

WHAT DID YOU PREPARE FOR IT?

ماذا أعددت لها؟

Sunday Evening Class 4

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Introduction

Allah commanded us to not wrong ourselves in the scared months which are as below:

1. Dhul Qada
2. Dhul Hijjah
3. Muharram
4. Rajab

In the sacred months the good deeds are rewarded with multiplication and the sins are considered very grievous in Allah's sight. So we need to be very careful about our statements and actions in these sacred months.

Allah made the month of Dhul Qada as training for us to reach the ten days of Dhul Hajj which are most beloved to Allah.

One of the greatest means of increasing faith is to acquire knowledge by learning Quran and sunnah. We need to prepare for the Akhirah with faith.

On the Day of judgement the believers will be dealt separately from the rest of people. The angels will receive them and give them glad tidings, and they will be honored on that day

On the Day of Judgment there will be 2 categories of people:


1. Those who did good: Allah will give them the best reward i.e. Paradise.
2. Those who did evil: Allah will punish them for their deeds and they will be made to enter Hellfire

Everything in the earth and the heavens belongs to Allah. He is our King and He enjoins commands and prohibitions. Whoever obeys Him then He will be given the best reward and whoever disobeys Him then he will be dealt with justice.

Those who did good stayed away from major sins and their focus was the Hereafter. And those who did evil were completely heedless of the Akhirah and their only concern was the Duniya.

SURAH AN NAJM AYAH 23

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إِنَّ هِيَ إِلَّا أَسْمَاءٌ سَمَّيْتُمُوهَا أَنْتُمْ وَءَابَاؤُكُمْ مَّا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ بِهَا مِنْ سُلْطَانٍ
 إِنَّ يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ وَمَا تَهْوَى الْأَنْفُسُ وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ الْهُدَى

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They are not but [mere] names you have named them - you and your forefathers - for which Allah has sent down no authority. They follow not except assumption and what [their] souls desire, and there has already come to them from their Lord guidance.

In this Ayah, Allah tell us the idols that the Quresh used to worship were just names which they and their fathers named. Allah did not send any authority regarding it. They are only following their assumptions and what their self's desires. In the time of ignorance, the Arabs made idols with their hands and they named them gods. They magnified the gods and made the people's hearts to be attached to them. One might say, "we are not idol worshippers". Now if we remove idols and put in its place any worldly matter which the hearts of the people are so much attached to and have hope from it.

Examples:

- The worldly titles of Doctor, Engineer, Masters, Phd etc. are just names of titles that give people give value to. People honour these titles and they are happy because of it. However Allah will not deal with a certain degree holder different.
- Brands are also names that are given by people. They magnify it such that they link the brand to the happiness and success. They feel valued and honoured in possessing a particular brand. Those who cannot afford it will wish to attain the brands. This is slavery of the brands.
- Fashion trends are also names that are linked to modernity. If you wear the latest fashion then you are modern. They change the reality of the things by telling this year a particular color is in fashion. People hate to be called slaves of Allah when infact they are slaves of fashion and brands.
- People compete with one another and they envy and boast due to the brands and fashion trends as a result of which, they are committing sins.

- There is no difference between an idol worshipper and a worshipper of the Duniya. idol worshippers came to statues and gave them names in order to worship them. A duniya worshipper is giving names to things of the duniya and they are magnifying these names and attach to it..
- People either invent names and magnify it or they take names from the Quran and sunnah and give a different meaning to it.
- Happiness in the Quran is mentioned for the people of Paradise. According to the people of the duniya, if one wants to be happy then one should have money, travel, buy such and such. This is the criterion of the people of the Duniya for Happiness i.e. they give it a different meaning.

HADITH:

I heard the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) saying, "The first to be judged on the Day of Resurrection will be a man who had died as a martyr. He will be brought forward. Allah will remind him of the favours He had bestowed upon him and the man will acknowledge them. Then He will ask him: 'What did you do to express gratitude for it?' The man will reply: 'I fought for Your Cause till I was martyred.' Allah will say: 'You have lied. You fought so that people might call you courageous; and they have done so.' Command will then be issued about him and he will be dragged on his face and thrown into Hell. Next a man who had acquired and imparted knowledge and read the Qur'an will be brought forward, Allah will remind him of the favours He had bestowed upon him and the man will acknowledge them. Then He will ask him: 'What did you do to express gratitude for it?' The man will reply: 'I acquired knowledge and taught it, and read the Qur'an for Your sake.' Allah will say to him: 'You have lied. You acquired knowledge so that people might call you a learned (man), and you read the Qur'an so that they might call you a reciter, and they have done so.' Command will then be issued about him, and he will be dragged on his face and thrown into Hell. Next a man whom Allah had made affluent and to whom Allah had given plenty of wealth, will be brought forward, Allah will remind him of the favours He had bestowed upon him and the man will acknowledge them. He will ask him: 'What did you do to express gratitude for it?' The man will reply: 'I did not neglect any of the ways You liked wealth to be spent liberally for Your sake'. Allah will say to him: 'You have lied. You did it so that people might call you generous, and they have done so.' Command will then be issued about him and he will be dragged on his face and thrown into Hell."

- Riyadh As Saliheen, Muslim, Book 18, Hadith 1617

From this Hadith we learn that only Allah knows the intentions of those who do good deeds, if it is for His sake or for worldly matters?

- There are people in the Duniya who think they have achieved when they attain worldly success but they do not see the prayer and reciting Qur'an as achievement. This indicates the love of the duniya,
- The remedy to cure the love of Duniya is to strengthen the faith and belief in the unseen and to use whatever Allah gave you in order to seek the reward for the Hereafter.
- An example is of Qarun who came out and showed his wealth to the people so he could enjoy the admiration of people There are examples of "Qaruns" even in this day, there are those who seek the attention of others and like to hear they are the most beautiful or most attractive or the most knowledgeable etc.
- We need to invoke Allah to remove the love of the Duniya from our hearths

SURAH AN NAJM AYAH 31

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وَلِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْاَرْضِ لِيَجْزِيَ الَّذِيْنَ اَسْتَوْا بِمَا عَمِلُوْا وَيَجْزِيَ الَّذِيْنَ اَحْسَنُوْا بِالْحُسْنٰی

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And to Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth - that He may recompense those who do evil with [the penalty of] what they have done and recompense those who do good with the best [reward] -

In order to prepare for the Hereafter, we have to practice ihsan and avoid major sins then we will be dealt with those mentioned in Surah An Najm.

Ihsan

Meaning of Ihsan

There are two meaning of Ihsan

1. Perfection
2. Benevolence (doing good)

Ihsan is in the two following things:

1. Ihsan in worshipping Allah:
2. Ihsan in dealing with people

Ihsan in worshipping Allah

This is the greatest ihsan and it is achieved by three ways.

1. **Tawheed:** Singling Allah in worship.
2. **Purify Intentions:** the intent when one is performing good deeds should be to seek the pleasure of Allah and reward in Hereafter. Do not seek any worldly gain when doing good deeds.
3. **Perfect good deeds:** in accordance with what Allah prescribed and what the Prophet prescribed in Sunnah

If we commit these three matters then we have perfected our acts of worship. Ihsan is to worship Allah as if you see Him and if you do not see Him then know He sees you.

First degree: to worship Allah as if you see Him:

1. Your heart is filled with Allah's greatness, ability, divinity.
2. To worship Allah with submission, humility and sincerity.
3. To not allow the heart to be distracted or think of other matters while worshipping Him.
4. Following and showing manners. Every act of worship has manners which should be followed inwardly and outwardly.

Second degree: and if you cannot see Him then know He sees you ▪

In the second degree we must know that Allah is watching us. This means one should worship Allah (with fear). The first degree is to worship Allah with love (higher) and the second degree is to worship Him with fear.

Prayer in Ihsan

- Guard the time of the prayer
- Take care of the conditions of prayer
- Understand the meaning of what is being said
- Remember the reward of each act in prayer e.g. reward of Rukuh, Sujood etc
- We need to remind ourselves that the first thing Allah will ask us on the Day of Judgment is the Prayer
- We need to remember that we are praying because Allah commanded us for Salah

Zakat with Ihsan

- To have the intention that Allah commanded us
- To give Zakat once every lunar year
- To be care of the nisaab of Zakat
- To search for the right person to give zakat
- To remember the pleasure of Allah when giving Zakat