



## Remembrance of the Last Abode (ذكرى الدار الآخرة)

### Sunday Evening Series – Class #4

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#### Introduction:

**Hadith:** وعن أبي هريرة، رضي الله عنه، قال: قال رسول الله، صلى الله عليه وسلم "من خاف أدلج، ومن أدلج، بلغ المنزل، ألا إن سلعة الله الجنة (I heard Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) saying, "He who is afraid of the pillage of the enemy, sets out in the early part of the night; and he who sets out early, reaches his destination. Be on your guard that the commodity of Allah is precious. Verily the commodity of Allah is Jannah".) – Riyadh As Saliheen, At Tirmidhi Book 1, Hadith 410

- Whoever fears of what's to come from the grave, resurrection, accounting, and Day of Judgement then he will (ادلج) which means he will move by night. The Prophet (ﷺ) is setting an example if anyone is truly afraid of the future then he will travel by night meaning he will take action immediately by performing good deeds, abstaining from sins, keeping the rights of Allah (ﷻ) and the people, and be diligent. And whoever does this then he will reach his destination. What is the destination? Allah's paradise.
- We have to work hard for the last abode.

#### Accounting Oneself

**Surah Al Hashr 18:** (يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ) (O you who believe! Fear Allah and keep your duty to Him. And let every person look to what he has sent forth for the morrow, and fear Allah. Verily, Allah is All-Aware of what you do.)

- The scholars said this verse is the foundation for self-reckoning. We should quit the sin, repent, stay away from the causes, if there are shortcomings, then one should strive hard to perfect the deed.
- When we see how much Allah (ﷻ) has bestowed favors upon us then we should feel shyness how Allah (ﷻ) is being generous to us, yet at the same time we're disobeying Him.
- We're focusing on the deficiencies in our lives and not at what we have. How do we remember Allah's blessings in detail? What if I don't have eyes, what if I don't have ears? What would be my state? When a person thinks like this then a person will say alhamdulillah from the bottom of his heart. When a person sees those who are sick then he says 'alhamdulillah' that he doesn't have that sickness. How many times have we thanked Allah (ﷻ) for having joints? Why did Allah (ﷻ) make our joints soft? So that we may worship Him with ease, bow to Him and prostrate to Him.
- Allah (ﷻ) gave us a tongue in order to use it in remembering Him, not speaking bad of the people. How many times have we thanked Allah (ﷻ) for this blessing?



- When we think in detail of Allah's blessings then we will feel shy towards Allah (ﷻ). What makes us to be ungrateful to Allah (ﷻ)? Accompanying people who are not grateful and to be engrossed in the love of the duniya. We have to thank Allah (ﷻ) day and night to be Muslims. Alhamdulillah we have to thank Allah (ﷻ) that He allowed us to say (لا اله الا الله).
- If we are always grateful to Allah (ﷻ) all the time then even when calamities fall upon us, then 'alhamdulillah' will be said on our tongue. There's a lady who got in an accident that she cannot use both hands and legs, and she kept saying 'alhamdulillah' Allah (ﷻ) protected my head and I can speak. She's not looking at the deficiencies but the favors upon her. No one is free of afflictions in their life and everyone has a different level of affliction in their life. We have to look at the favors of Allah (ﷻ) compared to the calamity. When we do this then Allah (ﷻ) will help us to overcome that calamity and He'll open something better.
- Or a lady is always complaining to her husband in order to have a bigger house, but the house she's could be close to the masjid so her husband and sons can go easily there, or she has good neighbors, or it's a blessed house that her children don't fall sick. We're always looking at the deficiencies in our lives and not Allah's favors upon us.

#### **Surah Al Ma'oon 1: (أَرَأَيْتَ الَّذِي يُكَذِّبُ بِالدِّينِ) (Have you seen him who denies the Recompense?)**

- It begins with those who don't believe in the Judgement Day and it ends with those who prevent even small kindnesses. The Prophet (ﷺ) said there are forty good deeds and the top are (مليحة العنز) and whoever does this faithfully will be admitted to paradise. (مليحة العنز) means you have a goat which you give to your neighbor, allow him to use the milk as much as he wants, and then after sometime it's return back. People don't have a goat these days, but one can let her friend borrow her car or to give anything for a temporary period of time.
- Self-reckoning will not be correct unless a person has knowledge so that he can recognize a sin as a sin. A person may feel upset for missing the witr prayer while her heart is full of envy and malice which are major sins. Or a mother finds out her daughter failed the exam and she's upset but when she heard the neighbor's daughter also failed, then she rejoices. This is a major sin to be waiting for some bad thing to happen to so and so. This is one of the qualities of the hypocrites. May Allah (ﷻ) protect us. Ameen.

#### **Surah Al Qasas 83: (تِلْكَ الدَّارُ الْآخِرَةُ نَجْعَلُهَا لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُرِيدُونَ عُلُوًّا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فَسَادًا ۗ وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ) (That home of the Hereafter (i.e. Paradise), We shall assign to those who rebel not against the truth with pride and oppression in the land nor do mischief by committing crimes. And the good end is for the Muttaqun)**

- Qaroon used the treasures given to him by Allah (ﷻ) to be haughty in the duniya. When a person wants to be the top and better than the rest then this is considered haughtiness and is a major sin.



**Surah Al Hashr 19: (وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ نَسُوا اللَّهَ فَأَنْسَاهُمْ أَنْفُسَهُمْ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ) (And be not like those who forgot Allah (i.e. became disobedient to Allah), and He caused them to forget their ownelves, (let them to forget to do righteous deeds). Those are the Fasiqun (rebellious, disobedient to Allah).)**

- Allah (ﷻ) commands us with another command which is to not forget Him. Allah (ﷻ) will cause them to forget themselves and they will be fasiqoon.
- What does it mean to forget Allah (ﷻ)? Total deprivation occurs when the slave ignores practicing taqwa, fearing Allah (ﷻ), preparing for the akhira, doesn't take self-account of himself, so he resembles those who have forgotten Allah (ﷻ). He is heedless of remembering Allah (ﷻ) and didn't fulfill His rights. Who are the people who forgot Allah (ﷻ)?

**Surah Al Mujadilah 14-19:**

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ تَوَلَّوْا قَوْمًا غَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَا هُم مِّنكُمْ وَلَا مِنْهُمْ وَيَخْلِفُونَ عَلَى الْكَذِبِ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ

**Have you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) not seen those (hypocrites) who take as friends a people upon whom is the Wrath of Allah (i.e. Jews)? They are neither of you (Muslims) nor of them (Jews), and they swear to a lie while they know.**

أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا ۖ إِنَّهُمْ سَاءَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

**Allah has prepared for them a severe torment. Evil indeed is that which they used to do.**

اتَّخَذُوا أَيْمَانَهُمْ جُنَّةً فَصَدُّوا عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ

**They have made their oaths a screen (for their evil actions). Thus they hinder (men) from the Path of Allah: so they shall have a humiliating torment.**

لَنْ تُغْنِيَ عَنْهُمْ أَمْوَالُهُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُهُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

**Their children and their wealth will avail them nothing against Allah. They will be the dwellers of the Fire to dwell therein forever.**

يَوْمَ يَبْعَثُهُمُ اللَّهُ جَمِيعًا فَيَحْلِفُونَ لَهُ كَمَا يَحْلِفُونَ لَكُمْ وَيَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ عَلَىٰ شَيْءٍ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ هُمُ الْكَادِبُونَ

**On the Day when Allah will resurrect them all together (for their account); then they will swear to Him as they swear to you (O Muslims). And they think that they have something (to stand upon). Verily, they are liars!**

اسْتَحْوَذَ عَلَيْهِمُ الشَّيْطَانُ فَأَنْسَاهُمْ ذِكْرَ اللَّهِ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ حِزْبُ الشَّيْطَانِ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ الشَّيْطَانِ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ

**Shaitan (Satan) has overpowered them. So he has made them forget the remembrance of Allah. They are the party of Shaitan (Satan). Verily, it is the party of Shaitan (Satan) that will be the losers!**

- What is the description of the hypocrites? They swear to the Muslims, they swear we are believers and love Islam. Allah (ﷻ) says He prepared a painful torment for the evil they



did. What did they do? They swear as a protection for themselves from the Muslims. When they swear falsely, they were preventing people from accepting Islam. They will have a humiliating torment.

- Their children and wealth will not avail them, they are the dwellers of the hellfire, abiding there forever. What will they do when Allah (ﷻ) resurrects them? They will also swear to Allah (ﷻ); they don't know Allah (ﷻ) is aware, subhan Allah. They think they can deceive Allah (ﷻ), astaghfar Allah.
- Why were they doing all of this? The shaitan overpowered them and controlled them so he made them forget Allah (ﷻ).
- The rights of Allah (ﷻ) is to worship Him alone, fear Him, magnify Him and give Him His due estimate. This person didn't seek the pleasure of Allah (ﷻ) and all of this indicates He had forgotten Allah (ﷻ). While the believer, whenever he's confused, he turns to Allah (ﷻ) and seeks His guidance wanting to do what's pleasing to Him.
- They're heedless of Allah's remembrance and they're striving hard to fulfill their desires.
- There's one who's always seeking the pleasure of Allah (ﷻ) and one who's seeking the pleasure of his ownself. The latter can never be successful.
- What does it mean to forget Allah (ﷻ)? They will forget to do what's good for their akhira. The Prophet (ﷺ) said in a hadith that Ibrahim (as) said to him to convey salam to his ummah and paradise has plain land whose seeds are 'subhan Allah, alhamdulillah, la ilah ila Allah, Allahu akbar'. Whenever this is said, a tree will be grown in paradise. How many people are heedless of saying this? Subhan Allah. Allah (ﷻ) even made them to forget to say this; He is never unjust to them, but they were heedless of Allah's remembrance and didn't worship Him. They deviated so Allah (ﷻ) caused them to deviate. So the person is to be blamed and not Allah (ﷻ). Days or months pass and they don't say these remembrances.
- Allah (ﷻ) will also cause them to forget to perform good deeds and they miss the chance to do it. They didn't remember Allah (ﷻ) in times of prosperity, so they will forget Allah (ﷻ) in times of adversity. Allah (ﷻ) knows who deserves to be guided to repentance.
- They are the fasiqoon, disobedient to Allah (ﷻ). Human beings are made up of days and when a day passes, a part of us has passed and it will not come back again. When the angel of death takes our soul then we're going on a journey with no return. This means we have to prepare for that day. As each day passes we are coming closer to our end.

**Surah Al Hashr 20: (لَا يَسْتَوِي أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ وَأَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ) (Not equal are the dwellers of the Fire and the dwellers of the Paradise. It is the dwellers of Paradise that will be successful.)**

- Never can the dwellers of paradise be equal to the dwellers of the hellfire. Are those who feared Allah (ﷻ), practiced taqwa, prepared for the hereafter, and accounted themselves, the same as those who disobeyed Allah (ﷻ) and forgot Him?



- Sins can never bring joy to the heart while the believer enjoys his life in a lawful way, in a way pleasing to Allah (ﷻ). Even when he enjoys, he's appreciating Allah's blessings.
- The dwellers of paradise are the winners, what did they do?

**Surah Al Ahzaab 71: (يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا) (He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم), he has indeed achieved a great achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and will be admitted to Paradise).)**

- Allah (ﷻ) has offered paradise to all, but He's put a high price for it. True winning is by obeying Allah (ﷻ) and His Messenger (ﷺ).

**May Allah (ﷻ) help us to act on what we learned. Ameen.**