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All praises are due to Allah, Lord of all the Worlds. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad, is His Messenger. So O Allah send your peace and blessings upon him and upon his noble family and companions. And upon whomsoever follows them in the best of ways till the Last Day.

Some people accept Allah sexist, others do not, & some say Allah is the King - but it's a Constitutional Monarchy - where He owns but does not rule – He makes laws but does not intervene.

We believe that Allah & exists & has full power & control. Allah has given us FREE WILL but He doe not influence our choices - some chose right & do good, others chose wrong & do evil. As a consequence of good & bad, we can get rewarded or punished in this life or in the hereafter. Allah & doesn't always leave the corrupters without punishment in this life.

"So <u>see</u> how was the end of the corrupters (7:103) "Travel through the land; then <u>observe</u> how was the end of the deniers." (6:11) "Similar <u>situations have passed</u> on before you, so proceed throughout the earth and observe how was the end of those who denied." (3:137) "We <u>destroyed</u> them and their people, all. So those are their houses, desolate <u>because of the injustice</u> they had done. Indeed in that is a sign for people who know" (27:51-52) "And We rained upon them a rain [of stones]. Then see how was the end of the criminals. (7:84)

Ponder over everything that happens around you – realise that Allah does intervene against oppressors in the Dunya as well as Hereafter.

Allah # has created physical laws of nature & left them to operate, but there are other Divine Laws - Sunan al Ilaahiya where He # intervenes.

"And those cities - We destroyed them when they wronged, and We made for their destruction an appointed time." (18:59)

The rule of Allah ﷺ is that He punishes unjust communities & accepts the Du'as of the oppressed. This is Allah's way – His Law & Tradition

"But you will never find in the way of Allah any change, and you will never find in the way of Allah any alteration" (35:43)

لَمْ تَظْهَرِ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي قَوْمٍ قَطُّ حَتَّى يُعْلِنُوا بِهَا إِلاَّ فَشَا فِيهِمُ الطَّاعُونُ وَالأَوْجَاعُ الَّتِي لَمْ تَكُنْ مَضَتْ فِي أَسْلاَفِهِمُ الَّذِينَ مَضَوْا

"Immorality never appears among a people to such an extent that they commit it openly, but <u>plagues and diseases that were never known</u> among the predecessors will spread among them"... (Ibn Majah)

Isn't it the time to repent, reflect and return to Allah

"Has the time not come for those who have believed that their hearts should become humbly submissive at the remembrance of Allah and what has come down of the truth?"... (57:16)

Same people/nations who thought they were strong and mighty & controlled of the world – how are they now?

"..when the earth has taken on her ornaments and is well beautified, and her owners thought that it is within their control, Our command came to it at night or at day.. (10:24)

All those who die of plagues or diseases are not wicked or punished by Allah – among those who died in the plague in Palestine 18AH during the Khilafah of Umar ibn Khattab were great Shahabah - Muadh ibn Jabal, Abu Ubayd ibn Jarrah, Abu Jundal, Suhail ibn Amr... The Prophet everyone will be resurrected according to their intentions & status in life.

"O mankind, you are those in need of Allah, while Allah is the Free of need, the Praiseworthy. If He wills, He can do away with you and bring forth a new creation. And that is for Allah not difficult." (35:15-17)

There is a cure, Allah is never creates a disease except with its cure. We must search & find the cure, then thank Allah is and praise him. In the meantime we must protect ourselves, families, communities & Masajid.

The world will find a cure, but will attribute success to itself, act arrogantly & assume they are safe - return back to their ways - WILL YOU?

"And who is more unjust than one who is reminded of the verses of his Lord; then he turns away from them? Indeed We, from the criminals, will take retribution." (32:22)

- Elderly, Weak & Children must stay at home Do wudu from home & bring your Musallah No handshaking or hugging in the Masjid If you have any Coughing, Sneezing, Cold, Flu etc. do not attend the Masjid self-isolate & get medical advice
- Wash hands, Sanitise, Use Tissues Follow NHS Guidelines
- Masjid may be closed for Jumu'ah / Salah etc. We will Keep Everyone Informed
- Please Remain Calm, Be Safe & Do Du'a

It was narrated that 'Abdullah bin 'Umar said:

- "The Messenger of Allah sturned to us and said: 'O Muhajirun, there are five things with which you will be tested, and I seek refuge with Allah lest you live to see them:
- Immorality never appears among a people to such an extent that they commit it openly, but plagues and diseases that were never known among the predecessors will spread among them.
- They do not cheat in weights and measures but they will be stricken with famine, severe calamity and the oppression of their rulers.
- They do not withhold the Zakah of their wealth, but rain will be withheld from the sky, and were it not for the animals, no rain would fall on them.
- They do not break their covenant with Allah and His Messenger, but Allah will enable their enemies to overpower them and take some of what is in their hands.
- Unless their leaders rule according to the Book of Allah and seek all good from that which Allah has revealed, Allah will cause them to fight one another." (Book of Punishments Sunan ibn Majah)