

الحمد لله على كل حال ، وأشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له الملك الكبير المتعال ، وأصلي وأسلم على نبينا محمد وعلى... أصحابه ومن تبعهم باحسان إلى يوم الدين ؛ ثم أما بعد

فهذه تَعَزِيَةٌ وَيَقِينٌ ، وَبَشَارَاتٌ وَتَطْمِينٌ ، ودعوة لِحَيْرِ دِينٍ ، وهي خَوَاطِرٌ سَخَتْ ، وأفكارٌ تَسَلَّسَلَتْ بعد حادث نيوزلندا الأليم ، وفاعله الإرهابي الأثيم ، فأقول ومن الله السداد والتوفيق والعون....

All praises are due to Allah, I testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except for Him alone, and I bare witness that the Prophet Muhammad is His final servant and Messenger.

Today we are going to reflect on the horrific events that took places last week in New Zealand and we will call it: ~~condolences~~ ^{Thoughts, reflections, solace,} glad tidings, assurance, and an invitation to the best religion on the face of the Earth, the religion of Islam. As for condolences:

أما التعزية ؛

فالمسلمين عُمومًا ولِدَوِي القَتْلَى خُصُوصًا ، جَبَرَ اللهُ المُصَابَ ، وَرَجَمَ المَوْتَى ، وَرَزَقَ الصَّبْرَ والسَّلْوَانَ .. وَمِمَّا يُخَفِّفُ حَزْرَ المُصِيبَةِ وَألمهَا أَنْ تَتَذَكَّرَ

أَنَّ قتلهم كان في الصلاة أو في الطريق إليها أو انتظارًا لها ، وقد جاء في الحديث النبوي عن انتظار الصلاة عن أبي هريرة: "ألا أدلُّكم على ما يَمْحُو اللهُ به الخَطايا، وَيَرْفَعُ به الدَّرَجَاتِ؟ قالوا بلى يا رَسُولَ اللهِ، قال: إسْبَاغُ الوُضُوءِ على المَكَارِهِ، وَكَثْرَةُ الخُطَا إلى المَسَاجِدِ، وَانْتِظَارُ الصَّلَاةِ بَعْدَ الصَّلَاةِ، فَذَلِكُمْ الرِّبَاطُ." (مسلم: 251)، وَكونها صلاةً جمعةً: خَيْرٌ وَبِرْكَةٌ ، فمعلومٌ أنها من أَفْرَضِ الصَّلَوَاتِ وَأَكْثَرِها أَجْرًا وَتَكْفِيرًا للسَّيِّئَاتِ.

For the Muslims in general and for the family of the deceased specifically, we ask Allah to grant them peace, solace, tranquility and patience. We ask Allah to have mercy upon our brothers and sisters whose lives were taken, and we ask Allah to remove the pain of our great loss of brothers and sisters....One of the things we can be reminded about, to help remove the hurt, and pain of the great loss of lives is to remember that their souls were taken in the Masjid, in the house of Allah on their way to prayer or waiting for the prayer....It was mentioned by the prophet Muhammad that he said: "Shouldn't I inform you of the deeds that Allah will erase one's sins and raise his ranks? The companions said: Tell us O messenger of Allah. He said: Washing your limbs thoroughly while making ablution, taking many steps when walking to the masjid, and waiting in the masjid from one prayer to the next...Our brothers and sisters lost their lives on the best day of the week in the best place, in the best time during that day...The Prophet Muhammad said:

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ ﷺ " مَا مِنْ مُسْلِمٍ يَمُوتُ يَوْمَ الجُمُعَةِ أَوْ لَيْلَةَ الجُمُعَةِ إِلَّا وَقَاهُ اللهُ فِتْنَةَ القَبْرِ "

"No Muslim dies on the day of Friday, nor the night of Friday, except that Allah protects him from the trials of the grave."

Another reflection to ponder over about the incident in New Zealand is that they were killed by someone who is a clear enemy of Islam, someone whose heart and mind was polluted with bigotry, racism, terror, ignorance and a fear of the greatest religion on earth and a fear of those who worship Allah alone and follow his commandments...Our brothers and sisters in New Zealand lost their lives at the hands of a disbeliever, a non-Muslim, and their lives weren't taken from another Muslim or from a hypocrite.....Their affair is similar to what happened to the leader of the believers...Umar ibn Al Khattab, when he was assassinated by the fire worshipping disbeliever Abu Lu'lu al majoosee during Fajr prayer...When Umar was leading the believers in prayer, this despicable man stabbed Umar in his back while he was praying....and this is the custom way of fighting for the cowardice enemies of Allah...they cannot face their enemies face to face, they hide behind walls, and up in the sky, or underneath the ground...they kill unarmed civilians and people who are not fighting, and they even kill innocent people while they are worshipping their creator...

As Allah told us about them in the Quran:

لَا يُفَاتِلُونَكُمْ جَمِيعًا إِلَّا فِي قُرَى مُحَصَّنَةٍ أَوْ مِنْ وَرَاءِ جُدُرٍ ۚ بَأْسُهُمْ بَيْنَهُمْ شَدِيدٌ ۚ تَحْسَبُهُمْ جَمِيعًا وَقُلُوبُهُمْ شَتَّىٰ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ - 59:14

They will not fight you all except within fortified cities or from behind walls. Their violence among themselves is severe. You think they are together, but their hearts are diverse. That is because they are a people who do not reason.

So our brothers and sisters who lost their lives in New Zealand, their souls were taken in a very similar situation to what occurred to Umar ibn Al khattab...when after he was stabbed in his back during the prayer he said: "All praise is due to Allah who didn't cause my death to be at the hands of someone who was claiming to be a Muslims" ...Allah granted Umar martyrdom in the city of Allah's messenger, Al Madinah...as Umar had been supplicating to Allah for, so Allah granted Umar martyrdom in the city of Al Madinah as he begged Allah for....Allah was pleased with Umar and gave him what he asked from...similarly the believer should always supplicate to Allah that he dies as a martyr, as the Prophet said:

أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ قَالَ " مَنْ سَأَلَ اللَّهَ الشَّهَادَةَ بِصِدْقٍ بَلَغَهُ اللَّهُ مَنَازِلَ الشُّهَدَاءِ وَإِنْ مَاتَ عَلَى فِرَاشِهِ "

"Whoever asks Allah for martyrdom, sincerely from his heart, Allah will cause him to reach the status of the martyrs even if he dies in his bed."

Don't think that because they're souls returned back to Allah that they are grieving, rather they are happy and experiencing endless joy and bliss

وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْواتًا بَلْ أَحْيَاءُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ يُرْزَقُونَ - كَرِيمِينَ
3 بِمَا آتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ

So we ask Allah to grant us all the blessing of dying while being engaged in acts of obedience and worship of him, as this is a good sign for the believer in this world and the next, and it is the hope of every Muslim as Allah tells us in the Quran...

فَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ - 2:132

"Do not die except in a state of Islam"

وَأَنْ قَتَلْتُمْ كَانِ عَلَى يَدِ كَافِرٍ ، فَالْأَمْرُ كَمَا قَالَ شَهِيدُ المَحْرَابِ أَمِيرُ المُؤْمِنِينَ عَمْرُ بْنُ الخَطَّابِ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ ، عِنْدَمَا طَعَنَهُ العِلْجُ الكَافِرُ المَجُوسِي فِي صَلَاةِ الفَجْرِ ، قَالَ عَمْرٌ : "الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ يَجْعَلْ مِيتَتِي بِيَدِ رَجُلٍ يَدْعِي الإِسْلَامَ " (البخاري:3700) ، وَقَدْ أَكْرَمَ اللهُ عَمْرَ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ بِالشَّهَادَةِ فِي مَدِينَةِ رَسولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ ، اسْتِجَابَةً لِدَعَايِهِ "اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي شَهَادَةً فِي سَبِيلِكَ، وَاجْعَلْ مَوْتِي فِي بَلَدِ رَسولِكَ ﷺ". (البخاري:1890) ، هَذَا الدَّعَاءُ الَّذِي كَانَتْ ابْنَتُهُ حَفْصَةُ أُمُ المُؤْمِنِينَ رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ عَنْهَا تَسْتَبِعُهُ وَتَقُولُ : وَأَتَى ذَلِكَ ! حَيْثُ إِنَّ المَدِينَةَ مَرَكِزَ ثِقَلِ الإِسْلَامِ وَعَاصِمَتُهُ وَعَمْرٌ هُوَ الأَمِيرُ فَكَيْفَ يُسْتَشْهَدُ فِيهَا ؟ وَصَدَقَ رَسولُ اللهِ ﷺ إِذْ يَقُولُ : "مَنْ سَأَلَ اللهُ الشَّهَادَةَ بِصِدْقٍ ، بَلَّغَهُ اللهُ مَنَازِلَ الشَّهَدَاءِ ، وَإِنْ مَاتَ عَلَى فِرَاشِهِ". (مسلم:1909) ، فَرَضِيَ اللهُ عَنِ أَمِيرِ المُؤْمِنِينَ عَمْرٍ ، وَسَقَى بُقْعَتَهُ صَوْبَ المَطَرِ ، وَجَعَلَنَا اللهُ وَإِيَاكُمْ مِمَّنْ عَاشَ مُخْلِصًا طَانِعًا سَعِيدًا ، وَمَاتَ صَادِقًا مُسَدِّدًا شَهِيدًا .

As regards to certainty...then our certainty is always with Allah, and we believe in his decree (qadr) and we are satisfied with whatever Allah plans to happen within his creation. We are also certain that with the incident in New Zealand, that Allah only wants goodness for them and for us. Allah is the most merciful, more merciful with us than ourselves, more merciful with us than our fathers and mothers ~~were~~...Allah only tested them and their families with their loss of lives to only raise their statuses in the next, to give the relatives of the deceased the honor and dignity of having someone as a hero and martyr from their family, and to grant them forgiveness for their mistakes and sins and to raise their ranks, and to be forever ^{remembered} ~~remembered~~ as the heroes and those who died upon obedience to Allah....^{And} If the matters of the unseen were revealed to the believer, then the believers would find exactly what he/she was looking for and asking for from Allah....So it is upon us to be satisfied and pleased with whatever Allah decreed to happen within the universe.

But from his wisdom is that he revealed it from us to test us to see how we will react

As for the glad tidings, then there are many. From the greatest of them is that we hope and pray that Allah accepts our brothers and sisters who lost their lives to be from amongst the martyrs, and put them as well as their families as well as us in the paradise in the company of the prophets, the truthful, martyrs, the righteous and the pious....

From the glad tidings that we should be reminded about from the incident in New Zealand, and any calamity or difficult situation that the believers are tested with is that, we may dislike ^{sometimes}

and sometimes

something but in reality it may be good for us, we may like something and it may be bad for us, only Allah knows the wisdom and reasons behind why things happen and occur....

Allah says:

عَسَىٰ أَنْ تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ وَعَسَىٰ أَنْ تُحِبُّوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ شَرٌّ لَّكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ - 2:216

The believer always has to be optimistic and always try to look at ^{the} good we can derive from any situation, focus on the ^{positive} good, think about how we as Muslims can benefit from any and all situations, whether they are good or bad.

The prophet Muhammad told us:

" عَجَبًا لِأَمْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِ إِنَّ أَمْرَهُ كُلَّهُ خَيْرٌ وَلَيْسَ ذَلِكَ لِأَحَدٍ إِلَّا لِلْمُؤْمِنِ إِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ سَرَاءٌ شَكَرَ فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ وَإِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ ضَرَاءٌ صَبَرَ فَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُ "

The affairs of the believer are amazing ^{or strange} For indeed there is some kind of good in every affair of his and this is not the case with anyone else except in the case of a believer..... for when he experiences something good and he thanks Allah, then there is good for him in it, and if he gets into trouble, or experiences a hardship, or difficulty or calamity and endures it patiently, then there is good for him in it as well.

One thing that is clearly manifest after the incident in New Zealand is that more people are being exposed to Islam, ^{more people are} hearing the athaan being called in the center of New Zealand and the UK and other places... People are going to the Masajid to learn more about Islam and show their support for our brothers and sisters who lost their lives... This incident actually backfired on those who planned it... it reminds us of Allah's statement in the Quran:

وَمَكْرُوا وَاللَّهُ خَيْرٌ الْمَاكِرِينَ - 3:54

And the disbelievers planned, but Allah planned. And Allah is the best of planners.

If only that terrorist knew how much support, love and dawah his actions would generate for Islam and the Muslims, he most likely would never have done it... The dawah he did is more than many dawah organizations combined... Yes our hearts are broken with this tragedy, but we must remember that when Allah's aid and help comes, it comes from people and places that you would least expect. As the Prophet Muhammad said in an authentic hadith:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُؤَيِّدُ الدِّينَ بِالرَّجُلِ الْفَاجِرِ "

Allah may aid this religion by an evil or wicked man....

When we think about the incident we are definitely sad because our brothers and sisters left us, but at the same time we should be happy in the sense that Islam is spreading and people are learning more about their purpose in life. Islam is freeing and liberating the minds and souls of people who have been imprisoned in their own desires, or been in servitude to the creation...Islam is what connects human beings with their creator and makes them servants of Allah alone, and frees them from being servants of other human beings...So naturally the enemies of civilization don't want people to have free minds, free souls and free bodies....they want to enslave them ideologically, intellectually, and physically so that they can control them...This is why we find that there is so much hatred and fear being portrayed by the media about Islam and the Muslims, because they know that if the people are able to think for themselves they will be truly free and liberated and then they would most likely be convinced by the message of Islam and embrace it...so ^{the} islamophobes and the enemies of civilization and truly civilized people want to try to avert people from accepting Islam at any cost necessary....However, as time goes by more and more people are realizing who the real ^{and} terrorists are, who the real uncivilized and barbaric people are...History speaks for itself...

والبشارة الأولى: فلجميع المؤمنين بانتصار حق الإسلام ، وانتشار دعوته بين الأنام ، شاء من شاء ، وأبى من أبى ! نصره من نصر ، ومكر به من مكر ! "هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ" (التوبة:33)(الصف:9) ، فلينصر المسلمون دينهم بالإيمان الصادق والعمل الصالح ، وليأخذوا دينهم بجد وقوة ، ف "يَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنْ تَنصَرُوتُ إِلَى اللَّهِ يَتَّصِرُوكُمْ وَيُنَبِّتُ أَقْدَامَكُمْ" (محمد:7) ، و "المؤمن القوي، خير وأحب إلى الله من المؤمن الضعيف، وفي كل خير احرص على ما ينفعك، واستعن بالله ولا تعجز، وإن أصابك شيء، فلا تقل لو أني فعلت كان كذا وكذا، ولكن قل قدر الله وما شاء فعل، فإن لو تفتح عمل الشيطان." (مسلم:2664) ، ولا ينظر الأقوياء للضعفاء نظرة دونية ، يعتزرون فيها بقوتهم ، ويحتقرون معها ضعفاء المؤمنين ، فإن مع هؤلاء الضعفاء المؤمنين سلاح الدعاء الذي لا يفهر ، وخالص التوكل الذي لا يخيب صاحبه ، ففي الحديث النبوي : "ابغوني الضعفاء، فإنما تُرزقون وتُنصرون بضعفائكم" (السلسلة الصحيحة: 779) ، وفيه أيضا : [عن سعد بن أبي وقاص:] أنه ظن أن له فضلا على من دونه من أصحاب النبي ﷺ فقال النبي ﷺ: "إنما ينصر الله هذه الأمة بضعفائها بدعوتهم وصلاتهم وإخلاصهم" (السلسلة الصحيحة ٤٠٩/٢) إسناده صحيح على شرط الشيخين.....

Another reflection that we should ponder over is that Allah promised that he will aid this religion and the spread of this religion. We should be reminded that from Allah's wisdom in the creation is that many times the strong will always look down and try to humiliate the weak. If Allah has given you strength, any kind of strength, whether it's physical, or mental, or financial, or economical or social...the strong should never look down at the weak, nor oppress

the weak nor transgress against the weak, nor discriminate against the minorities of a society or country...especially the Muslims...as the weak Muslims have the most powerful weapon in the world...dua...supplication...those who are being oppressed, transgressed against, murdered, raped, or their homeland is being usurped by Allah's enemies, or their being exiled from their lands..should always remember that Allah will always aid this ummah with the duas, supplications, prayers and sincerity of those who are weak...

As for assurance then we remind those who are non-Muslim and those who don't know anything about the true Islam, or those who are frightened by the version of Islam that the media has portrayed to them....and has portrayed the Muslims as terrorists, or blood sucking vigilantes, or those who want to kill and blow themselves up...that terrorism is something that Islam and the Muslims have been fighting against for over 1440 years...Islam and the true Muslims have been fighting against terrorists for centuries....Rather terrorist acts and killing innocent people are against the true teachings of Islam and are from amongst the practices of the enemies of civilization and people such as the terrorist who took the lives of our brothers and sisters in New Zealand...The^{true} intellectual will read world history and let the history books speak for themselves if they really want to know who are the real terrorists in the world....Ask yourselves...

Who started the first world war? Not Muslims.

Who started the second world war? Not Muslims.

Who killed 6 million Jews in the Holocaust? Not Muslims.

Who killed 20 million Aborigines in Australia ? Not Muslims.

Who killed 10 million Africans under Leopold? Not Muslims.

Who killed millions of Russians under Stalin? Not Muslims.

Who killed millions of Chinese under Mao? Not Muslims.

Who dropped nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Not Muslims.

Who killed more than 100 million Native Americans? Not Muslims.

Who killed more than 50 million Indians in south America? Not Muslims.

Who took about 180 million African people as slaves? Not Muslims.

Who is more befitting of the label "terrorist"? Muslims or individuals who kill millions of people and kill unarmed innocent ~~worshippers~~ like the New Zealand terrorist last week.

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Our beloved Prophet Muhammad taught us that whoever kills someone who has been granted peace will not smell the fragrance of paradise :

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مَنْ قَتَلَ مُعَاهِدًا لَمْ يَرِخْ رَائِحَةَ الْجَنَّةِ، وَإِنْ رِيحَهَا تُوَجَّدُ مِنْ مَسِيرَةِ أَرْبَعِينَ عَامًا

Allah tells us in the Quran that if one innocent soul is taken, it is as if all of mankind is slain, and that if one soul is saved or spared then it is as if all of mankind has been saved.....

Allah tells us in the Quran:

مَنْ أَجَلَ ذَلِكَ كَتَبْنَا عَلَى بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ أَنَّهُ مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بَغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَلَقَدْ جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ ثُمَّ إِنْ كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُمْ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ لُمْسِرُونَ - 5:32

So we advise our Muslim brothers and sisters to be warned of foolishness, or following your emotions or desires and making decisions without thinking about the consequences. We also advise our brothers and sisters to be proactive and not reactive...Don't do something that you will regret later on...Don't surround yourselves with those who have extremist ideologies and terrorist mentalities...As the enemies of Islam want us to react in a violent and aggressive manner here in the West...so remain patient, dignified, honored, resilient, and dedicated to your religion...and at the same time take the necessary precautions to protect yourselves and your families...and don't allow anyone to harm you...while avoiding harming others with your words or actions....

Second Khutbah

As a reminder to the terrorist and those with terroristic mentalities who want to cause the Muslims harm we'd like to say to you all: that we appreciate that you made the effort to find out the timing of our Jumu'ah prayer. We appreciate that you studied history and saw how the Muslims ruled the world for hundreds of years and wrote those dates and names on your firearms. We appreciate that you learnt more about Islam, Islamic History and you figured out that our biggest congregational prayer is on Friday. However, there were some things that you probably didn't understand and didn't get to learn....First of All is that you most likely made our brothers and sisters martyrs, and you single handedly raised their statuses in the eyes of

and spread justice and mercy and led people out of darkness into light

our creator and Lord, and because of your actions they will be raised on the day of resurrection as the most pious of muslims. Perhaps you didn't know that doing what you did, at the time and place you did it, actually meant that the last words that escaped their lips were probably the remembrance of Allah. Which is a noble end that all of us Musliims constantly wish for. We appreciate you for showing the world that our masajid are always open and have no locks or gates and are unguarded because everyone is welcome to be with us. We appreciate how you also initiated people from ^{our neighbors and} other faith groups ^{who truly know us} to express their condolences and denounce your evil, heinous, terrorist acts...What you have done has actually brought ^{more} good people closer together, and it has strengthened the Muslims faith and increased our ^{strength and} resolve. In the upcoming weeks more people will continue to come to the masajid, more Muslims....but even greater than that...many non-Muslims as well...a place that you hated so much...now fortified by strength, solidarity and unity amongst the Muslims who are now inspired by their fallen brothers and sisters and thank you for granting them martyrdom and giving us a reminder to become better muslims....In the upcoming weeks more non-Muslims will turn up at the masajid with flowers and beautifully handwritten notes. They many not have known where the masajid were, but now they do..all because of you...mr terrorist. So this is all in accordance with what the prophet Muhammad told us when he said that perhaps a evil wicked man would aid this religion..and this is exactly what ^{you} did for us....

And finally we invite the terrorist who took the lives of our brothers and sisters to learn more about Islam, and all the rest of those who fear Islaam and the Muslims to learn more about our religion and way of life. Allah is all merciful, all forgiving, and accepts the repentance of anyone who repents to him..... and Islam is the only religion and way of life that he will accept from human beings. It is a religion that teaches forgiveness, repentance, mercy and that no sin is too big or too terrible to be forgiven by Allah...Many enemies of the Prophet Muhammad during his time, ended up accepting Islam and being from the best of Muslims...and Allah can ^{and always recite and remember} guide whomever he wills to the light and life and mercy of Islam.... ^{read Basmala} ^{Alhamdulillah} ^{statement}

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