

From the moment we become aware, we are told to remember things; parents, family, friends, names, objects, address, money, gifts, pin, secrets, education, clothes, car, house, marriage, kids, appointments, flights – we remember everything under the sun except for the most important!

But is this the purpose of life, to remember these mundane things? Or are we here to remember something greater, more important & serious? Once you're gone will anything remember you?

The reality is we remember everything but DEATH. We don't talk about it; we don't tell our loved ones how we want to be buried & remembered. The world, Shaytan is all geared to make you so busy that you forget that each breath brings you closer to death.

"Those who took their religion as distraction and amusement and whom the worldly life deluded." So today We will forget them just as they forgot the meeting of this Day of theirs" (7:51)

We remember **DEATH** very little, we're forced to see it, but we ignore it as a distant possibility.

"Indeed, the death from which you flee - indeed, it will meet you. Then you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen & the witnessed, and He will inform you about what you used to do" (62:8)

"Indeed, you are to die, and indeed, they are to die. Then indeed you, on the Day of Resurrection, before your Lord, will dispute" (39:30-31)

"Indeed the promise of Allah is truth, so let not the worldly life delude you and be not deceived about Allah by the Deceiver" (35:5)

- **DEATH** is an undeniable fact so why do you ignore it? Not prepare for it? Not talk about it?
- Power, wealth, status, beauty, ambitions & arrogance will all fade away when death comes. There are no second chances, no turning back and no last goodbyes!
- The Prophet **stranger** took Abdullah ibn Umar **stranger** or a traveller on a path, and If you reach the evening then do not expect to reach the morning, and if you reach the morning then do not expect to reach the evening. Take from your health before your sickness, and from your life before your death." (Bukhari)

"He will say, "Oh, I wish I had sent ahead [some good] for my life" (89:24)

Although are loved ones are gone, be grateful for the opportunity that Allah si is still giving you a chance to remember Him, practice His Deen & follow His Messenger before you breath your last.

"O mankind, indeed you are labouring toward your Lord with [great] exertion & will meet it" (84:6)

Do we really think we are successful? Cars, Homes, Lives – Protected? People are laughing at graves, talking, trivialising death at the graveyards – only to return home unaffected – normal

"Shall we inform you of the greatest losers as to [their] deeds? Those whose effort is lost in worldly life, while they think that they are doing well in work." Those are the ones who disbelieve in the verses of their Lord & in their meeting Him, so their deeds become worthless. (18:103-105)

We bury the dead but are veiled from the reality beneath our very feet.

"Remember often the destroyer of all pleasures." (Tirmidhi)

"O Allah, I seek Your protection from the punishment of the Hell-fire, and from the punishment of the grave, and from the trials of life and death" (Bukhari)

Muslims are not heedless, neglectful, ignorant. We wake up & remember death, we sleep & remember death, after Salah we realise we could be prayed over. DEATH is a part of us!

We prepare for everything in life, but not **DEATH**. Ashamed, Sinful, Neglectful, Arrogant?

"And fear a Day when you will be returned to Allah" (2:281)

"Did you think that We created you uselessly & that to Us you would not be returned?" (23:115)

Why do you ignore your death? Ignore your Lord? Your Religion? Your Prophet?

"O mankind, what has deceived you concerning your Lord, the Generous" (82:6)

"O you who have believed, fear Allah. And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow - and fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do" (59:18)

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

"The gift to a believer is death." (Tirmidhi)

"Whoever loves to meet Allah, Allah loves to meet him. Whoever hates to meet Allah, Allah hates to meet him." (Bukhari)

"So whoever would hope for the meeting with his Lord - let him do righteous work" (18:110)

Those who ignored death, failed to prepare will beg for another change, but they will never be given another moment.

Look around you, we are surrounded by death – remember it – prepare for it.

Live a life with good character, good faith, good actions & send your deeds forward!

"Which of the believers is best? The one who has the best character.' Which of them is wisest? The one who remembers death the most and is best in preparing for it." (Majah)