

الخطبة الأولى: دقيقة الموت

أَلْحَمْدُ 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؛ أَعْلَمَ الْخَلْقَ بِاللَّهِ تَعَالَى، وَأَنْقَاهُمْ لَهُ، وَأَشَدَّهُمْ خَوْفًا مِنْهُ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّمْ وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَاتَّبَاعِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. **أَمَّا بَعْدُ: فَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي ...**

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله ﷺ (لا تقوم الساعة حتى يقبض العلم، وتكثر الزلازل، ويتقارب الزمان، وتظهر الفتن، ويكثر الهرج، وهو القتل القتل.. "خ.م

Abu Hurairah narrates that the Prophet Muhammad said: "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, that is filled with different creatures and different types of food for us to live off of, as Allah says:

(وَالْأَرْضَ وَضَعَهَا لِلْأَنَامِ فِيهَا فَاكِهَةٌ وَالنَّخْلُ ذَاتُ الْأَكْمَامِ وَالْحَبُّ ذُو الْعَصْفِ وَالرَّيْحَانُ فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ)

"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. He made the mountains as pegs to keep the earth firm and stable. All of these things are proofs of Allah's great abilities to create and create with such precision and accuracy. Allah tells us:

(وَالْأَرْضَ مَدَدْنَاهَا وَأَلْفَيْنَا 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, just a few days ago some of our brothers and sisters were sleeping peacefully in the warmth of their homes, on a cold winter night, under their warm blankets, peaceful, quiet and tranquil. Suddenly the ground started shaking, their warm beds were trembling, the ceiling fans were swinging and the lights were flickering on and off. Now people started to scream, yell, cry and were frightened like they've never been frightened before. They

were making phone calls, 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, indeed it is the last moment of death that comes unexpectedly.

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 a sad and devastating situation for our bros and sisters. 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 earthquakes that took place in Syria and Turkey this past week brothers and sisters, was as if it was a brief/small reminder to what will occur of the last day, as Allah tells us:

(يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ إِنَّ زَلْزَلَةَ السَّاعَةِ شَيْءٌ عَظِيمٌ يَوْمَ تَرَوْنَهَا تَذْهَلُ كُلُّ مُرْضِعَةٍ 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'.

Have we even reflected over how weak and incapable human beings are in comparison to the abilities and power of Allah the Almighty? 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 رَوَاسِيًا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ حَاجِزًا أَعْلَاهُ 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, frequent earthquakes are all signs that the end 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.”

Within the occurrences of earthquakes and other natural disasters are many wisdoms and lessons that only the believing hearts will understand. From the 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.

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:

(وَمَا نُرْسِلُ بِالآيَاتِ إِلَّا تَخْوِيفًا)

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

قَالَ شَيْخُ الْإِسْلَامِ ابْنُ تَيْمِيَّةَ «وَالزَّلَازِلُ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ الَّتِي يُخَوِّفُ اللَّهُ بِهَا عِبَادَهُ، كَمَا يُخَوِّفُهُمُ بِالْكَسُوفِ وَغَيْرِهِ»

Sheikhul Islam ibn Taymiyyah said: Earthquakes are from the signs that Allah uses to scare his servants, just like solar and lunar 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 وَمَسْخٌ وَقَذْفٌ، قَالَتْ: قُلْتُ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، أَنَهْلِكُ وَفِينَا الصَّالِحُونَ؟ قَالَ: نَعَمْ إِذَا ظَهَرَ الْخَبْثُ» 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, then Allah will punish us with some of the things that he punished the previous nations with, as a reprimand and reminder to the ummah about the rights of their lord upon them. It could be that perhaps these earthquakes are a worldly punishment and a means of purification and mercy for the Muslims, as the Prophet Muhammad 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.”

This is because those who die in an earthquake are considered to be from amongst the martyrs, as the Prophet Muhammad told us:

«الشَّهْدَاءُ خَمْسَةٌ: الْمَطْعُونُ وَالْمَبْطُونُ وَالْعَرِيقُ 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. Brothers and sisters, also from the wisdoms and lessons that we can extract from these occurrences:

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 is to never neglect the remembrances of 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 يُمْسِي، وَحِينَ يُصْبِحُ: «اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَافِيَةَ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي دِينِي وَدُنْيَايَ وَأَهْلِي وَمَالِي، اللَّهُمَّ اسْتُرْ عَوْرَاتِي وَآمِنْ رُوعَاتِي، 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.

أَلَا فَاتَقُوا اللَّهَ عِبَادَ اللَّهِ وَخُذُوا حِذْرَكُمْ وَاعْتَبِرُوا بِمَا حَلَّ بِغَيْرِكُمْ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَصِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ؛ فَإِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ قَادِرٌ عَلَيْكُمْ، غَيُورٌ عَلَى مَحَارِمِهِ أَنْ تُنْتَهَكَ فِيكُمْ، يُمْهَلُ وَلَا يُهْمَلُ، وَيَمْلِي وَلَا يَنْسَى (قُلْ هُوَ الْقَادِرُ عَلَى أَنْ يَبْعَثَ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابًا مِنْ فَوْقِكُمْ أَوْ مِنْ تَحْتِ أَرْجُلِكُمْ أَوْ يَلْبَسَكُمْ شَيْعًا وَيَذِيقَ بَعْضَكُمْ بِأَسْبَابِ بَعْضٍ أَنْظُرْ كَيْفَ نُصَرِّفُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَفْقَهُونَ)

Fear Allah o servants of Allah and take your warning from these occurrences in Syria and Turkey this past week. Learn from what happened, change before it happens to you. Repent to Allah today, get back on the straight path and abandon the path of sin and mischief before it's too late.

Second khutbah

Beloved brothers and sisters in Islam, from the wisdoms and lessons that can be found in the occurrences of earthquakes is: reminding the servants of Allah about the major earthquake that will occur on the last day of this dunya, as Allah says;

(يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ إِنَّ زَلْزَلَةَ السَّاعَةِ شَيْءٌ عَظِيمٌ يَوْمَ تَرَوْنَهَا تَذْهَلُ كُلُّ مُرْضِعَةٍ عَمَّا أَرْضَعَتْ وَتَضَعُ كُلُّ ذَاتِ حَمَلٍ حَمْلَهَا وَتَرَى النَّاسَ سُكَارَى وَمَا هُمْ بِسُكَارَى وَلَكِنَّ 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 were' 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???

We've seen how frightened our brothers and sisters 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 and fraction of how the major earthquake will be and how people will react on that last day of the dunya, as Allah tells us:

(إذا زلزلت الأرض زلزالها وأخرجت الأرض أثقالها وقال الإنسان مالها يومئذ تحدث أخبارها بأن ربك أوحى لها ...)

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 وَلَكِن 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 يَأْذُنُ اللَّهُ سُبْحَانَهُ لِلْأَرْضِ فِي بَعْضِ الْأَحْيَانِ بِالتَّنَفُّسِ فَتَحْدُثُ فِيهَا الزَّلَازِلُ الْعِظَامُ، فَيَحْدُثُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ لِعِبَادِهِ الْخَوْفُ وَالْخَشْيَةُ، وَالْإِنَابَةُ وَالْإِقْلَاعُ عَنِ الْمَعَاصِي وَالتَّضَرُّعُ إِلَى اللَّهِ سُبْحَانَهُ، وَالنَّدَمُ، كَمَا قَالَ بَعْضُ السَّلَفِ وَقَدْ زَلَزَلَتِ الْأَرْضُ: إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ يَسْتَعْتِبُكُمْ، وَقَالَ عُمَرُ بْنُ الْخَطَّابِ ﷺ وَقَدْ زَلَزَلَتِ الْمَدِينَةَ، فَخَطَبَهُمْ وَوَعظَهُمْ، وَقَالَ: لَنْ عَادَتِ لَا أَسَاكِنُكُمْ 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 thru supplication and regretting their past evil deeds. As some of the righteous predecessors used to say: if and 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."

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 for your brothers and sisters in Syria and Turkey and assist them in any way that you can, financially, clothing, humanitarian aid, anything and everything that you can do.