

Asking about the Hour

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

With regards to asking about the Hour, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ states:

And the people's questions about the Hour can be divided into two categories:

(1) A questioning of istib'aad (deeming it to be something farfetched) and denial; and this is kufr, just as the mushriks asked the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² about the Hour and sought to hasten it:

[Those who do not have 'Eemaan seek to hasten it (the Hour); and those who truly believe are fearful of it and know that it is the truth.]³

(2) And a questioning about the Hour, (when) the (person) asks about when the Hour will be so as to prepare for it. And there is no harm in this. And indeed a man asked the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ):

O Messenger of Allaah, when will be the Hour?

So he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: **"What have you prepared for it?"**

So he replied: "Love of Allaah and His Messenger."

He (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: **"A man will be with one he loved."**

So the people used to ask the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) but their intentions behind this questioning differed. And regardless of their intentions and regardless of their questions, then the knowledge of the Hour is with Allaah.

(Tafseer Juz' 'Amma of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ), quoted in Mu'jam at Ta'reefaat p213)

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ سورة الشورى - Soorah ash-Shooraa [42:18]