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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ

قال الله تعالى: "مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الْآخِرَةِ نَزِدْ لَهُ فِي حَرْثِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الدُّنْيَا نُؤْتِهِ مِنْهَا وَمَا لَهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنْ نَصِيبٍ" {شورى ٢٠}

وقال الله تعالى: "مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ الْعَاجِلَةَ عَجَّلْنَا لَهُ فِيهَا مَا نَشَاءُ لِمَنْ نُرِيدُ ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَا لَهُ جَهَنَّمَ يَصَلِّي فِيهَا مَذْمُومًا مَدْحُورًا" {بنی اسرائیل ١٨}

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ

Honorable people, my dear brothers, divine mothers and sisters! There are two different lifestyles in this world, the purpose of one life is preparation for the life Hereafter, and one life is intended to beautify the life in this world. There are some people who live to please Allah while others live to gather all the happiness of this world, Allah has mentioned both. For some, betterment of the hereafter is a matter of life and death and for some, beautification of this world is a matter of life and death. Every person can assess which lifestyle he falls in. How I spend my days and nights? What is the purpose of my life?

Bear in Mind, the Life Hereafter

Both these lives have different signs, those who live to prepare for the life hereafter are always at peace, since the never-ending life is their objective, they are earning deeds even when poor, being thankful if rich, adorning his life hereafter by bringing up his sons and daughters the right way or by being patient if childless. He is benefiting himself by thanking Allah when healthy and showing patience when sick. Such people do not fail whatever condition they may





be in, because the purpose of their life is to adorn their life hereafter. Just like a man who has rented his shop, what difference does it make to him if the shop remains closed as long as he is receiving the rent. So the people who aim for the betterment of their after life are always at ease.

Don't be Disheartened over Worldly Grievs

A student is taking exam while in the examination hall and his exam is going really well. The water he gets to drink maybe warm or cold, the fan is functioning efficiently or not, the hall is spacious or poky, he remains satisfied because his exam is up to par. He will not be dispirited if the hall is stuffy, or the fan is slow, he is calm because he is doing good in his exam. By God! Whoever makes the Hereafter his purpose of life remains contented whether its cold or hot, he's wealthy or poor, fit or sick. He is not disturbed because of lack of facilities in the examination hall. The house is small, he doesn't have a car, he has no looks, the back is hunched or he is not in good health, all these problems do not affect a man who is taking the exam in this world because he aims at the success of his life Hereafter.

Causes of Stress and Depression

Peace of mind is one of the major signs of the life of people who make Hereafter their purpose of living. Those who are anxious of amelioration of this world remain discontented in every situation. They fall into depression if they gain some weight, if he doesn't have a car as good as his neighbor's and if he sees someone's child going to a good school. A woman gets depressed when she sees gold and diamond jewelry in one's hand; she gets upset if she sees someone with high status. A man is disturbed at seeing someone's children, thinking whyhe doesn't have children.

My dear ones! Those who live for the life of this world are





the ones who are worried for everything, they keep grieving, they are never contented and satisfied, never thankful or at peace. The ones who aim for this worldly life never live peacefully.

Allah says:

مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الْآخِرَةِ نَزِدْ لَهُ فِي حَرْثِهِ وَمَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الدُّنْيَا
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“Whoever intends (to have) the harvest of the Hereafter, We will increase in his harvest; and whoever intends (to have) the harvest of the world (only), We will give him there of, while in the Hereafter he will have no share.”(Shura-20)

How is Peace and Contentment Achieved?

One lifestyle is such that the life Hereafter is the purpose of living, these people are contented whatever the condition maybe, since they are preparing for the next life. They are always worried with the thought of betterment of their life Hereafter, spending days and nights with this thought, look after their house and children, their business and other matters with the aim of a successful life Hereafter. These people are always contented.

Allah explains the aim of their lives in Quran:

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا وَهُوَ
الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفُورُ

“The One who created death and life, so that He may test you as to which of you is better in his deeds. And He is the Al-Mighty, the Most-Forgiving.”(Mulk-2)

Ulema-e-Karaam have written that Allah has said that He is the One who has created death and created life, though sequence is such that life comes before death but the opposite sequence is mentioned in Quran that ‘the one who





created death and life', this sequence is to keep death in view at all times and he will be pleased in this life. Those who live to die one day are the ones who live while those who live in this world for life are living dead. Those who live for the life Hereafter are the ones who are delighted, what life is it if one is not satisfied any second of life, if he is saddened and depressed?

What Life Really is?

Hazrat Maulana Rumi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ would sometimes elaborate major concepts out of something small. He said: that one person travel from Kabul to Delhi, bull-cart was used for travelling at that time, so there were very few people who would travel long distances. He told his friend that he was going to Delhi because he wanted to order something there. That man also had a parrot in the cage, he went to it and asked if it wished for something, the parrot replied: if you see any parrots from my community, give them my message that you are enjoying the life of freedom while we are in cages, we are bearing the trouble of confinement and you do not care. That man went to Delhi and completed his work, he saw some parrots as he left and conveyed his pet's message to them, as soon as soon as the parrots got the message all of them fell like dead. When this man came back to Kabul, he went to the parrot's cage and said that you had sent a very upsetting message to your fellows because they all died as soon as they heard it. And so, the parrots in cage also dropped down as if dead, when he took them out of the cage, they flew away and sat on a wall. When the man asked them what had happened, they said that they got the message that if you want to enjoy life, you have to die first. By God! Those who live for this life and never delighted.





What is True Peace and Contentment?

Don't envy other people's lifestyles, that he has so and so in his house, his car is astounding, he has such as high status, he owns so many factories and industries, he is so well-off, he maintains a huge bank balance. Never desire for these, because these do not construct life, indeed life is all about contentment of the heart. How meaning less is the life where all sorts of resources and facilities exist yet these people experience sleeplessness, lucky are the people living in tiny houses and sleeping on soil because they sleep peacefully. Brothers! Those who live for the Hereafter, do not spend their lives in vain, those who live for this world are such that when we visit their countries, we feel that our country is highly underdeveloped, these people seem one century ahead of us because of their pace of development, they possess markets worldwide, they own huge monetary assets, they are reaching for the skies and have landed on the Moon. But since they are living for this material life, every third person is psychiatrically disturbed, It has been reported by the West that in their society, 21 people attempt suicide in 31 seconds, out of which 20 people are injured while one succeeds in committing suicide. Hence in one minute 40 people are injured and 2 successfully commit suicide. Those who live for this worldly life die in this manner, despite having all the comforts and facilities of life, there might be a house in the West where husband and wife are faithful to each other, where the son respects his father, where there is unity. Those who aim for the life Hereafter and never ignorant, they enjoy the true pleasures of life.

مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الْآخِرَةِ نَزِدْ لَهُ فِي حَرْثِهِ

"Whoever intent (to have) the harvest of the Hereafter, We will increase in his harvest;" (Shura-20)





The Reward of Good Deeds

The people who live this life with the purpose of making the Hereafter rewarding, they also earn and run businesses, they put up factories and make themselves houses, they also have children, but in all these matters they keep their Hereafter at the forefront. And if he is aiming for the material world he does some good deeds to be appreciated, to gain fame, receive awards, get a group photo clicked, receive some honors or shields, but the motto remains this worldly life. If materialistic people even think of doing some good, their goodness is killed due to the hypocrisy and deception involved.

Those who are concerned about the next life, mold their worldly life in a way that their Hereafter is benefited while the people who are in love with this life, sacrifice their next for its beautification. This is the difference between our lives and the lives of Sahaba, they lived their lives for the next while today people sacrifice their deeds for this life because their purpose of living is this world not the next. People seem doing good these days but since they aim for this perishable life, all that matters to them is appreciation from others, fame and good reputation among people, hence their faith (Deen) is abandoned for the love of this life.

How is Sustenance Provided?

Dear friends! There are the two pictures of life, their signs have also been known. The one who makes the life Hereafter his ultimate goal is always contented, while the one who prioritizes this life remains unhappy on being left behind as compared to others, Why didn't I get this? Why didn't this happen? Allah has said that the one who quests for the hereafter will be harvesting a lot, and the one who aims for the next world gets whatever Allah wishes, all his





desires are not fulfilled either, but he is at loss, destroying his never-ending life and those who keep their life Hereafter his forefront whatever Allah has planned to grant him cannot be taken away or added up even if the whole world unites against him, be it a single bite. Then why do we tear down the purpose of our life? Why do we fritter away our efforts? Why are you wasting your assets in these meaningless chores? Prophet ﷺ used to say:

الدنيا مزرعة الآخرة

“This world is the sowing ground for the next”.

Who is Enviale?

Here, only that man is successful whose Hereafter is blooming, he is enviable, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ never told us to envy the person who is blessed with the material world. Today our faith is impaired to an extent that when we see someone accompanied with worldly blessings we consider him lucky, his fate has been revived that he is now reaching the skies, his forefathers were empty-handed and now his descendants own factories, faith has turned in their favor. Why doesn't he look at a Hafiz-e-Quran, that how lucky of him to become a memorial of the Quran while no one in his family had accomplished this achievement before, he memorize the Book of Allah, he follows the footsteps of the Prophet ﷺ, he offers the Midnight prayer (Tahajjud), how lucky of him. Allah's Messenger ﷺ said that there are two types of people who are enviable, develop the desire of becoming like them, both are struggling for a better Hereafter. One of them is he whom Allah has granted with the gift of Qur'an and then he has enlightened his nights with its recitation, he is fortunate so you should envy him. The second person is the one who is wealthy and he spends his wealth in Allah's path for the glorification of his Hereafter, he





is blessed and should be envied from, if I would be wealthy like him I'd spend like him. Both these men are glorifying their life Hereafter. They are enviable.

Sacrifices of Sahaba-e-Karaam

Do we have the same calibration of honor and success today? Nature has been altered and thoughts have been changed that only those who struggle for this world are successful, though the one who considers the Hereafter his goal is the lucky man, many a times both these lifestyles clash, whether to advance in this life or the next? Then it is revealed what we stand for, but the ones who are blessed with insight understand the reality of the Hereafter, they never glanced at this world, they abandoned all their worldly desires for the glorification of their Hereafter without even giving it a second thought.

Hazrat Musab Bin Umair رضي الله عنه was a very handsome young man, he was so good looking that he used to resemble our beloved Prophet صلوات الله عليه وآله وسلم, when he was martyred in the Battle of Uhud, the rumor of Prophet صلوات الله عليه وآله وسلم martyrdom had spread because of the similarity. By the Glory of Allah Almighty, he belonged to an elite family, his mother brought him up like a prince, finest clothes and shoes and extraordinary fragrances were Hazrat Musab's رضي الله عنه significance. If someone passes by a place where Hazrat Musab رضي الله عنه had passed from, people would perceive that Hazrat Musab رضي الله عنه was there, because only he would wear such scents. When the traders of Syria and Yemen would come to Makkah, his mother had told them to sell their products to her before selling them in the market for her beloved son. She would pay them whatever they would demand, so that her son would be the one to wear these clothes first, this was the level of eminence. Then times changed and he sacrificed all the joys and facilities and





once the Messenger of Allah ﷺ was sitting in Masjid and Hazrat Musab رضي الله عنه was wearing a dress with a patch of leather on one shoulder and another patch on the other shoulder, a man who used to wear clothes worth 500 gold coins (Ashrafi) now wearing a dress with multiple patches. Prophet ﷺ could not hold his tears and said 'Is it that Musab?'

Prioritize the Hereafter

The fact is that if the reality of the Hereafter is unfolded to someone, he can sacrifice everything for its amelioration, but today one doesn't avoid taking interest, or doesn't keep away from Haraam (forbidden), immoral or indecent acts for the glorification of the Hereafter. Muslims do not repent from watching Television for the betterment of the next life, they cannot struggle for Fajar (morning obligatory Salah) for an elevated status in the Hereafter, how worthy is their faith on the life Hereafter? The people who aim for a dignified life in the Hereafter have sacrificed all the pleasures of this life for the next.

Hazrat Abdullah-zul-Bajadeen's رضي الله عنه life turned about when the purpose of life opened up to him in Prophet's ﷺ company. When his uncle saw that he has completely transformed, his days and nights and his lifestyle has been altered, because those who are concerned about their Hereafter can easily be identified. A man living for this life and another living for the next have completely opposite lifestyles. Hazrat Abdullah's uncle threatened him and said: Nephew! You seem different, I hope you haven't gone to this man in Madina and keep in mind that if you take up his lifestyle, I will throw you out of the house in a manner that you won't have a single piece of cloth on your body. You will have to give up all the facilities of life and I will banish you from the house. Hazrat Abdullah-zul-Bajadeen رضي الله عنه said: Uncle! I can give in all that





is in this world, but the companionship of the Prophet ﷺ, he has taught the lesson that life or death, wealth or poverty, being homeless or settled, none hinder success in Hereafter because I can harvest for the Hereafter in circumstance.

Rewards and Honors of the Hereafter

Pharaoh's (Fir'aun) wife was the First Lady, these servants would be at the ready to serve her before she commands, their Palace was built over water, she was living a prosperous life, but when she realized the true purpose of life despite being aware that not only the honors and titles will be seized from her but she will also have to give up all the luxuries of life and her position as the First Lady and will have to go through trials and distress, yet when one aims at the glorification of his Hereafter, he develops an unwavering strength which makes him stout and daring in fulfilling his purpose. Hence Pharaoh persecuted her with what he was famous for, he nailed both her hands and feet. It is easy to say, but those who live for the Hereafter stay at peace even in tough times, she started saying: O Allah! I want to come to you, build a house for me.

وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِّلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا امْرَأَتَ فِرْعَوْنَ إِذْ قَالَتْ رَبِّ ابْنِ لِي عِنْدَكَ بَيْتًا
فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَنَجِّنِي مِّنْ فِرْعَوْنَ وَعَمَلِهِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ

"And Allah has cited for the believers the example of the wife of Fir'aun (Pharaoh), when she said, "My Lord, build for me, near you, a house in the Paradise, and deliver me from Fir'aun and his deeds, and deliver me from the unjust people". "(Tehreem-11)

Allah is the Most-Merciful, those who sacrifice for the Hereafter are rewarded by Him according to his Glory. Allah called her to the skies right away, and mentioned about her Palace in Quran





that she said: O Allah! Build a house for me in Paradise. My dear ones! Those who believe there is more to these worldly honors, the house in the next life is bigger and better than the one in this, the privileges in the Hereafter are far more than the joys here, these people easily giveaway the pleasures of this life. Today, the biggest issue is that people live for the beautification of this life, and so they find it difficult to sacrifice anything, give up their pleasures or even a single sin for the betterment of their Hereafter. Life is passing by but there is no advancement in their deeds.

How to Advance in Deeds?

Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal رحمته الله had a student, he told that he stayed with his teacher Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal for 20 years, whatever the conditions maybe, every next day of his life would be better than the previous. Those who have struggled for this life have upgraded their lifestyle in a way that their houses, vehicles and dressing have completely changed but did they ever bother about their life Hereafter? Their prayers have not improved, they are still wrongly reciting the Qur'an as they used to, they lack knowledge about religion like before, they are still disobeying Allah's commands, they have continued to violate the teachings of Islam in their celebrations. Since the love for this world is in their hearts, they are not concerned about how far they have gone for it, not concerned for the glorification of the Hereafter, hence they have not harvested any good for it. This world is the sowing ground for the next, Allah has blessed us with this life to make the most of it, to utilize the blessings of this world for the harvest of the Hereafter. Allah has granted health, wealth, youth and a good position in the society, they should all be invested on the glorification of the Hereafter.





Solution to Problems

My fellows! The concern for Hereafter results in a peaceful life, the distress and displeasures of this life disappear. Prophet ﷺ said:

من كانت الآخرة همَّه، جعل الله غناؤه في قلبه، وجمع له شمله

“Whoever makes the Hereafter his goal, Allah makes his heart rich, and organizes his affairs.” (Tirmidhi)

One who worries for his Hereafter, is released from the sorrows of this world, it can never happen that the one who is anxious for his Hereafter is sorrowful over worldly matters. By God! This can never happen. Hazrat Thanvi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ used to say: “the one who is burning in the sorrow of this world should be sure that the concern of Hereafter has never occurred to him.” Prophet ﷺ has said it right, make the Hereafter your goal, struggle for it, you will succeed in the Hereafter. Me and my children’s next life is beautified, the ones whom we love and are related to, it is important that they develop the concern for the Hereafter too. And if you are enemies to someone, it makes sense that you spoil his Hereafter, though you love your children and your siblings yet you’re dragging them away from the glorification of their Hereafter. What kind of love is it? What benevolence have you shown?

Consider Leisure a Blessing

My dear ones! Allah has granted us with this life for the harvest of Hereafter, He has blessed us with this short life to beautify our next and leisure of this life is very short, it’s like a bubble which can pop any minute, a lamp fire in open air which can be blown away by wind, alive in the morning and dead by the night, it is not necessary for one to be old aged or sick in order to die. We get to hear that someone slept at





night and was found dead in the morning, went for an outing and died, strange deaths. Allah has granted this leisure to improve our Hereafter and excel in it. Allah has gifted health, wealth and time to make the Hereafter valuable and glorified as much as possible. Like the people who live for this life aim for a high status, we should try to upgrade our Hereafter to the highest standards too. Sahaba-e-Karam only had the urge to beautify their Hereafter.

The Zeal of Competing in Deeds

One day Prophet ﷺ was in his home, Hazrat Aisha رضي الله عنها was there too, when looked at the sky there were millions of stars along with the moon, Hazrat Aisha رضي الله عنها asked: 'O Prophet of Allah! Has any of your Ummati done more good deeds and the stars in the sky?' Prophet ﷺ said: 'Umar رضي الله عنه has done more good deeds than the stars'. Hazrat Ayesha رضي الله عنها became quiet because she was expecting her father's name. Prophet ﷺ said: 'O Ayesha! I will take your father's name, beware that the deeds of the night your father was with me in the cave are more than the good deeds of Umar's entire life.

The Companions of Prophet ﷺ had the urge to glorify their Hereafter, Hazrat Umar رضي الله عنه used to say that 'Siddique! take away all my good deeds and give me your one night's deeds that is the night spent with Prophet ﷺ at the time of migration. My dear friends! Just as we cannot tolerate anyone ahead of us in the world, hence we develop jealousy, grudge and bitterness for them, they used to compete each other for earning more deeds. The punishment of love for this world results in a heart filled with jealousy and bitterness while the concern for Hereafter results in affection and love between each other.

For the Battle of Tabuk Hazrat Umar رضي الله عنه divided all his belongings in two halves, he kept one part of his livelihood while gave the rest





to Prophet ﷺ. When he came to Prophet ﷺ, he saw that Hazrat Abu Bakar ؓ had brought all his wealth, Prophet of Allah ﷺ said: 'What have you brought Umar?' He replied: 'Half my wealth'. When Hazrat Siddiqu-e-Akbar ؓ was asked: 'What have you brought?' he said: "I have brought all I had". Hazrat Umar ؓ said: "He is that man whom I cannot succeed". Hazrat Abu Bakar Siddique ؓ was a man with such a high merit that Allah's Prophet ﷺ accepted all his wealth.

My friends! In the times of Sahaba there was a competition to earn more and more deeds for a glorified Hereafter. May Allah make the Hereafter our purpose of life and death and make our days and nights a treasure for it.

Ameen.





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