

### الخطبة الأولى: دقيقة الموت

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْوَلِيِّ الْحَمِيدِ؛ يَفْعَلُ مَا يَشَاءُ، وَيَحْكُمُ مَا يُرِيدُ، لَهُ الْحِكْمَةُ الْبَاهِرَةُ فِي شَرْعِهِ، وَلَهُ الْحُجَّةُ الْبَالِغَةُ فِي حُكْمِهِ، وَهُوَ الْقَادِرُ عَلَى خَلْقِهِ، الْقَاهِرُ فَوْقَ عِبَادِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ؛ أَعْلَمُ الْخَلْقَ بِاللَّهِ تَعَالَى، وَأَتَقَاهُمْ لَهُ، وَأَشَدَّهُمْ خَوْفًا مِنْهُ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّمْ وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَاتَّبَاعِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. **أَمَّا بَعْدُ:**

فأوصيكم ونفسي ... *Brothers and Sisters in Islam... Did you know that ... our lives can change in less than one minute -- less than 60 seconds??*

Did you know

It only took 45 seconds for a wife to be widowed, it only took 45 seconds for a family living in a beautiful home to become homeless, it only took 45 seconds for business owners to now become unemployed, it only took 45 seconds for children to now become orphans, it only took 45 seconds for a husband and father to lose his entire family, it only took 45 seconds for a building that took 10 years to build to be demolished...these are some of the devastating results of earthquakes my dear brothers and sisters.....

Earthquakes are one of the most powerful and devastating forces and junood of Allah the most high. When an earthquake occurs, we see that the destruction it causes is far more destructive than anything else we have witnessed.

Unfortunately, earthquakes have been in the news more frequently in recent weeks—with tragic events occurring in Turkey and Syria not only on Feb. 6 (the area's "worst earthquake in modern history"), but again in Turkey, earlier this week.

The number of earthquakes will increase as time goes by, this is what our Prophet Muhammad informed us about over 1400 years ago. This is also proven by scientists who have invented new seismic instruments that are able to record these earthquake? The United States Geological Survey says...In the past 40-50 years, our records show that we have exceeded the long-term average number of major earthquakes about a dozen times." As time goes by people will discover more and more that what Allah told us and what the Prophet Muhammad told us over a thousand years ago is haqq...and these things should be no surprise for the Muslim, rather they should act as reminders that we are coming close to the end times..

Abu Hurairah narrates that the Prophet Muhammad said:

(لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ حَتَّى يُقْبِضَ الْعِلْمُ، وَتَكْثُرَ الزَّلَازِلُ، وَيَتَقَارَبَ الزَّمَانُ، وَتَظْهَرَ الْفِتْنُ، وَيَكْثُرَ الْهَرَجُ، وَهُوَ الْقَتْلُ الْقَتْلُ.. "خ.م

"The final hour will not be established until knowledge is taken away, earthquakes become frequent, time becomes shorter, trials and tribulations appear, killing becomes rampant."

Servants of Allah, from the greatest blessings that Allah bestowed upon us is this earth that we live upon. Upon it and within it we find our sustenance, livelihood, fruits, vegetables, roads to travel upon, mountains to climb, lakes and rivers to swim in, it is indeed a blessing to be able to live on this earth that is normally peaceful and tranquil. Allah tells us in the Quran:

(وَالْأَرْضَ وَضَعَهَا لِلْأَنْعَامِ فِيهَا فَاكِهَةٌ وَالنَّخْلُ ذَاتُ الْأَكْمَامِ وَالْحَبُّ ذُو الْعَصْفِ وَالرَّيْحَانُ فَبِأَيِّ آيَةٍ رَبِّكُمْ تَكْذِبَانِ)

"The earth was created for the creatures, upon it is fruits of all types, date palm trees, grains with husks and aromatic plants. Then which of your Lords favors will you deny"?

Allah made the earth easy to travel upon, through its different paths, through the mountains, valleys and plains. From Allah's wisdom is that He made the mountains as pegs to keep the earth firm and stable, to prevent it from constantly and frequently shaking; because if it did constantly shake people would always be afraid and frightened. Pondering and reflecting over these things should help us realize Allah's great abilities to create such a precise and accurate universe and earth for his servants to live upon. Allah tells us:

(وَالْأَرْضَ مَدَدْنَاهَا وَأَلْقَيْنَا فِيهَا رَوَاسِيَ وَأَنْبَتْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مَوْزُونٍ) .

As for the earth, We spread it out and placed upon it firm mountains, and caused everything to grow there in perfect balance.

Servants of Allah, over the past couple of weeks some of our brothers and sisters in Syria and Turkey were sleeping peacefully in the warmth of their homes, under their warm blankets, eating dinner or breakfast, in the peace and tranquility of their homes. When all of a sudden the ground and walls started shaking, their bed frames were cracking, the ceiling fans were swinging and the lights were

nickering on and off. People were screaming, yelling and crying and were frightened like they've never been frightened before.

They were calling anyone they could to come and help them, their hearts were trembling, their houses were falling apart, the roofs and ceilings were collapsing upon them, the streets were splitting in half, everything that was on top of the earth was swallowed inside, there were some people that were yelling while others could not be heard...

Remember that man who was walking home to his house, and on his way his home was turned into a grave for his wife and children?

What about the father who could hear his son underneath the rubble screaming, but he couldn't do anything to save him, except to remind him to say la ilaha illa Allah.

Did you see that mother who gave her daughter her final hug and kiss, and both of their lives were taken together?

What about that young girl who was protecting her younger brother while underneath the building that had fallen upon them.

Did you cry for that newborn infant that was born while his mother was underneath the rubble.

The devastating earthquakes that took place in Syria and Turkey over the past couple of weeks brothers and sisters, was as if it was a brief/small reminder to the believers to get prepared, repent to Allah, and return back to our deen of Islam. It was as if Allah is showing us a brief, introductory episode as to what will occur of the last day, as Allah tells us:

(يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ إِنَّ زَلْزَلَةَ السَّاعَةِ شَيْءٌ عَظِيمٌ يَوْمَ تَرَوُنَّهَا تُدْهِلُ كُلُّ مَرْضِعَةٍ عَمَّا أَرْضَعَتْ وَتَضَعُ كُلُّ ذَاتِ حَمْلٍ حَمْلَهَا)

O humanity! Fear your Lord, for the 'violent' quaking at the Hour is surely a dreadful thing The Day you see it, every nursing mother will abandon what she is nursing, and every pregnant woman will deliver her burden 'prematurely'.

Servants of Allah. How often have we reflected over how weak and incapable we are as human beings in comparison to the abilities and power of Allah the Almighty? Has it ever occurred to you that the same water that Allah makes easily accessible for us to drink, that if He wanted He could have made all the water to be salty, or all the water so deep in the earth that we could never reach it. Or if Allah wanted He could make it rain for days, weeks and months and cause flooding and much death and devastation upon the earth. Has it ever occurred to you that the same sun that Allah causes to shine upon our area of the earth about 12 hours a day, that give the plants just enough nourishment they need to survive, gives animals and humans just enough time to see to seek their provisions.... That if Allah wanted he could cause the sun to shine 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 30 days a month, 360 days a year? That would cause forest fires, droughts, dry up all the water, cause all the vegetation to shrivel up and wither away, make it difficult for animals and humans to sleep and seek rest...indeed pondering over these things helps us realize the endless blessings that we live in and we don't even realize them or recognize them.

Have we ever thought and pondered over the blessing of the earth as a peaceful place of living, not constantly shaking, exploding, swallowing up everything on its surface? Allah tells us:

(أَمَّنْ جَعَلَ الْأَرْضَ قَرَارًا وَجَعَلَ خِلَالَهَا أَنْهَارًا وَجَعَلَ لَهَا رَوَاسِي وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ حَاجِزًا أَعْلَىٰ مَعَ اللَّهِ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ).

Or 'ask them,' "Who made the earth a place of settlement, caused rivers to flow through it, placed firm mountains upon it, and set a barrier between 'fresh and salt' bodies of water? Was it another god besides Allah?" Absolutely not! But most of them do not know.

Servants of Allah, the earthquakes are devastating and sad. However, the Muslim, the believer should take a lesson, admonishment and reminder from occurrences such as these to hasten in repenting to Allah, becoming steadfast in your deen, praying on time, paying your zakat and abandoning sinning and disobeying Allah....These frequent earthquakes are all signs that the

And times of this dunya are very close, as the Prophet Muhammad said:

(بَيْنَ يَدَيِ السَّاعَةِ مُوتَانٌ شَدِيدٌ، وَبَعْدَهُ سَنَوَاتُ الزَّلَازِلِ ) ابْنُ حَبَانَ وَغَيْرُهُ .

“The final hour will come when many people will die and it will be followed by many years of earthquakes.”

May Allah enable us to recognize our weaknesses and deficiencies, and make quick repentance, and know and understand that Allah is in control of all things and He makes all things occur in the creation with His Wisdom and Knowledge even if we don't understand it.

### Second khutbah

Brothers and sisters in Islam, within the occurrences of earthquakes and other natural disasters are many wisdoms and lessons that only the believing hearts will understand. From these wisdoms and lessons:

1. A reminder of the one-ness and uniqueness of Allah the Most High, His power and might that no-one or nothing in the creation can overpower or compare with. He carries out His will and wishes however He wants, whenever He wants, wherever He wants, no one or nothing can stop Him, *for reasons that only He alone knows...*

2. To frighten human beings and remind them, so that they take account of themselves and their deeds, so that they repent to their Lord, and abandon and avoid doing the things that displease Him and make Him angry, as Allah tells us:

حَاسِبُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ قَبْلَ أَنْ تَحَاسِبُوا  
(وَمَا نُرْسِلُ بِالآيَاتِ إِلَّا تَخْوِيفًا)

“And we don't send signs/verses except to frighten them”

*The scholars say*  
قَالَ شَيْخُ الْإِسْلَامِ ابْنُ تَيْمِيَّةَ «وَالزَّلَازِلُ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ الَّتِي يُخَوِّفُ اللَّهُ بِهَا عِبَادَهُ، كَمَا يُخَوِّفُهُمْ بِالْكَسُوفِ وَغَيْرِهِ»

Sheikhul Islam ibn Taymiyyah said: Earthquakes are from the signs that Allah uses to scare his servants, just like solar and lunan eclipse as well as other natural disasters.

Also from the lessons and wisdoms of such occurrences:

3. Clarifying the bad results of sins and disobedience and their negative effects upon individuals, families and communities. For this reason it is important for the Muslim to protect him/herself with true, sincere and strong Iman and good righteous deeds. These are the two things that lead to goodness and blessings, as well as peace and good health.

The prophet Muhammad told us that towards the end of time these things are going to occur:

قَالَ ﷺ: «يَكُونُ فِي آخِرِ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ خَسْفٌ وَمَسْحٌ وَقَذْفٌ، قَالَتْ: قُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، أَنَهْلِكُ وَفِينَا الصَّالِحُونَ؟ قَالَ: نَعَمْ إِذَا ظَهَرَ الْخَبِيثُ» الترمذي

In the end times of this Ummah the earth will collapse (fall in), and 'change its form and Qadhf (rocks falling from the sky).'" She said: "I said: 'O Messenger of Allah! Will they be destroyed while they are righteous among them?' He said: 'Yes, when evil is dominant

When our ummah starts openly committing sins, and not being ashamed of disobeying Allah in public or in private, then Allah will punish us with some of the things that he punished the previous nations with. Allah will do so as a reprimand and reminder to the ummah about the rights of their lord upon them.

And so

It could be that perhaps these earthquakes are a worldly punishment for the Muslims, an expiation of their sins and acts of disobedience of Allah, and a means of purification and mercy for the Muslims, as the Prophet Muhammad ~~said~~ pointed out when he said

«أُمَّتِي هَذِهِ أُمَّةٌ مَرْحُومَةٌ، لَيْسَ عَلَيْهَا عَذَابٌ فِي الْآخِرَةِ، عَذَابُهَا فِي الدُّنْيَا الْفِتْنُ، وَالزَّلَازِلُ، وَالْقَتْلُ» أبو داود

"My ummah is an ummah that mercy is shown to. Those from this ummah (the true followers) will have no punishment in the hereafter, but their punishment (for their sins) will be in this world with trials, earthquakes and their lives being taken." meaning that---

If they are going to be punished in the Hereafter for some sins that they didn't repent from, then their punishment in the Hereafter will not be as harsh if they died from these things mentioned in this hadith.

in this dunya

Dying from earthquakes, or wars, or being murdered or killed <sup>would</sup> act as a complete expiation <sup>or partial expiation</sup> for those sins, and/or decrease one's punishment for those sins in the Hereafter. From the mercy of Allah is punishing us for our sins by experiencing trials, loss of wealth, health, life, and difficulties in this world so that we don't have to experience them in the Hereafter. <sup>This is how mercy has been shown to the believers, contrary to those who will be punished in this world and eternally in the Hereafter.</sup>

Also Those who die from earthquakes are considered to be from amongst the martyrs, as the Prophet Muhammad told us:

«الشُّهَدَاءُ خَمْسَةٌ: الْمَطْعُونُ وَالْمَبْطُونُ وَالْغَرِقُ وَصَاحِبُ الْهَدْمِ وَالشَّهِيدُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ» متفق الله .

Five Muslims if they die are considered as martyrs: those who die from a plague, those who die from a stomach disease, those who drown or a build falls on them, the those fighting in Allah's cause.

May Allah accept our brothers and sisters who passed away in the earthquake last week in Turkey and Syria from amongst the martyrs.

Also from the wisdoms and lessons that we should learn from such incidents:

4. Take the necessary and obligatory means to save yourselves and your families from all types of fitan with obedience to Allah, establishing his tawheed, taking account of oneself, rectifying one's creed, actions of worship, statements, and beliefs, and increasing in giving charity.

From these means <sup>to save and protect ourselves and our families</sup> is to never neglect the remembrance of Allah in the morning and the evening, especially since some of these adthkaar have mentioned specifically that they are a means of protection from being victim to earthquakes and the likes of them:

فَعَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو قَالَ: لَمْ يَكُنْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَدْعُ هَوْلَاءِ الدَّعَوَاتِ حِينَ يُمَسِّي، وَحِينَ يُصْبِحُ: «اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَافِيَةَ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي دِينِي وَدُنْيَايَ وَأَهْلِي وَمَالِي، اللَّهُمَّ اسْتُرْ عَوْرَاتِي وَآمِنْ رَوْعَاتِي، اللَّهُمَّ احْفَظْنِي مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْ وَمِنْ خَلْفِي وَعَنْ يَمِينِي وَعَنْ شِمَالِي وَمِنْ فَوْقِي، وَأَعُوذُ بِعَظَمَتِكَ أَنْ أُغْتَالَ مِنْ تَحْتِي» أحمد وغيره .

O Allah, I seek Your forgiveness and Your protection in this world .and the next

O Allah, I seek Your forgiveness and Your protection in my religion, .in my worldly affairs, in my family and in my wealth

O Allah, conceal my secrets and preserve me from anguish  
 O Allah, guard me from what is in front of me and behind me  
 from my left, and from my right, and from above me  
 I seek refuge in Your Greatness from being struck down from  
 beneath me.

And finally, from the wisdoms and lessons that can be found in  
 these earthquakes that have been occurring, is reminding us about  
 the major earthquake that will occur on the last day of this dunya, as  
 Allah says; *when people will be extremely frightened and scared --*

(يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ إِنَّ زَلْزَلَةَ السَّاعَةِ شَيْءٌ عَظِيمٌ يَوْمَ تَرَوُنَّهَا تُذْهِلُ كُلَّ مَرْضِعَةٍ عَمَّا أَرْضَعَتْ  
 وَتَضَعُ كُلُّ ذَاتِ حَمْلٍ حَمْلَهَا وَتَرَى النَّاسَ سُكَارَىٰ وَمَا هُمْ بِسُكَارَىٰ وَلَٰكِنَّ عَذَابَ اللَّهِ شَدِيدٌ)

O humanity! Fear your Lord, for the 'violent' quaking at the Hour is  
 surely a dreadful thing. The Day you see it, every nursing mother  
 will abandon what she is nursing, and every pregnant woman will  
 deliver her burden 'prematurely'. And you will see people 'as if they  
 are' drunk, though they will not be drunk; but the torment of Allah  
 is 'terribly' severe.

How many of us say the news footage of people running and  
 walking in the streets, wandering, looking around as if they were  
 intoxicated, lost, didn't know where to go to what to do??? Nowhere  
 to run, nowhere to hide, no-one to call, no-one to help, no device, or  
 machine to stop the earthquake, no one except the lord of the  
 universe-Allah....how weak and deficient we are as human  
 beings...and how strong, mighty and powerful Allah is....

We saw how frightened our brothers and sisters *may Allah help them and remove their worries* were when the  
 earthquake occurred, their houses were destroyed, their building  
 collapsed while their families and children were trapped inside. This  
 was only a small episode of how the major earthquake will be and  
 how people will react on that last day of the dunya, as Allah tells us:

(إِذَا زُلْزِلَتِ الْأَرْضُ زِلْزَالَهَا وَأُخْرِجَتِ الْأَرْضُ أَثْقَالَهَا وَقَالَ الْإِنْسَانُ مَا لَهَا يَوْمَئِذٍ تُحَدِّثُ أَخْبَارَهَا بَأْسَ رَبِّكَ  
 أَوْحَىٰ لَهَا ...)

When the earth is shaken in its ultimate quaking, and when the earth  
 throws out all of its contents, and humanity cries out: what is wrong



With the earth, on that day the earth will recount and narrate everything that occurred upon it. Having been inspired by Allah to do so...

Allah the almighty is able to destroy and take the lives of all human beings even when they are in their fortresses, castles, bunkers and houses; even when they take all the precautions and protections money can buy, all of these things cannot protect them from Allah the almighty and powerful. The punishment of Allah can descend upon us at the blink of an eye, unexpectedly, no one will be able to prevent it, nor will any warning alarm be able to stop it, and everything in this dunya will come to an end... All of the luxuries of this dunya that human beings gathered up for decades will all be demolished, and the most beloved people to them will no longer be with them anymore.

It is obligatory upon us as Muslims to repent to Allah, tread upon His straight path, while abandoning all things that Allah has prohibited from Shirk, bidah, sins and disobedience. So that we can observe and witness pardon, health, success and prosperity in this world and the next far from all types of evil. So that Allah will remove from us all types of evil, trials and tribulations. As Allah says:

(وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَىٰ آمَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم بَرَكَاتٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَٰكِن كَذَّبُوا فَأَخَذْنَاهُم بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ)

Had the people of those societies been faithful and mindful of Allah, We would have overwhelmed them with blessings from heaven and earth. But they disbelieved, so We seized them for what they used to commit

قال ابن القيم " وَقَدْ يَأْتِي سُبْحَانَهُ لِلْأَرْضِ فِي بَعْضِ الْأَحْيَانِ بِالتَّنْفُسِ فَتَحْدُثُ فِيهَا الزَّلَازِلُ الْعَظِيمُ، فَيَحْدُثُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ لِعِبَادِهِ الْخَوْفُ وَالْخَشْيَةُ، وَالْإِنَابَةُ وَالْإِقْلَاعُ عَنِ الْمَعَاصِي وَالتَّضَرُّعُ إِلَى اللَّهِ سُبْحَانَهُ، وَالتَّوْبَةُ، كَمَا قَالَ بَعْضُ السَّلَفِ وَقَدْ زَلَزَلَتِ الْأَرْضُ: إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ يَسْتَعْتِبُكُمْ، وَقَالَ عُمَرُ بْنُ الْخَطَّابِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ وَقَدْ زَلَزَلَتِ الْمَدِينَةَ، فَخَطَبَهُمْ وَوَعَّظَهُمْ، وَقَالَ: لَنْ عَادَتْ لَا أَسَاكِنَكُمْ فِيهَا"

Ibnul Qayyim Al Jawziyyah said: Perhaps Allah may choose to let the earth breathe sometimes and this is when major earthquakes occur. This causes many of Allah's servants to become afraid, startled, and frightened which leads them to repent and abandon sins and disobedience. And leads them to return back to Allah through

supplication and regretting their past evil deeds. As some of the righteous predecessors used to say: if an earthquake occurred, it is Allah commanding the people to make tawbah. Umar ibn Al Khattab said: An earthquake occurred in Al Madinah, so Umar admonished them and reminded them and said: If the earthquake occurs again here, I won't reside in this city."

He said this because he understood that if an earthquake occurs in an area then those people are engaging in sin and need to reflect.  
 In conclusion brothers and sisters, the Muslims across the world are as if they are one body, if one limb is sick or injured the rest of the body suffers with sickness and restlessness. Make dua and supplication for your brothers and sisters in Turkey and Syria, in your prayers, ask Allah to help them, aid them, guide them, assist them in any way that you can, financially, clothing, humanitarian aid, anything and everything that you can do.

اللهم أعز الإسلام و المسلمين، و وحد صفوفهم في كل مكان على التوحيد و السنة و صلوا على معلمكم الخير كما أمرنا الله بذلك: إن الله و ملائكته يصلون على النبي.....