

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يُعْجِبُكَ قَوْلُهُ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيُشْهَدُ اللَّهُ عَلَى مَا فِي قَلْبِهِ
وَهُوَ أَلَدُّ الْخِصَامِ ﴿٢٠٤﴾ وَإِذَا تَوَلَّى سَعَى فِي الْأَرْضِ لِيُفْسِدَ فِيهَا وَيُهْلِكَ
الْحَرْثَ وَالنَّسْلَ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفُسَادَ ﴿٢٠٥﴾

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ حَتَّى تَتَكَلَّمَ الْوُحُوشُ
بِالنَّاسِ، وَلَا يَتَكَلَّمَ بِالْإِنْسَانِ عَصُدُهُ وَلَا حَبْلٌ حِذَائِهِ، وَلَا يُخْبِرُ أَهْلَهُ بِمَا
فَعَلُوا بَعْدَهُ

Dear Believers!

The topic of today's khutbah will be about the "trials of the end times."

Fitnah (trial, discord, tribulation) is any word, deed, or behavior contrary to the religion of Allah the Almighty; it presents truth as falsehood and falsehood as truth. Fitnah extinguishes the love between believers and pits brother against brother. A person who falls into fitnah places the desires of their nafs (lower-self) above justice. Fitnah is a calamity that veils the intellect and seals the heart. Those who fall into it become unable to distinguish right from wrong.

The Lord of the worlds says in the Noble Quran: **«And of the people is he whose speech pleases you in worldly life, and he calls Allah to witness as to what is in his heart, yet he is the fiercest of opponents And when he goes away, he strives throughout the land to cause corruption therein and destroy crops and animals. And Allah does not like corruption»** (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:204-205)

Our Beloved Prophet ﷺ said in a noble hadith: **"After me, there will be such trials that a person will be a believer in the morning and a disbeliever by evening, or a believer in the evening and a disbeliever by morning. He will sell his religion for a small worldly gain. Only those whom Allah the Almighty revives with knowledge will be saved."** (Ramuz al-Ahadith)

Some of the trials foretold in the noble hadiths concerning the end times are as follows:

There will appear those who say, 'Abandon the hadiths, only look to the Quran.' (Abu Dawud, Sunnah 5)

There will appear those who say, 'I accept no proof other than the Quran.' (Al-Hakim, Al-Mustadrak, I)

Truthful speakers will be disbelieved, and liars will be deemed acceptable. (Ibn Majah, Fitan 27)

Knowledge will decrease due to the decrease of scholars. (Al-Bukhari, Ilm 34)

Ignorant people will issue religious verdicts (fatwas) and lead people astray. (Al-Bukhari, Ilm 34)

When affairs are given to those unqualified for them, then wait for the Hour (the Day of Judgment). (Al-Bukhari, Ilm 2)

"Before the Hour comes, liars, traitors, and sinners will be brought forward, while the trustworthy will be despised." (Ibn Majah, Fitan 27)

"By the One in Whose Hand is my soul, the Hour will not be established until wild animals speak to humans, until the lash of a man's whip and the strap of his sandal speak to him, and until his thigh informs him of what his family did after him." (At-Tirmidhi, Fitan 19)

Dear Believers!

All these signs indicate that in the end times, trials will progressively increase. Our duty is to protect our faith, preserve our unity and solidarity, and hold fast to the Quran and the Sunnah in the light of the Ahlus-Sunnah (the people of the Sunnah).

I conclude our khutbah with this verse from our Exalted Lord: **«Then is one who walks fallen on his face better guided or one who walks erect on a straight path? »** (Surah Al-Mulk, 67:22)