

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، حَتَّىٰ عِبَادَهُ عَلَىٰ خَيْرِ الْأَعْمَالِ، وَأَحْسَنِ
الْأَقْوَالِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا
وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا
وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَىٰ مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَىٰ
يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. He urges His servants to perform good deeds and speak the best of speech. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the Servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure blessed family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

We are surrounded by the beauty, wonder and majesty of life – air, plants, crops, wildlife, environment, children, families. We are also surrounded by death, a frightening yet inevitable end and return to Allah. As Muslims we live a life of hope and fear; living in the present but preparing for the future of the hereafter.

“Every soul shall taste of death...” (3:185)

Why does the Allah ﷻ mention it over 200X? to remind us:

- 1. Greater awareness of death can help us live our lives more fully**
- 2. Dying is not the end; it is just a transition**
- 3. Life is a contract with Allah**

We all know we are going to die, it’s a fact, but having knowledge of something and fully believing and living that reality is something else.

Sayyidna Ali ibn Abi Talib رضي الله عنه

“If man will see how speedily his death is coming toward him he will abhor ambitions & will give up admiring the world.”

“Every soul will taste death, and you will only be given your compensation on the Day of Resurrection. So he who is drawn away from the Fire and admitted to Paradise has attained. And what is the life of this world except the enjoyment of delusion.” (3:185)

- 1. What is death like to believers?** “The gift to a believer is death.”
- 2. The mercy of Allah even at the time of death** “Allah accepts the repentance of the servant so long as his spirit has not arrived at his throat.” (Tirmidhi)
- 3. The remembrance of death** “The most sagacious one from among you is he who remembers death the most, and the most prudent one from among you is he who is the most prepared for it.”
- 4. Things that last beyond death** “When a man dies, his good deeds come to an end, except three: Ongoing charity, beneficial knowledge, and a righteous son who will pray for him.” – (Sahih Muslim)
- 5. What can save me from an evil death?** “Indeed charity extinguishes the Lord’s anger and protects against the evil death.” – (Tirmidhi)
- 6. Death is an end to comfort** “Remember often the destroyer of all pleasures.” (Tirmidhi)

“And when your Lord took from the children of Adam - from their loins - their descendants and made them testify of themselves, "Am I not your Lord?" They said, "Yes, we have testified." - lest you should say on the day of Resurrection, "Indeed, we were of this unaware.” (7:172)

“And fulfil (every) covenant. Verily! the covenant, will be questioned about” (17:34) “

“Yes, whoever fulfils his pledge and fears Allah much; verily, then Allah loves those who are Al-Muttaqun (the pious)” (3:76)

We are all contracted by Allah to fulfil 2 agreements before death!

Contract to Allah & His Rasool

Monotheism, Angels, Prophethood, Revealed Book, Life Hereafter, Taqdeer, Shahdah, Salah, Zakah, Sawm, Hajj...

Contract of Humanity

Parents, Children, Relatives, Neighbours, Muslims, Non-Muslims, Environment, World & Creation...