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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

O mankind, have Taqwaa of Allaah (سبحانه)<sup>1</sup> and prepare for the meeting with your Lord, with the preparation of the righteous. Verily the state of man is as his Lord (سبحانه) said:

(يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّكَ كَادِحٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ كَدْحًا فَمُلَاقِيهِ)

[O man! Verily, you are returning towards your Lord with your deeds and actions (good or bad), a sure returning, so you will meet Him.]<sup>2</sup>

O Muslims, verily the person does not know where he will die. And he does not know when he will die. As Allaah (سبحانه) said:

(وَمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسٌ مَّاذَا تَكْسِبُ غَدًا وَمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسٌ بِأَيِّ أَرْضٍ تَمُوتُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ)

[No person knows what he will earn tomorrow, and no person knows in what land he will die. Verily, Allaah is All-Knower, All-Aware (of things).]<sup>3</sup>

If we don't know what we will earn tomorrow while this is from our actions, then surely we do not know when we will die as this is from the actions of Allaah (سبحانه). Since we do not know in what land we will die, despite the fact that the person travels to the land by choice, and since we do not know when we will die, therefore the place of death is unknown and the time of death is unknown. We ask Allaah to grant us and you and good ending.

It is not importance when the person will die or where the person will die. It is not important that he dies in Makkah or in Madeenah or another place from the lands of Allaah. It is not important that he dies on Friday, or Monday or any other day of the week. The only thing which is important is in what condition the person will die. This is what is important. In what condition will the person die? Will you die upon 'Eemaan (faith), sincerity, and Tawheed? We ask Allaah to grant this to all of us. Or will you die upon doubt, shirk, kufr and obstinacy and ingratitude? This is what is important; this is what is important, O Muslims. But whoever wants to die upon good then let him do good. For surely Allaah (سبحانه) is too

<sup>1</sup> (سبحانه) (Subhanahu) The Exalted

<sup>2</sup> سورة الانشقاق - Soorah al-Insheeqaq [84:6]

<sup>3</sup> سورة لقمان - Soorah Luqmaan [31: 34]

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Generous and too Kind to abandon His slave during the time of difficulty if he used to know and acknowledge Allaah in times of ease.

The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)<sup>4</sup> said:

تَعَرَّفْ إِلَى اللَّهِ فِي الرَّخَاءِ يَعْرِفُكَ فِي الشَّدَّةِ

**Know and acknowledge Allaah in times of ease and prosperity, and He will know you in times of difficulty.**

What is more difficult than the person's life coming to an end, what is more difficult than the person leaving this world?! Thus if the person knew and acknowledged his Lord during times of ease, by obedience to Him and drawing near to Him with worship of Him and constantly remembering Him, then surely Allaah (سبحانه) will know him during his time of difficulty. May Allaah grant us and you that. The only thing that matters is in what condition the person will die.

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<sup>4</sup>(صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him