



1	 <p style="text-align: center;">REALISING THE AGONY OF HELL 24 Februari 2017M / 27 Jamadil Awwal 1438H</p>
2	<p>إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَسَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ وَمَنْ يُضِلَّهُ 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>قَالَ تَعَالَى:</p> <p>يَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا قُوًا أَنْفُسِكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٦﴾</p>
7	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Let us together increase the level of our conviction in Allah SWT by being faithful to Him and by vigorously implementing all that He has commanded and instructed. At the same time, strengthen our conviction by avoiding and preventing ourselves from committing acts that have been forbidden by Allah SWT.</p>
8	<p>The sermon on this auspicious day is entitled: "Realising the Agony of Hell".</p>
9	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Do we realize that every action and practice we commit in this world will</p>

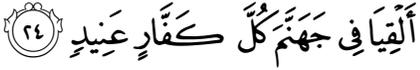


	either be rewarded or punished by Allah SWT in the Hereafter? The message about punishment in Hell has been mentioned in the Al-Quran, as essentially a form of threat and warning from Allah SWT, directed at those who are careless, disbelieving and disobedient. It is a reminder for us to be careful in carrying out our daily tasks and worship.
10	Allah SWT declared in Surah al-Tahrim, verse 6. يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا قَوًّا أَنفُسِكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غُلَاطٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٦﴾
11	Which means: “O, you who believe! Save yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is Men and Stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe, who flinch not (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allah, but do (precisely) what they are commanded.”
12	According to al-Qurtubi r.h, in respect of this verse, the angels referred to are the <i>Zabaniyah</i> angels, or guardians of Hell, who possess harsh disposition. They will not show mercy on anyone, even if we appeal for clemency.
13	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Not only that, Allah SWT has also described Hell in more detail, through Surah al-Hijr, verses 43 to 44:
14	وَإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ لَمَوْعِدُهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٤٣﴾ لَهَا سَبْعَةُ أَبْوَابٍ لِكُلِّ بَابٍ مِنْهُمْ جُزْءٌ مَقْسُومٌ ﴿٤٤﴾ Which means: “And verily, Hell is the promised abode for them all! To it are seven gates: for each of those gates is a (special) class (of sinners) assigned.” Based on this verse, we can understand that the inhabitants of Hell are allocated an abode each in accordance with their sins and crime. This view has also been reinforced by Ibn Kathir r.h.
15	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Allah SWT also described the condition of those who receive the



	<p>punishment of Hell, in Sura an-Nisa ', verse 56:</p> <p>إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِنَا سَوْفَ نُصَلِّيهِمْ نَارًا كَمَا نُصِجَتْ جُلُودُهُمْ بَدَلْنَاهُمْ جُلُودًا غَيْرَهَا لِيَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾</p>
16	<p>Which means: “Those who reject our Signs, We shall soon cast into the Fire: as often as their skins are roasted through, We shall change them for fresh skins, that they may taste the penalty: for Allah is Exalted in Power and He is Wise.”</p>
17	<p>Such is the condition of those who shall be punished by Allah SWT in the Hereafter. Their appearance and existence shall be constantly changed and renewed by Allah SWT, so that the punishment can be continuously felt by them, as the body they have at that time would not be able to withstand the torment of Hell Fire.</p>
18	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Even though the world population since Prophet Adam AS has increased tremendously, nevertheless Hell created by Allah SWT shall never be full.</p>
19	<p>Allah SWT stated in Surah Qaf, verse 30:</p> <p>يَوْمَ نَقُولُ لِجَهَنَّمَ هَلِ امْتَلَأَتْ وَتَقُولُ هَلْ مِنْ مَزِيدٍ ﴿٣٠﴾</p> <p>Which means: “One Day We will ask Hell, "Are you filled to the full?" It will say, "Are there any more (to come)?"</p>
20	<p>The verse is clear proof that there will always be space and room in Hell, fit to be inhabited by those who reject and disobey Allah SWT. Similarly, in relation to the enormity of Hell, as narrated by Imam al-Bukhari Rahimahullah, from Abu Huraira r.a, Rasulullah SAW had once said:</p> <p>نَارُكُمْ جُزْءٌ مِنْ سَبْعِينَ جُزْءًا مِنْ نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ قِيلَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ كَانَتْ لَكَافِيَةً قَالَ فَضِلَّتْ عَلَيْهِنَّ بِتِسْعَةٍ وَسِتِّينَ جُزْءًا كُلُّهُنَّ مِثْلُ حَرِّهَا</p>



21	<p>Which means: <i>"The fire you feel (in this world) is only a part of seventy parts of the fire of hell. Rasulallah SAW was asked: Messenger of Allah, one part of it alone is enough (to punish the perpetrators). He said: Duplicate that with sixty nine times as hot."</i></p>
22	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, There are a number of criteria and characteristics of people who will occupy Hell. We should take this as a lesson in order to know what to avoid, so as not to become an inhabitant of Allah SWT's dreadful Hell.</p>
23	<p>First Group: People who are adamant and stubborn in their disobedience As human beings, we are created by Allah SWT in a state that is prone to commit mistakes. However, Allah SWT would always keep the door of repentance open, as a sign of His love and affection for us. It is unfortunate if we continuously ignore His mercy and stubbornly remain in a state of disobedience and sin. If we do that, Allah SWT has prepared punishment for us in the hereafter.</p>
24	<p>Allah SWT stated in Surah Qaf, verse 24:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Which means: <i>"Throw, throw into Hell every stubborn Rejecter (of Allah)!"</i></p>
25	<p>Second Group: People who often prevent good, violate religious laws, and are in denial of the truth. In reality, there are some people who are callous and hard hearted, who try to prevent others from doing good. They also shamelessly violate the tenets of religion that have been prescribed by Allah SWT.</p>
26	<p>Even worse, there are those who spread doubt among the people regarding the truth of Islam. Such groups should rightly belong in Hell in the hereafter.</p>
27	<p>As a continuation of the verse read just now, Allah SWT stated in Surah Qaf, verse 25:</p>



	<p style="text-align: right;"> مَنَعَ لِلْخَيْرِ مَعْنَدِ مُرِيبٍ</p> <p>Which means: "Who forbade what was good, transgressed all bounds, cast doubts and suspicions."</p>
28	<p>Third Group: People who worship those other than Allah SWT</p> <p>Allah SWT has sent prophets and apostles throughout the times, to correct the faith and beliefs of people about the Oneness of Allah SWT. But, there are some who chose to remain adamantly opposed to the teachings of the Messenger of Allah and to remain in a state of disbelieving. Are the gods they worship besides Allah SWT capable of freeing them from the punishment of Allah SWT?</p>
29	<p>Allah SWT declared in Surah Qaf, verse 26:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> الَّذِي جَعَلَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ فَأَلْقِيَاهُ فِي الْعَذَابِ الشَّدِيدِ</p> <p>Which means: "He Who worships another god besides Allah SWT: Throw him into a severe penalty."</p>
30	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Of late, the occurrence of various natural disasters is a sign that the end of the world is drawing near. Although we are preparing ourselves with various efforts and measures to deal with such disasters, but if Allah SWT wills them to happen, certainly no one can stop Him.</p>
31	<p>Hence, let us multiply our good deeds and strengthen our faith in our Creator as preparation for the Day of Judgment, which is certain to come.</p>



32	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>To conclude today's sermon, the <i>khatib</i> would like to present some of the conclusions, as reflection and consideration for all of us.</p> <p>First: Every bad deed or action committed by us on this earth shall receive its fitting punishment in the Hereafter.</p> <p>Second: Allah SWT's descriptions of Hell in the Al-Quran, in the form of warnings and admonitions, are intended as reminders for us.</p> <p>Third: As Muslims, we must always multiply our good deeds and pray to Allah SWT in order to avoid punishment in the Hereafter.</p>
33	<p>Allah SWT declared in Surah al-Talaq, verse 8.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">وَكَأَيِّن مِّن قَرِيَةٍ عَنَّتْ عَن أَمْرِ رَبِّهَا وَرُسُلِهِ فَحَاسِبْنَهَا حِسَابًا شَدِيدًا وَعَذَّبْنَهَا عَذَابًا نُكْرًا</p>
34	<p>Which means: "How many populations that insolently opposed the Command of their Lord and of His messengers, did We not then call to account,- to severe account?- and We imposed on them an exemplary Punishment."</p>
35	<p>بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَزِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلَ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ. فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.</p>