecessors رَحِمَهُ اللهُ, he said, “people's hearts, will become like the hearts of wolves”, he said:

سيأتي على النَّاسِ زمان

“There will come upon mankind a time and a generation”

يُرى الناس في صورة أناس،

“humans will look like humans”

وقلوبهم قلوب الذئاب،

“but their hearts will be the hearts of wolves”

And then he now talks about the effects on society رَجِمَهُ اللهُ:

شائبهم شاطر،

“their younger generations will become sly”, because their hearts are like wolves, there's no connection to the religion, there is no concern about halal or haram, they have left of following what is beloved to Allah and the following of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ he said, “there will be a time when the young people will be sly”

وصيبيهم عارم،

“and the children will become powerful”

-وشيوخهم لا يأمر بالمعروف ولا ينهى عن المنكر،

“and the elders will not care anymore. The elders will not be respected anymore. The elders will not tell people to do good anymore and they will not advise against bad anymore”

-الفاسق فيهم عزيز،

“the sinful person amongst them will be honoured”

والمؤمن فيهم حقير

“the sinful person amongst them will be honoured” he’ll be elevated. He’ll be taken as a celebrity and the believer will be dishonoured. The believer will be dishonoured and ridiculed.

And then we have another hadith my brothers and this is worrying, reported by Muslim in his Sahih, that the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ told us how we’ll be towards the end of time. People will then start

competing for the dunya, actually fighting and killing, but not attaining the dunya that they are fighting and killing for. He says صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

تَقِيءُ الْأَرْضُ أَفْلاذَ كَبِدِهَا

“The Earth will spew out its pillars”

أَمْثَالُ الْأُسْطُوَانِ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ وَالْفِضَّةِ ،

“the earth you will see it before the establishment of the Hour, will be spewing out pillars of gold and silver.
The earth will open up and people will see the gold and the silver come out from underneath the earth”

So what will people do my brothers? He says صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

فَيَجِيءُ الْقَاتِلُ فَيَقُولُ فِي هَذَا قَتَلْتُ

“a person will come, and this person is a killer. This person is a criminal”, he said, “for this, I will kill”

وَيَجِيءُ الْفَاطِعُ ،

“And a person who doesn’t care about family ties, he breaks off family ties”, he will come and he will say:

فَيَقُولُ فِي هَذَا قَطَعْتُ رَحِمِي ،

“for this, I will leave my family and I will cut off my ties with my relatives, for gold and silver”

وَيَجِيءُ السَّارِقُ ،

“And a thief will come and he says, “for this, I don’t care if people call me a thief or if I get punished. I will take this gold and silver” but the thief will then say

فَيَقُولُ فِي هَذَا قُطِعَتْ يَدِي

“because of this, my hand was chopped”

ثُمَّ يَدْعُونَهُ فَلَا يَأْخُذُونَ مِنْهُ شَيْئًا

“All of them will gather around this gold and silver and none of them will walk away with any of it”. None of them will walk away with any of it.

My brothers in this hadith, he explains صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that people will start fighting and killing one another, even family members for gold and silver, but none of them will attain the dunya.

Why will the earth become so corrupt my brothers? It will become corrupt because tarbiyyah will become lost. Homes will be broken and the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ described that zina will spread. In Bukhari and Muslim, on the authority of Anas bin Malik رضي الله عنه, the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

إِنَّ مِنْ أَشْرَاطِ السَّاعَةِ:

“Surely from the signs of the Hour”

أَنْ يُرْفَعَ الْعِلْمُ،

“Knowledge will be lifted”

وَيُثَبِّتَ الْجَهْلُ،

"And ignorance will prevail"

وَيُشْرَبَ الْخَمْرُ،

"Intoxication will be everywhere"

وَيَظْهَرِ الزُّنَا

"And zina will be made apparent" if zina is made apparent, then illegal children will become apparent, homes will become broken, tarbiyyah will be lost and generations will fall away.

My brothers, these are just some of the darkneses that will cover mankind. Some of them are already probably here and some of us are probably living amongst them. All of this tells us my brothers that our days are numbered Allah tells us that, "the hour is only the blinking of an eye away":

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وَمَا أَمْرُ السَّاعَةِ إِلَّا كَلَمْحِ الْبَصَرِ أَوْ هُوَ أَقْرَبُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

“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, one of the scholars of tafsir, Imam al Alusi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ، he says that, “Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى gives us these signs”

أَدْعَى إِلَى الطَّاعَةِ

“calling us to His obedience”. From His mercy, is that He gives us these signs and if He wanted, He could establish the Hour and the punishment right away, but Imam al Alusi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ is saying, “Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى for the believers is merciful; He gives us a chance”.

أَدْعَى إِلَى الطَّاعَةِ

So Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى is calling us to His obedience. When you see these signs, recognize that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has guided you and He has not guided other people. And Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى through these signs is calling you to get closer to Him. Is calling you to make tawbah to Him.

وَأَنْزَجُرُ عَنِ الْمَعْصِيَةِ

“And that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى is calling you to leave off sins”

My brothers, the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, he said, he was asked by Zaynab bint Jash رضي الله عنها, she said to the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ about all of these signs:

أَنْهَلِكُ وَفِينَا الصَّالِحُونَ

“Will we be destroyed? And amongst us there are people who are still doing good. There are still people who are practising the religion of Allah”

He said صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

نَعَمْ

“Even the righteous people will be destroyed”

إِذَا كَثُرَ الْخَبِيثُ

“If filth becomes plentiful”

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My brothers, this teaches us, that you need to protect yourself by returning back to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. Even if the world is becoming corrupt, you need to protect yourself and go back to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. If those people who have been guided to Islam have been given guidance, took by Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى they fall as well, he is saying here صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, “even if there was goodness in you, you will also then be punished”.

So how can you protect yourself?

Purify yourself. Purify your intentions. Purify your internal. Increase in making worship to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى. Have tawheed of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and stay away from shirk. Have a closeness towards Him. Have obedience towards Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and His Messenger and make tawbah for all those times that you have slipped. Staying away from haram and returning back to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى, with tawbah.

The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said that, “every single year is going to get worse”. This is something that is going to repeat itself and it’s going to repeat itself in the worst possible manner. So it is upon us my brothers, to armour ourselves. Make your home a fortress. Put barakah in yourself. Have mercy in yourself on your soul and those people who are around you, with the remembrance of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى and to Him, obedience.

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