

Three Advices

From the Blessed City of

MADĪNAH MUNAWWARAH







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بالله المجالين

الْحَمْدُ لِلهِ، الْحَمْدُ لِلهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِيْنُهُ وَنَسْتَعْيْنُهُ وَنَسْتَعْفِرُهُ وَنُوْمِنُ بِهِ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْهِ، وَنَعُودُ بِاللّهِ مِنْ شُرُوْرِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّنَاتٍ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَن يَهْدِهِ اللّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَن يُّضْلِلْهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ، وَنَشْهَدُ أَن لَّا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهُ، وَنَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيّنَا فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ، وَنَشْهَدُ أَن لَّا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَهُ، وَنَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيّنَا وَ مَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، صَلَّى الله تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى اللهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَبَارَكَ وَ سَلّمَ تَسْلِيْمًا كَثِيْرًا كَثِيْرًا، أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيْمِ بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ سَلَّمَ تَسْلِيْمًا كَثِيْرًا كَثِيْرًا، أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيْمِ بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ اللهُ الرَّحِيْمِ: كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ، وَإِنَّمَا تُوفَّوْنَ أَجُوْرَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، فَمَنْ زُحْزِحَ عَنِ اللّهَ إِلَّا لَهُ مَتَاعُ الْغُرُورِ.

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: إِنَّ الدُّنْيَا حُلْوَةٌ خَضِرَةٌ، وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ مُسْتَخْلِفُكُمْ فِيْهِا فَنَاظِرٌ كَيْف تَعْمَلُوْنَ، أَلَا فَاتَّقُوا الدَّنْيَا وَاتَّقُوا النِّسَاءَ۔۔۔ أَوْ كَمَا قَالَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ۔

رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِيْ صَدْرِيْ وَيَسِّرْ لِيْ أَمْرِيْ وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِّنْ لِّسَانِيْ يَفْقَهُوْا قَوْلِيْ، شَبْحَانَكَ لَا عِلْمُ لَنَا إِلَّا مَا عَلَّمْتَنَا إِنَّكَ انْتَ الْعَلِيْمُ الْحَكِيْمُ. اَللَّهُمَّ انْفَعْنَا بِمَا عَلَّمْتَنَا وَعَلَّمْنَا مَا يَنْفَعُنَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَآ أَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ امَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَّمْنَا مَا يَنْفَعُنَا إِنَّ اللَّهُ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَآ أَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ امَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى الله وَاصْحَابِه وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيْمًا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى الله وَاصْحَابِه وَاتْبَاعِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِه وَذُرِّيَاتِه

Allāh , through His infinite Mercy and Grace, has granted this sinful, humble and insignificant servant the opportunity today on January 1st 2018, at the time of tahajjud, at 3:05 am in the morning, to speak to you all. I firstly greet you with the greeting of Islām from Madīnah Munawwarah, the city of our most Beloved Nabī ::

May Allāh grant acceptance in His Court to this gathering that is taking place in Masjid An-Noor, Leicester today and may Allāh make it a means of our forgiveness, the forgiveness of all those associated to us and the forgiveness of the whole Ummah. May this programme also become a means of complete hidāyah (guidance) coming into our lives, the lives of all those who are associated to us and the whole Ummah. Āmīn.

A Ḥadīth with Three Important Advices

I would very briefly like to go through a Ḥadīth of our Beloved Nabī . Sayyidunā Jibra'īl came to our Beloved Nabī and conveyed three very beautiful advices. If we were to ponder over these three beautiful advices then, inshā'allāh, we will see a complete change in our lives.

The First Advice

Nabī said, 'Once Jibra'īl () came to me and said,

O Muḥammad (ﷺ)! Live for as long as you desire, (but remember that ultimately) you are going to die.¹

¹ Al-Mustadrak alaṣ-Ṣaḥiḥayn, kitāb : الرقاق Ḥadīth: 7921

This is the first message we all need to embed in our hearts and minds; that whether we live to see our 20th birthday or our 100th birthday or even more, our ultimate destination is the Hereafter. We will not live in this world forever.

Every Soul will Taste Death

Allāh declares this in three different places of the Glorious Qur'ān:

Every soul will taste death and on the Day of Qiyāmah you will be given your rewards in full. (3:185)

Every soul will taste death. We test you with good and bad (conditions) and you will return to us. (21:35)

Every soul will taste death then you will return to us. (29:57)

Whoever comes into this world only comes to go, whether it be after a few moments, days, weeks or years. Allāh says,

We have not decreed for any human before you to remain [in this world] forever. (21:34)

In another place Allāh & mentions,

Indeed, you will die and they (who are opposing you and rejecting you) will also die. (39:30)

We Cannot Live Forever

My brothers, elders, friends, mothers, sisters and daughters! This is the first thing we need to embed in our hearts and minds: no matter how long we live in this world, our ultimate destination is the Hereafter. We will not live in this world forever.

Live for as long as you desire, (but remember that ultimately) you are going to die.²

This means that if you were given the choice to live in this world for as long as you desired, then you would not be able to say to Allāh that you would like to live in this world for eternity. No. You may live for as long as you want, but a time will come when you will have to depart for the Hereafter and stand in the Court of Allāh to answer for everything that you said or did in this world.

The Second Advice

... and love whomsoever you love, (but remember that) one day

² Ibid

you will have to part ways.3

If a person decides to ignore Allāh and love his wife and children to the extent that he gives priority to them over the Commands of Allāh and His Rasūl ; or he loves his desires and gives priority to them over the Commands of Allāh and His Rasūl ; or he loves wealth and gives it priority over the Commands of Allāh and His Rasūl ; or he loves wealth and gives it priority over the Commands of Allāh and the should remind himself that he will soon separate from all these things. Love whomsoever and whatsoever you desire besides Allāh and but remember one thing: a time is going to come when you will have to separate from that person, item or thing and you will have to meet the Creator. Either you will depart first leaving the item or person behind, or the person or item will desert you and leave you behind.

Allāh samentions in the Glorious Qur'ān,

The person who hopes to meet his Rabb (in such a way that the Creator is happy and pleased, and will grant him Jannah and respite from the Fire of Jahannam) should do good deeds (in accordance to the Sunnah of Nabī *) and should not make anyone a partner in the worship of his Rabb i.e. he should not worship anyone but Allāh *. (18:110)

Loving Others for the Sake of Allāh &

In this second point, Sayyidunā Jibra'īl is saying that all the relationships and connections besides our connection with Allāh

³ Ibid

are feeble and weak. The only connection, relationship and bond that will be of help in this world, at the time of death, in the grave and on the Day of Qiyāmah is the relationship, connection and bond with Allah ...

So instead of concentrating on befriending or loving the creation of Allāh , concentrate on befriending Allāh Himself and creating a bond with the Creator Himself.

Yes, in light of the love of Allāh , you may love whomsoever you desire and you will be rewarded for it. When a person loves his wife, children, relatives, siblings and Muslim brothers and sisters as a result of love for Allāh , then this love will prove to be beneficial and rewarding in this world, at the time of death and on the Day of Qiyāmah, inshā'allāh.

Summary of the First Two Advices

The first message is: Live in this world for as long as you desire but remember that one day you will have to depart and face Allāh ... The second message is: Love whomsoever you desire in this world, but remember that one day you will depart from that person and you will have to meet Allāh ... If your love is somewhere else and not with Allāh ..., then in the Hereafter you will have no friendship; you will have nobody to support you.

The Third Advice

The third advice that Sayyidunā Jibra'īl a conveyed to Nabī was:

وَ اعْمَلْ مَا شِئْتَ Do whatever you desire Whilst in this world, you can choose to do whatever you desire. It is completely up to you. Allāh says in the Glorious Qur'ān,

Whosoever desires should accept Īmān, and whosoever desires should disbelieve. (18:29)

But before doing anything in this world, remember one thing:

You will be retributed by Allāh 🖦 4

If you do good, Allāh swill grant you His Pleasure, Jannah and the pleasures of Jannah. If you do wrong then Allah swill become unhappy and sentence you to the fire of Jahannam.

We will be Held Accountable for Every Action and Statement

On the Day of Qiyāmah, Allāh will reckon us for whatever we do or say in this world, no matter how insignificant it may be.

Whosoever carries out an atom's weight of good will see it (on the Day of Qiyāmah in his book of deeds and on the scales), and whosoever carries out an atom's weight of bad will see it (on the Day of Qiyāmah in his book of deeds and on the scales).

(99:7-8)

In the Hereafter we will be retributed for each and every action

⁴ Ibid

that we carry out in this world and each and every word that we say in this world - in the form of Jannah for good actions and in the form of Jahannam for bad actions.

Building for the Hereafter

Imām Shāfi'ī has said in his couplets,



There is no house after death for a person in which he will live Except for that house which he constructs before death.

If he constructs that house with goodness, then his abode will be good.

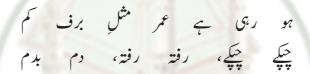
And if he constructs that house with evil deeds, then he will be a loser in the Hereafter.

Thus, we have to construct our home and abode in Jannah whilst we are in this world. If we carry out good deeds, we are constructing our home in Jannah, and if we carry out evil deeds, we are preparing a home in the Fire of Jahannam.

Time Flies

My friends! The year 2017 has gone and the year 2018 has begun today. In order to understand the value of the year 2018, look back at the year 2017; how it started last year on the 1st of January and

how quickly it has ended on the 31st of December. Similarly, the upcoming year, 2018, which looks so long is not so long. Soon we will find ourselves, if we are alive, sitting in a similar gathering and we will be saying that the year 2018 has gone and 2019 has begun. Like this, slowly slowly, breath by breath, our lives will melt away.



The life is decreasing like ice.

Silently silently, slowly slowly, breath by breath.

Today the year 2017 has ended, last year 2016 ended, the year before that 2015 ended; friends, a time will come when our lives will end too.

Your Time of Passing will also Come

Sayyidunā 'Umar would say, 'Every day it is said that such and such a person has passed away. Indeed, a day will come when it will be said, "'Umar has passed away."'

So today we are saying that Thursday has gone, this week has gone, this month has gone, this year has gone, this person has gone, etc. Friends, a time is going to come when people will say that me and you have gone.

Only Your Actions will Accompany You to the Grave

Before that time comes, let us embed these three points in our hearts that a time is going to come when we will have to depart and whomsoever and whatever we love will separate from us and we will leave this world with only our actions.

No money, wealth or riches will go (with you).

Only the shroud will go with you.

Your wealth, money and mansion will not go with you. The only thing that will go with you from this materialistic world is your shroud. Other than that, your actions will go with you; either good deeds or bad deeds. If this is what is going to happen, that we will have to depart and nothing will go with us besides our actions, then:

One day you will die, the end is death. Do whatever you desire, the end is death.

One day you will have to depart, so carry out whatever good deeds you are able to. Do whatever you need to for salvation in the Hereafter and for the eternal pleasure of the after-life, because we will be retributed for everything that we do.

Allāh 🎉 says,

Each person will taste death. And you will be given your retribution in full on the Day of Qiyāmah. The person who is saved from the Fire (of Jahannam) and entered into Jannah has surely become successful. (3:185)

The World is a Deception

This worldly life is nothing but a commodity of deceit. It is deceiving by making us believe that everything we earn is ours, but the reality is that nothing is ours. The only thing that is ours is our good deeds and bad deeds, and both of them will remain with us forever and ever.

Make a Firm Resolution

My friends, let us make a firm resolution that inshā'allah, from today, we will sit in the company of God-fearing and reliable 'Ulamā and acquire authentic knowledge from them. We will learn the dos and don'ts of Islām from them, and thereafter, we will carry out all the farā'iḍ and wājibāt and always stay away from ḥarām and makrūh taḥrīmī acts. There will be no compromise in these matters.

Thereafter, we will try our utmost to carry out the sunan, mustaḥabbāt and nawāfil, and stay away from the makrūh tanzīhī acts.

Hard Work Brings Success

There is a saying in Arabic:

One who seeks something and thereafter strives to acquire it will find it.

That person who goes out in search for something and strives to find it, Allāh will not make him a loser, rather He will grant it to him. My friends! The year 2017 has gone. Let us make a firm resolution on this new year's night that the future is going to be nothing but Dīn. The future is going to be nothing but Allah . The future is going to be nothing but love for Rasūlullāh and his Sunnah. The future is going to be the Hereafter because that is our ultimate success.

Thereafter, let us strive. Let us sit in the company of the Godfearing, reliable 'Ulamā and acquire authentic knowledge from them. Let us sit in the company of the Mashāyikh so that our hearts and souls are purified, and as a result it becomes easy for us to practise what we learn from the 'Ulamā. Thereafter, we must pass on as much as we can to others. From today, let us learn, practise and pass on whatever we learn to others, as much as possible.

These are some advices from Madīnah Munawwarah which Allāh inspired me to convey. I am so happy to be with you at this moment in this blessed gathering, where in the middle of the night, my brothers and sisters are trying to come closer to Allāh through this programme; and I am also very happy that this gathering is with me in Madīnah Munawwarah.

Du'ā

May Allāh **s** grant us the love for Makkah Mukarramah and Madīnah Munawwarah. May Allāh **s** grant us the opportunity

to visit the Ḥaramayn Sharīfayn and also Al-Masjidul-Aqṣā over and over again with much reverence, love and adab. May Allāh grant us the tawfīq (ability) to utilise every moment of our stay in the Ḥaramayn Sharīfayn and every moment of our stay in this world, and may Allāh grant us death in either Makkah Mukarramah or Madīnah Munawwarah with His Pleasure and Maqāme-ṣiddīqiyyat which is the highest form of wilāyah. May Allāh grant us all the tawfīq to attach ourselves to Allāh His beloved Nabī and His beautiful Dīn.

Inshā'allāh, I will convey the salāms of the whole gathering and everyone who is listening at this moment to Rasūlullāh stomorrow, when I present myself in his blessed court. I am very happy to be with all of you. Please accept my greeting from Madīnah Munawwarah again.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ وَ اخِرُ دَعْوَانَا أَنِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعُلَمِيْنَ وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى اللهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ



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