

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْمَلِكِ الْحَكِيمِ الْوَهَّابِ، الْعَظِيمِ التَّوَّابِ، أَنْزَلَ الْكِتَابَ هُدًى وَذِكْرًا لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ، نَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ كَمَا يَنْبَغِي لِجَلَالِ 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 عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، الشَّافِعُ الْمُشَفَّعُ يَوْمَ الْعُرْضِ وَالْحِسَابِ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّمَ وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَعَلَى جَمِيعِ الْأَصْحَابِ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ عَلَى طَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالصَّوَابِ.

All praise and thank be to Allah, the Exalted, the Bestower. He sent the scripture as guidance and a reminder for those of understanding. We extol Him as is befitting to His great sovereignty and glorious status, and bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship, except for Allah alone without any partners or peers. To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is within them.

I also testify that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger, the Intercessor, the one whose intercession is accepted on the Last Day. 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.

- We have exams & tests in all facets of life, family, community & work. They affect you mentally, emotionally & physically. They put your present and future success at stake. Thus we prepare arduously, read the right books, go to the right teachers and people to find the answers.
- There was a teacher who existed not too long ago; a teacher who wanted the best for his students and thus would warn them of their upcoming exams time and time again.
- In fact, he chose to give them the exam questions in advance to ensure that they were not caught off guard. He promised them that there would be nothing added or detracted from these questions.
- The students, however, split into three different groups:
- One group argued that he was lying; a second group believed he was telling the truth but delayed their preparation, arguing they would prepare when the exam date gets nearer; and the third group not only believed him but prepared answers well in advance.
- Thus, the first two groups suffered immensely both during and after the exam, whilst it was only the third group that passed with flying colours.
- The teacher was the Prophet ﷺ. This will be an exam no one will be late for nor will anyone be excused from attending. Everyone will be present and there will be no retakes. This will determine your everlasting future, whether it will be in elevated gardens of never ending pleasure or bottomless pits of never ending torture.

فَلَنَسْأَلَنَّ الَّذِينَ أُرْسِلَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَنَسْأَلَنَّ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

“Most certainly then We will question those to whom the messengers were sent, and most certainly We will also question the messengers.” (7:6)

وَإِنَّهُ لَذِكْرٌ لَّكَ وَلِقَوْمِكَ وَسَوْفَ تُسْأَلُونَ

“And most surely it (the Qur’an) is a reminder for you and your people, and you shall soon be questioned.”(43:44)

- **Question 1 – Your Salah:** It will begin with a thorough and agonisingly precise interrogation as per every aspect of your Salah – the bows, prostrations, wudhu’, concentration and delays of each and every Salah.

“The first which one will be asked about on the Day of Standing from his actions is his Salah. If it turns out to be sound, then he has succeeded and passed. If, however, it is deficient, then he is in ruin and has failed. If his obligatory prayers are lacking, Allah will say, ‘Look at the voluntary prayers of my slave to patch up the deficiency in his obligatory ones’. The rest of his deeds will be assessed in a similar manner.”(Tirmidhi)

- If your Zakah is lacking, your voluntary charity will be looked into to patch it up. If your obligatory fasts are lacking, your voluntary fasts will be looked into to patch it up. Thus, prepare for this question by perfecting your obligatory acts of worship and, at the same time, by wisely preparing massive amounts of reserve voluntary acts of worship. We will most certainly need them.