Theme 11 - Fear of Allah Almighty

الْخَوْفُ اللَّهِ

Learning objectives:

- To learn that the fear of Allah is not the common fear we have due to expected danger or pain.
- To understand that this 'fear' is being anxious of losing Allah's grace and love.
- To understand the awesome torment and pain for the disobedient people.

In this theme, you will learn:

Fear is a strong feeling of being harmed, injured or killed. Fear helps to avoid dangerous activities. The fear of Allah ﷻ is the dread of being punished by Allah ﷻ or losing Allah's kindness and friendship. The fear of Allah ﷻ is a strong feeling that can stop you from sinning and committing crimes, so it is a warning for keeping away from evil. This fear comes about by being aware of Judgement Day, the punishment of hell fire as described in the Quran and ahadith.

قَالَ الله تَعَالَى: ﴿ وَإِيَّايَ فَارْهَبُونِ ﴾ [البقرة :40]. وَقالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿ إِنَّ بَطْشَ رَبِّكَ لَشَدِيدٌ﴾ [البروج :12]. وَقالَ تَعَالَى: ﴿ وَلِمَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ جَنَّتَانِ﴾ [الرحمن :46].

Allah ﷻ says:"I am the One you should fear" (2:40). "Your Lord's punishment will be severely harsh" (85:12). "The person who feared standing before his Lord will have two gardens" (55:46).

[1] عن ابن مسعود قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُول الله: « يُؤتَى بِجَهَنَّمَ يَومَئذٍ لَهَا سَبْعُونَ ألفَ زِمَامٍ، مَعَ كُلِّ زِمَامٍ سَبعُونَ أَلْفَ مَلَكٍ يَجُرُّونَهَا» رواه مسلم.

1. Ibn Mas'ud ﷺ reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "On the Day of Judgment, Hell will be brought forward. It will be like a giant cooking pot that will have seventy thousand cables attached to it and each cable will be pulled by seventy thousand angels."

[2] عن النعمان بن بشير قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُول الله يقول: «إِنَّ أَهْوَنَ أَهْلِ النَّارِعَذَاباً يَوْمَ القِيَامَةِ لَرَجُلٌ يوضعُ في أَخْمَصِ قَدَمَيْهِ جَمْرَتَانِ يَغْلِي مِنْهُمَا دِمَاغُهُ. مَا يَرَى أَنَّ أَحَداً أَشَدُّ مِنْهُ عَذَاباً، وَأَنَّهُ لأَهْوَنُهُمْ عَذَاباً» مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيهِ.

2. Nu'man bin Bashir ﷺ reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "On the Day of Judgment the person who will have the least torture will be the one with burning coal under his feet and as a result his brain will boil. But he will think that his punishment is the most severe."

[3] عن ابن عمر: أنَّ رسول الله قَالَ: «يَقُومُ النَّاس لِرَبِّ العَالَمينَ حَتَّى يَغِيبَ أحَدُهُمْ في رَشْحِهِ إِلَى أنْصَافِ أُذُنَيهِ» مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيهِ.

3. Ibn ‘Umar ﵁ reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ as saying, “People will stand before Allah, the Lord of the worlds on the Day of Judgment, some of them will be covered in sweat up to their ears.”

[4] عن أنس قَالَ: خطبنا رَسُول الله خطبة مَا سَمِعْتُ مِثلها قطّ، فَقَالَ: «لَوْ تَعْلَمُونَ مَا أعْلَمُ، لَضحِكْتُمْ قَلِيلاً وَلَبَكَيتُمْ كَثِيراً» فَغَطَّى أصْحَابُ رَسُول الله وَجُوهَهُمْ، وَلَهُمْ خَنَينٌ. مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيه.

4. Anas bin Malik ﵁ reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ delivered a sermon like I had never heard before. He said, “If you knew what I know, you would laugh little and cry more.” Hearing this, those present covered their faces and began sobbing.

[5] عن أبي هريرة قَالَ: كُنَّا مَعَ رَسُول الله إذْ سمع وجبة، فَقَالَ: «هَلْ تَدْرُونَ مَا هَذَا؟» قُلْنَا: الله وَرَسُولُهُ أعْلَمُ. قَالَ: «هذَا حَجَرٌ رُمِيَ بِهِ في النَّارِ مُنْذُ سَبْعينَ خَريفاً، فَهُوَ يَهْوِي في النَّارِ الآنَ حَتَّى انْتَهَى إِلَى قَعْرِها فَسَمِعْتُمْ وَجْبَتَهَا» رواه مسلم.

5. Abu Hurairah ﵁ reported: We were in the company of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and we heard a bang. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ asked. “Do you know what that is?” We said, “Allah and

His Messenger know better." He ﷺ said, "A stone thrown into Hell seventy years ago and it has finally reached the bottom."

[6] عن عدي بن حاتم قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُول الله: «مَا مِنْكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ إلا سَيُكَلِّمُهُ رَبُّهُ لَيْسَ بَيْنَهُ وبَيْنَهُ تَرْجُمَانٌ، فَيَنْظُرُ أَيْمَنَ مِنْهُ فَلا يَرَى إلا مَا قَدَّمَ، وَيَنْظُرُ أَشْأَمَ مِنْهُ فَلا يَرَى إلا مَا قَدَّمَ، وَيَنْظُرُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ فَلا يَرَى إلا النَّارَ تِلْقَاءَ وَجْهِهِ، فَاتَّقُوا النَّارَ وَلَوْ بِشِقِّ تَمْرَةٍ» مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيهِ.

6. 'Adi bin Hatim ﵁ reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "Everyone will speak to his Lord without a mediator. When he looks to his right he will see the good deeds he had done; and when he looks to his left he will see the evil deeds, and in front he will see the fire of Hell. So protect yourselves from the fire (of Hell), even if it is just giving half a date (in charity)."

[7] عن أَبي برزة قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُول الله: « لا تَزُولُ قَدَمَا عَبْدٍ حَتَّى يُسْأَلَ عَنْ عُمُرِهِ فِيمَ أفنَاهُ؟ وَعَنْ عِلمِهِ فِيمَ فَعَلَ فيه؟ وَعَنْ مَالِهِ مِنْ أَيْنَ اكْتَسَبَهُ؟ وَفِيمَ أَنْفَقَهُ؟ وَعَنْ جِسمِهِ فِيمَ أبلاهُ؟» رواه الترمذي.

7. Abu Barzah ﵁ reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "On the Day of Judgment no one will move from his place until he has answered the following questions: How did he spend his life; what did he do with his knowledge; how he earned his wealth and how he spent it."

Commentary: This hadith highlights the profound accountability that every individual will face on the Day of Judgment. It underscores the importance of reflecting on one's actions and intentions in key aspects of life: time, knowledge, wealth, and expenditure.

Activities:

- Discuss the importance of rules and benefits of having rules.
- Write down the punishments for breaking everyday rules e.g. dropping litter, vandalism, speeding etc.
- Write about an experience in life when a rule was broken or not followed, what were the consequences.

In this theme you have learnt:

- Your good and bad deeds will be shown to you on Judgement Day.
- Fear of Allah will protect you from the hell fire.
- Seeking Allah's love and avoiding his anger.
- Following the rules of the country so no one hurts one another.
- Those who have done good deeds in life will be awarded paradise and those who have done bad deeds will go to hell.