

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ وَالْكَرَمِ، عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ،
أَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ حَمْدًا يَلِيقُ بِجَلَالِ وَجْهِهِ وَعَظِيمِ سُلْطَانِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ،
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، وَصَفِيَّهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَحَبِيبَهُ، صَلَّى
اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise be to Allah the Lord of the worlds, who taught by the pen and benevolence, taught man that which he knew not. I extol Him as is befitting His Great Sovereignty and Glorious Status. I bear witness that there is no deity but Him, having no associates. To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is within them. And He is over all things competent.

I also testify that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment, Amin

Results Day Reflections

Yesterday millions of teenagers received their GCSE results. A time of mystery and uncertainty; there were tears, delight, disappointment, relief, anger, gratitude and ingratitude. We've all been through such emotions. But for Muslim everything is a reminder from Allah ﷻ, that life is an exam, and there are **NO** retakes.

There is **NO** doubt that life is an examination, from your first breath to your last

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا وَهُوَ
الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفُورُ

Blessed is He in whose hand is dominion, and He is over all things competent, He who created death and life to test you as to which of you is best in deed and He is the Exalted in Might, the Forgiving (67:1-2)

إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا مَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ زِينَةً لَّهَا لِنَبْلُوَهُمْ أَيُّهُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا وَإِنَّا لَجَاعِلُونَ مَا عَلَيْهَا صَعِيدًا جُرُزًا

“We have adorned the earth with attractive things so that We may test people to find out which of them do best, but We shall reduce all this to barren dust.”(18:7-8)

The exams and tests that we experience during our lives, are miniature versions of the real test we are going through right now, and the emotions we feel when we open that envelope, are mild reminders of the intense joy, delight, relief, regret and sorrow that people will feel on the **Day of Judgement**, where the **Final Results** will be given.

Results Day Reflections

فَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوتِيَ كِتَابَهُ بِيَمِينِهِ فَيَقُولُ هَؤُلَاءِ مَا أَقْرَعُوا كِتَابِيَهٗ إِنِّي ظَنَنْتُ أَنِّي مُلَاقٍ حِسَابِيَهٗ فَهُوَ فِي عِيشَةٍ رَّاضِيَةٍ فِي جَنَّةٍ عَالِيَةٍ قُطُوفُهَا دَانِيَةٌ كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا هَنِيئًا بِمَا أَسْلَفْتُمْ فِي الْأَيَّامِ الْخَالِيَةِ وَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوتِيَ كِتَابَهُ بِشِمَالِهِ فَيَقُولُ يَا لَيْتَنِي لَمْ أُوتَ كِتَابِيَهٗ وَلَمْ أَدْرِ مَا حِسَابِيَهٗ يَا لَيْتَهَا كَانَتِ الْقَاضِيَةَ مَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنِّي مَالِيَهٗ هَلِكَ عَنِّي سُلْطَانِيَهٗ خُذُوهُ فَغُلُّوهُ ثُمَّ الْجَحِيمَ صَلُّوهُ ثُمَّ فِي سِلْسِلَةٍ ذَرْعُهَا سَبْعُونَ ذِرَاعًا فَاسْلُكُوهُ

“Anyone who is given his Record in his right hand will say, ‘Here is my Record, read it. I knew I would meet my Reckoning,’ and so he will have a pleasant life in a lofty Garden, with clustered fruit within his reach. It will be said, ‘Eat and drink to your heart’s content as a reward for what you have done in days gone by.’ But anyone who is given his Record in his left hand will say, ‘If only I had never been given any Record and knew nothing of my Reckoning. How I wish death had been the end of me. My wealth has been no use to me, and my power has vanished.’ ‘Take him, put a collar on him, let him burn in the blazing Fire, and bind him in a chain seventy metres long.” **(69:19-32)**

These verses do not require much explanation. We all know how it feels when you get a good result; how you want to share it, show your loved ones. Likewise we probably all know how it feels to fail an exam or test in this life; how we try to hide it, and even wish we never received it. This is why these tests and exams are a blessing for those that reflect.

Remember Your Purpose, Righteous Company, Prepare Well, Don't Lose Focus