



1	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOW WOULD OUR END BE?</b> 30 December 2016AD / 30 Rabiulawal 1438H</p>
2	<p>إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، فَحَمْدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَسَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ وَمَنْ يَضَلِّهِ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ وَلِيًّا مُرْشِدًا.</p>
3	<p>أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ،</p>
4	<p>اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ دَعَا بِدَعْوَتِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.</p>
5	<p>أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.</p>
6	<p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨﴾</p>
7	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> Let us together increase the level of our conviction and faith in Allah SWT by performing all that He has commanded and avoiding all that He has prohibited us from doing. May we find success in this world and in the hereafter.</p>
8	<p>On this blessed day, let us reflect upon the sermon entitled: "<b>How Would Our End Be?</b>"</p>
9	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> We are now approaching the end of the year, which will come to a close</p>



	soon. We will move into the new year of 2017. As it is every year, preparations to welcome the New Year is being meticulously planned. Spectacular events are being organized and prepared for the much anticipated New Year.
10	The question now is, have we made the effort to increase the level of our faith and conviction throughout the year? Let us contemplate and assess whether we are getting better or otherwise.
11	This coincides with the reminder made by Allah SWT in Surah Al-Hashr, verse 18: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨﴾
12	<b>Which means:</b> “O, you who believe! Fear Allah, and let every soul look to what (provision) He has sent forth for tomorrow (judgement day). Yes, fear Allah: for Allah is well-acquainted with (all) that you do.”
13	Imam At-Tirmidhi Rahimahullah recorded the words uttered by Sayiddina Umar bin Al-Khattab RA: حَاسِبُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ قَبْلَ أَنْ تُحَاسَبُوا <b>Which means:</b> “Judge yourselves before you are judged.”
14	True, before we are judged in front of Allah SWT in the Hereafter, it is better to evaluate ourselves in this world, so that we can correct our mistakes and have the opportunity to become better than before. What Umar Al-Khattab meant as a reminder is the Hereafter. That is the day where all deeds are displayed as either a reward or a burden of sin.
15	<b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> Where would we be if we are to depart from this world soon? By then, there would be no use being remorseful as our repentance would no longer be accepted. Therefore, we should reflect on some ways to ensure that our welfare and success is recognized and rewarded in the Hereafter. Among



	the ways are:
16	<b>First:</b> Ponder and reflect on where we came from. Indeed, our existence on this earth is accorded by the grace and love of Allah SWT.
17	Allah SWT stated in Surah Al-Mukminun, verses 12 to 14: <p>وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ سُلَالَةٍ مِّنْ طِينٍ ﴿١٢﴾ ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاهُ نُطْفَةً فِي قَرَارٍ مَّكِينٍ ﴿١٣﴾ ثُمَّ خَلَقْنَا النُّطْفَةَ عَلَقَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْعَلَقَةَ مُضْغَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْمُضْغَةَ عِظْمًا فَكَسَوْنَا الْعِظْمَ لَحْمًا ثُمَّ أَنشَأْنَاهُ خَلْقًا آخَرَ فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ ﴿١٤﴾</p>
18	<b>Which means:</b> “Man, We did create from a quintessence (of clay); Then We placed him as (a drop of) sperm in a place of rest, firmly fixed; Then We made the sperm into a clot of congealed blood; then of that clot We made a (foetus) lump; then we made out of that lump bones and clothed the bones with flesh; then we developed out of it another creature. So blessed be Allah, the best to create!”
19	<b>Second:</b> Reflect on our purpose in this world. Allah SWT did not create human kind in vain. We have a responsibility towards Allah SWT to fulfil His rights, which is to worship only Him and to obey His commandments, while also abstaining from all that He has prohibited.
20	Whereas, responsibility towards fellow humans is stated in the hadith recorded by Imam Muslim rahimahullah, and narrated by Abu Hurairah RA, where Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said: <p>لَا تَحَاسَدُوا وَلَا تَنَاجَشُوا وَلَا تَبَاغَضُوا وَلَا تَدَابَرُوا، وَلَا يَبِعْ بَعْضُكُمْ عَلَى بَيْعِ بَعْضٍ، وَكُونُوا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ إِخْوَانًا، الْمُسْلِمُ أَخُو الْمُسْلِمِ، لَا يَظْلِمُهُ وَلَا يَخْذُلُهُ وَلَا يَحْقِرُهُ، التَّقْوَى هَاهُنَا، وَيُشِيرُ إِلَى صَدْرِهِ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ، بِحَسَبِ أَمْرٍ مِنَ الشَّرِّ أَنْ يَحْقِرَ أَخَاهُ الْمُسْلِمَ، كُلُّ الْمُسْلِمِ عَلَى الْمُسْلِمِ حَرَامٌ، دَمُهُ وَمَالُهُ وَعَرَضُهُ.</p>
21	<b>Which means:</b> “Do not envy one another, and do not inflate prices for one



	<i>another, and do not hate one another, and do not turn away from one another, and do not undercut one another in trade, but [rather] be servants of Allah and brothers [amongst yourselves]. A Muslim is the brother of a Muslim: he neither oppresses him, nor fails him, nor lies to him, nor holds him in contempt. Taqwa (piety) is right here [and he pointed to his chest three times]. It is evil enough for a man to despise his Muslim brother. A Muslim is inviolable for another Muslim: his blood, his property, and his honour.”</i>
22	Therefore, if we have made a mistake against another human being, apologize immediately and try to repair the damage that was done to the relationship to make it even closer, because everything that we do will be judged in the afterlife.
23	<b>Third:</b> Reflect upon our fate after death. When we are left alone in the grave, how do we have to contend with the angels who come to question us? On the Day of Judgment, we shall be raised and judged based on our deeds. There, everything shall be revealed, whether we were good or bad while living in this world.
24	Allah SWT warned us through Surah Al-Isra, verse 21:  <b>Which means:</b> “See how We have bestowed more on some than on others; but verily the Hereafter is more in rank and gradation and more in excellence.”
25	Remember, this world is only a transit point, which we should use to search for, and find, provisions that we need, before leaving for the eternal abode, which is the Hereafter. Therefore, ask ourselves, how much provisions have we amassed?
26	Are we sure that we will succeed in winning the blessings and mercy of Allah SWT in the Hereafter? Accordingly, increase our efforts to perform well, so that whatever good deeds we have amassed shall be by our side in



	the Hereafter, as our defender and companion.
27	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p> <p>To end today's sermon, let us reflect and ponder upon its conclusions, so that we can use them as our reminder and guidance.</p> <p><b>First:</b> People who seek real faith and conviction shall always ponder and assess themselves first, to see in what position he is actually in, whether on the path blessed by Allah SWT or otherwise.</p> <p><b>Second:</b> Death and the Hereafter are the best points of assessment of being a servant of Allah SWT.</p> <p><b>Third:</b> Treat the commands and prohibitions set by Allah SWT, as well as our actions and relationships with other people as our points of assessment.</p>
28	<p>Reflect upon the words of Allah SWT in Surah An-Najm, verse 31:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>وَلِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ لِيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْتَوُوا بِمَا عَمِلُوا وَيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا بِالْحُسْنَى</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>
29	<p><b>Which means:</b> "Yes, to Allah belongs all that is in the heavens and on earth: so that He punishes those who do evil, according to their deeds, and He rewards those who do good, with what is best."</p>
30	<p>بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُنَّ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.</p>