

English Translation:

All praise is due to Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful. We praise him, ask for his forgiveness and seek refuge from him from evil deeds. I testify that there is no deity except Allah and I testify that Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) is his messenger and servant.

Jibril (peace be upon him) asked our prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him):

Tell me about that hour (about the Day of Judgment)? He (Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)) said: The speaker doesn't know better than the questioner. Then he (Jibril (peace be upon him)) said: teach me about his signs? Our Khutba today relates you regarding the signs of the Last Day. Belief in the Day of Judgment is one of the important pillars in Islam. Muslim piety is based on belief in Allah and the last day. In Sura Al-Baqara Nr. 2 verse Nr. 177 it is mentioned that,

لَيْسَ الْبِرَّ أَنْ تُوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ  
الْآخِرِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِتَابِ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ وَءَاتَى الْمَالَ عَلَى حُبِّهِ ذَوِي الْقُرْبَىٰ  
وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَأَبْنَ السَّبِيلِ وَالسَّائِلِينَ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَءَاتَى الزَّكَاةَ  
وَأَمُوفُونَ بِعَهْدِهِمْ إِذَا عَاهَدُوا وَالصَّابِرِينَ فِي الْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَحِينَ الْبَأْسِ أُولَئِكَ  
الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ ﴿١٧٧﴾

[2.177]“Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward the east or the west, but [true] righteousness is [in] one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the angels, the Book, and the prophets and gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveler, those who ask [for help], and for freeing slaves; [and who] establishes prayer and gives zakah; [those who] fulfill their promise when they promise; and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are the righteous.”

You can only achieve true piety if you believe in Allah and the Last Day. Belief in the Day of Judgment will affect the life of the Muslim in all respects. Since no one knows when the Day of Judgment will take place, our God the exalted has given us hints so that the Muslim can find help in these signs to underpin his faith. If you see or feel physical signs, the belief in the heart is strengthened. In Sura Muhammad Nr.47 verse Nr.18 it is mentioned that,

فَهَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا السَّاعَةَ أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمْ بَغْتَةً ۖ فَقَدْ جَاءَ أَشْرَاطُهَا فَأَنَّى لَهُمْ إِذَا جَاءَتْهُمْ ذِكْرُهُمْ  
﴿١٨﴾

[47.18]” Then do they await except that the Hour should come upon them unexpectedly? But already there have come [some of] its indications. Then what good to them, when it has come, will be their remembrance?”

Allah, the Exalted, has kept the knowledge of the hour or when the Day of Judgment takes place for himself. In Sahih Al-Bukhari narrated by Abdullah bin Omar: The Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), said: "The keys of the hidden/Gaib are five, then this verse descended upon him:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ عِلْمُ السَّاعَةِ وَيُنزِلُ الْغَيْثَ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْأَرْحَامِ وَمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسٌ مَآذَا  
تَكْسِبُ غَدًا وَمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسٌ بِأَيِّ أَرْضٍ تَمُوتُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿٣٤﴾

[31.34]" Indeed, Allah [alone] has knowledge of the Hour and sends down the rain and knows what is in the wombs. And no soul perceives what it will earn tomorrow, and no soul perceives in what land it will die. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted."

Allah the Exalted kept the knowledge of the Day of Judgment to himself. No angel or prophet knew when the hour would take place, not even the last messenger and the greatest of the prophets (Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him). In Sura Al-Araf Nr.7 verse Nr.187 it is mentioned that,

يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ السَّاعَةِ أَيَّانَ مَرْسُهَا قُلْ إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ رَبِّي لَا يُجَلِّيهَا لِوَقْتِهَا إِلَّا هُوَ ثُقُلْتِ فِي  
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَا تَأْتِيكُمْ إِلَّا بَغْتَةً يَسْأَلُونَكَ كَأَنَّكَ حَفِيٌّ عَنْهَا قُلْ إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ  
وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٨٧﴾

[7.187]" They ask you, [O Muhammad], about the Hour: when is its arrival? Say, "Its knowledge is only with my Lord. None will reveal its time except Him. It lies heavily upon the heavens and the earth. It will not come upon you except unexpectedly." They ask you as if you are familiar with it. Say, "Its knowledge is only with Allah, but most of the people do not know."

The Prophet's Sunnah indicates that Judgment Day will happen on a Friday. However, we do not know in which year or in which month or in which week of the month. In Sahih Muslim we read the narration from Abu Huraira (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "The sun has not shone in a day better than Friday. It is the day in which Aadam, may Allah exalt his mention, was created and was descended (to earth) and was forgiven and died. It is the day in which The Hour (Day of Judgment) will take place".

There are signs from the Last Judgment that will take place just before Judgment Day. These signs are called the big signs from the Day of Judgment. There are other signs that will take place long before and are called the small signs from the Day of Judgment. In this Khutba we will talk about some prophecies about the little signs of Judgment Day.

One of the signs of the Last Day is that the slave gives birth to her master. Also, that people are proud that they will build high houses after living in tents and taking care of sheep and camels - As we read from Hadith of Jibril. This narration indicates that many things will change. Man will become the master of his mother. This was when slavery was allowed. If the slave gives birth to a child from her owner, then that child becomes like her master as she is still a slave of the father and the child is a free person.

Another explanation for this narration is: The owners of these slaves will sell them after they have had their children. They continue to be sold until their children buy them again without knowing that this slave is their mother. A final and possible interpretation of this narration is that disobedience and disregard for the parents, especially the mother, will be very common, so that the children will treat their mothers like slaves.

The Hadith of Jibril also tells regarding the bare-footed people who will get a lot of money in their hands. This kind of people will be the leaders of the people because of their wealth. They will compete with the construction of skyscrapers, but these bare-footed Bedouins once used to live in tents.

One of the signs of Judgment Day is that religious knowledge will be diminishing. Ignorance about religion will become clear and increasing. Narrated from Abdullah and Abu Musa (may Allah be pleased with them) that the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Near the establishment of the Hour there will be days during which Religious ignorance will spread, knowledge will be taken away (vanish) and there will be much Al-Harj, and Al-Harj means killing."

Anas also narrated a similar hadith, the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) said: It is one of the signs of the hour that knowledge is lifted up and ignorance will prevail. Alcohol will be drunk and fornication will be prevailed.

The scholars have interpreted these hadiths about the abolition of knowledge in several ways. A possibility, that the knowledge from the hearts or minds is erased and canceled. Another possibility is that, the knowledge is there but nobody adheres to it and acts accordingly. You will find people who have memorized the Koran and Sunna and have not behaved accordingly. One last possibility that the scholars mentioned is who preserve and instruct the knowledge will die or are prevented from passing on this knowledge and thus the knowledge is canceled.

There is also narration that suggests that the cancellation of knowledge is caused by the death of the scholars. Abudllah bin amr bin al-Aas(may Allah be pleased with him), said: I heard the Messenger of Allah when he said: Allah, the Most Exalted, will not raise / release knowledge from the hearts of men, but knowledge will be lifted by the Death of the scholars. So when there are no more scholars, people will ask ignorant leaders / people / heads who have no knowledge. They will speak their fatwa or opinion without knowledge, so that they mislead themselves and others. [Narrated by Imam Bukhari and Muslim]