

First khutbah

Brothers and sisters, there is no moment in our lives except that we are being pushed forward to where we don't know. Some of us are digging our heels in the ground and others have embraced it and they are running forward with the pushing. One of the Salaf, Bilal ibn Sa'd, he said رَجِمَهُ اللَّهُ:

يَا أَهْلَ التَّقَى،

"Oh people of taqwa"

إِنَّكُمْ لَمْ تُخْلَقُوا لِلْفَنَاءِ،

"You have not been created to perish"

وَإِنَّمَا تُنْقَلُونَ مِنْ دَارٍ إِلَى دَارٍ،

"Surely you are being transferred from one land to another"

From the ribs, to the womb, you had no choice; you were pushed forward. Then from the womb to the dunya, you had no choice; you were pushed forward:

وَمِنَ الدُّنْيَا إِلَى الْقُبُورِ

“and then from the dunya to the grave”

again pushed forward. Plucked away without any choice:

وَمِنَ الْقُبُورِ إِلَى الْمَوْقِفِ،

“And then again from the grave to the place of standing” pushed forward:

وَمِنَ الْمَوْقِفِ إِلَى الْخُلُودِ فِي جَنَّةٍ أَوْ نَارٍ.

“And then from the day of standing, you’ll be transported [without any will of your own. Without any choice] either to Jannah or to the fire”

My brothers and sisters when the moment comes, we too will be moved; every single one of us without any notification or choice. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى describes it, the end of man in surah al - Qiyamah:

كَلَّا إِذَا بَلَغَتِ التَّرَاقِيَ

“No! When the soul has reached the collar bone” al-Qiyamah (The Rising of the Dead, Resurrection) 75:26

When the soul reaches the throat your gaze will follow your soul.

وَقِيلَ مَنْ رَاقٍ

And it is said, “Who will cure [him]?” al-Qiyamah (The Rising of the Dead, Resurrection)

75:27

And people around you will begin to panic: ‘who can save him!’, ‘who can do ruqya!’, the ambulance will arrive, the paramedics will work and they will try frantically to save you:

وَوَظَنَّ أَنَّهٗ الْفِرَاقُ

“And the dying one is certain that it is the [time of] separation” al-Qiyamah (The Rising of the Dead, Resurrection) 75:28

Until the doctors and the paramedics and everyone around you will begin to give up they will eventually realise that they have tried their best to save you but to no avail:

وَالْتَفَتِ السَّاقُ بِالسَّاقِ

“And the leg is wound about the leg” al-Qiyamah (The Rising of the Dead, Resurrection)

75:29

They will then close your eyes, they will join your legs together and they will try to stop your jaw from dropping:

إِلَى رَبِّكَ يَوْمَئِذٍ الْمَسَاقُ

“To your Lord, that Day, will be the procession” al-Qiyamah (The Rising of the Dead,

Resurrection) 75:30

Because your journey, you're pushing forward, your return back to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has already begun.

My brother and sisters then you'll be washed, then you will be shrouded, then you will be placed in your grave. The conclusion of your life can be found in three short lines in the book of Allah. The conclusion of your life can be found in three short lines in the book of Allah:

مِنْ نُّطْفَةٍ خَلَقَهُ فَقَدَرَهُ ۙ ١٩

“From a sperm-drop He created him and destined for him” `Abasa (He Frowned) 80:19

ثُمَّ أَسَّيَلْنَا لَهُ يَسْرَهُ ۙ ٢٠

“Then He eased the way for him” `Abasa (He Frowned) 80:20

ثُمَّ أَمَاتَهُ فَأَقْبَرَهُ ۙ ٢١

“Then He causes his death and provides a grave for him” `Abasa (He Frowned) 80:21

Ten words, three lines, the shortness of this speech from our Lord سُبْحَانَهُ dictates the shortness of our existence, that's because we were created to be buried within it and not to live on top of it.

Then the graveyards my brothers and sisters, the graveyards are silent but by Allah they are alive and in contrast to the face of this earth, full of human population and jinn growing, but by Allah most of them are already dead, so when the people of the dunya visit the graveyard to bury you, conversations will be struck with one another but not about Allah and the last day. Not about how you can reflect and prepare yourself to your return, but they will start talking to one another about the traffic; how was your journey to the graveyard, not beyond the graveyard, to the graveyard; what's the weather like; how's business? As if al - Jabbar سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى hasn't said these following words:

أَقْتَرَبَ لِلنَّاسِ حِسَابُهُمْ وَهُمْ فِي غَفْلَةٍ مُّعْرِضُونَ

“[The time of] their account has approached for the people, while they are in heedlessness turning away” al-Anbiya` (The Prophets) 21:1

Mankind are refusing in their negligence as if our beloved صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم hasn't warned us already before he passed. In a hadith which has been made hasan by al - Albani رَجَمَهُ اللَّهُ, he said صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم :

أَشْرَاطُ السَّاعَةِ

"Surely from the signs of the hour being close"

مَوْتِ الْفَجَاءَةِ

“People will die all of a sudden”

Sudden death. No explanation. This will increase.

My brother and sister's death is too sensitive for most people to talk about, let alone see, but all of us are being pushed forward and take from this as you wish:

إِلَهُكُمْ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ ۚ فَالَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ قُلُوبُهُمْ مُنْكَرَةٌ وَهُمْ مُسْتَكْبِرُونَ ۚ ۲۲

“Your god is one God. But those who do not believe in the Hereafter - their hearts are disapproving, and they are arrogant” an-Nahl (The Bee) 16:22

لَا جَزْمَ أَنْ اللّٰهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا يُسْرُونَ وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْتَكْبِرِينَ ۚ ۲۳

“Assuredly, Allah knows what they conceal and what they declare. Indeed, He does not like the arrogant” an-Nahl (The Bee) 16:23

Second khutbah

My brothers and sisters, once you are gone and your body has been covered in dust, it could be that we don't see each other once again. It could be that once you are buried, you don't see one another ever again, that's because my brothers and sisters, relationships in the dunya are different to relationships in the akhira. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى tells us and warns us:

فَإِذَا نُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ فَلَا أَنْسَابَ بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ وَلَا يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ١٠١

“So when the Horn is blown, no relationship will there be among them that Day, nor will they ask about one another” al-Mu`minun (The Believers) 23:101

And when the Day of Judgement commences, the trumpet is blown, on that Day there is no lineage anymore and they will not even ask about one another anymore except those Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى has mercy on. Some of them:

وَأَقْبَلِ بَعْضُهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ٢٥

“And they will approach one another, inquiring of each other” at-Tur (The Mount, The Mountain) 52:25

They will be with one another and asking about one another and they will be happy and they will rejoice. As for those who believed and did good deeds, they will be in gardens; they will be in a state of happiness and pleasure:

فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَهُمْ فِي رَوْضَةٍ يُحْبَرُونَ ۝ ١٥

"And as for those who had believed and done righteous deeds, they will be in a garden [of Paradise], delighted" ar-Rum (The Romans, The Byzantines) 30:15

It could be my brother and sisters that the next time we see one another, it could be that when you see a loved one or a friend, it could be that Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى shows you that person after you have buried them, only to show you the punishment of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى upon them. The misery of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى upon them. Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى tells us that some people will look into their hellfire from Jannah:

فَأَطَّلَعَ فَرَءَاهُ فِي سَوَاءِ الْجَحِيمِ ۝ ٥٥

"And he will look and see him in the midst of the Hellfire" as-Saffat (Those Who Set The Ranks, Drawn up in Ranks, The Rangers) 37:55

They will see a loved one in the midst of the hellfire.

It could be my brother and sisters that when you are buried deep in the dunya, the last time anyone has ever seen that person and has heard from him, when he is buried, no one will see him again:

يُعْرَفُ الْمُجْرِمُونَ بِسِيمَاهُمْ فَيُؤْخَذُ بِالنَّوَصِي وَالْأَقْدَامِ ۝ ١

"The criminals will be known by their marks, and they will be seized by the forelocks and the feet" ar-Rahman (The Beneficent, The Mercy Giving, The Merciful) 55:41

On that day the Mujrimoon, the criminals, they will be mocked, they will be picked and they will be thrown into the hellfire, never to be heard of or seen again.

My brother and sisters we come into this dunya with our fists clenched, crying, dependent upon our mothers and our parents, worried because the dunya seemed so big in the beginning, but in the end, we all leave with our palms empty. With our palms laid flat, taking nothing with us except for the deeds that we have earned for ourselves.

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