

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ الْكِتَابَ وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ عِوَجًا، نَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ حَمْدًا  
كَثِيرًا طَيِّبًا، جَعَلَ سُبْحَانَهُ لِمَنْ اتَّقَاهُ مِنْ كُلِّ هَمٍّ فَرَجًا، وَمِنْ كُلِّ ضِيقٍ مَخْرَجًا، وَأَشْهَدُ  
أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ،

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّم وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى  
آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, who has sent down upon His Servant the Book and has not made therein any deviance. We thank Him as it pleases Him. He offers to bring relief to those who obey Him and dissolve their distress. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship, except for Him alone without any partners or peers. To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is within them, and He is over all things Mighty.

I also bear witness that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon him, his companions and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

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إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ مِنْهَا أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرْمٌ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ فَلَا تَظْلِمُوا فِيهِنَّ أَنْفُسَكُمْ

”Indeed, the number of months with Allah is twelve lunar months in the register of Allah from the day He created the heavens and the earth; of these, four are sacred.

That is the correct religion, so do not wrong yourselves during them. (9:36)

### Recognition

- Sunnah of Allah ﷻ – change night into day, days into weeks, months into years. Every day that passes man, a part of his life passes away with him, and becomes a witness over him.
- Each day calls out, ‘O Son of Adam, I am a new day, a new era, a new opportunity, seize me, if the sun sets on me you will not find me again until the day of judgement.’
- Man is between two states:
  1. The time which has past and he does not know how Allah ﷻ has decreed
  2. The future time in which he does not know what will happen to him

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وَجَعَلْنَا اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ آيَاتَيْنِ فَمَحَوْنَا آيَةَ اللَّيْلِ وَجَعَلْنَا آيَةَ النَّهَارِ مُبْصِرَةً لِّتَبْتَغُوا فَضْلًا مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَلِتَعْلَمُوا عَدَدَ السِّنِينَ وَالْحِسَابَ وَكُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَصَّلْنَاهُ تَفْصِيلًا

“And We have made the night and day two signs, and We erased the sign of the night and made the sign of the day visible that you may seek bounty from your Lord and may know the number of years and the account of time. And everything We have set out in detail.” (17:12)

### Realisation

- Days, months and years are the advents of change – Recognise, Realise, React
- Reflect on the constantly changing nature of time and life

وَالْفَجْرِ وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ وَالشَّفْعِ وَالْوَتْرِ وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا يَسْرِ هَلْ فِي ذَلِكَ قَسَمٌ لِّذِي حِجْرِ

“By the dawn, And by ten nights, And by the even and the odd, And by the night when it passes, Is there not in all that an oath sufficient for one of perception?” (89:1-5)

بورك لأمتي في بكورها

“The blessings for my nation are placed in the morning” (Tabrani)

وَالضُّحَىٰ وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا سَجَىٰ مَا وَدَّعَكَ رَبُّكَ وَمَا قَلَىٰ

“By the morning brightness, And by the night when it covers with darkness, Your Lord has not taken leave of you, [O Muhammad], nor has He detested you.” (93:1-3)

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وَالْعَصْرَانِ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَّاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَّاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ

“By the time, Indeed, mankind is in loss, Except for those who have believed and done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience.” (103:1-3)

### Reaction

الْكَيْسُ مَنْ دَانَ نَفْسَهُ وَعَمِلَ لِمَا بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ وَالْعَاجِزُ مَنْ أَتْبَعَ نَفْسَهُ هَوَاهَا وَتَمَنَّى عَلَى اللَّهِ

"The clever person is the one who subjugates his soul, and works for what is after death. And the incapable is the one who follows his desires and merely hopes in Allah." (Trimidhi)

- Reflect on your life and see where you are going as an individual, family, community, and nation
- 355 Days: 127,800 breaths, 1775 Salahs, 2.5% Zakat, 30 Days of Fasts, 1 Real/Mirrored Hajj, 53 Jumu'ahs 500+ verses Qu'ran & Hadith
- Time of action, and positive change – Recognise, Realise and React

اللَّهُمَّ أَهْلِلْهُ عَلَيْنَا بِالْيَمَنِ وَالْإِيمَانِ وَالسَّلَامَةِ وَالْإِسْلَامِ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكَ اللَّهُ

“O Allah, bring it over us with blessing and faith, and security and Islam. My Lord and your Lord is Allah” (Tirmidhi)