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*In the Name Of Allah,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

Introduction

Indeed, all praise is for Allah; we praise Him, repent to Him, and seek His forgiveness and help. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil of our own selves and of our wicked deeds. Whomsoever Allah guides, none can lead astray; and whomsoever Allah leads astray, none can guide. And I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah alone, and He has no partner; and I bear witness that our Prophet Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ ۖ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٧﴾﴾

"O you who believe! Fear Allah (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) as He should be feared. (Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always), and die not except in the state of Islam [as Muslims (with complete submission to Allah)]."^[1]

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا ﴿١﴾﴾

"O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam), and from him (Adam) He created his wife [Hawwâ (Eve)], and from them both He created many men and women and fear Allah through

^[1] Qur'ân 3:102

Whom you demand (your mutual rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship). Surely, Allah is Ever and All-Watcher over you.)”^[1]

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ۖ يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ۝﴾ (٧)

“O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allah and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ)’ he has indeed achieved a great achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and will be admitted to Paradise.”^[2]

My previous book, *The Greater Signs of the Day of Resurrection*, was published and distributed by Maktabatul-Eemaan in the city of Al-Mansûrah. With the help and blessings of Allah ﷻ, I now present to you this work, which can be considered as a second volume to its predecessor.

I ask Allah ﷻ to protect us from trials, both of the apparent and hidden kind. And I ask Allah ﷻ to protect us from error, both in speech and in deed.

And the close of our request is: *Al-Hamdu Lillahi Rabbil-‘Alamin* (All the praises and thanks be to Allah, the Lord of all that exists).

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^[1] Qur’ân 4:1

^[2] Qur’ân 33:70,71

Foreword

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allah,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

As-Safarâni said that the signs of the Hour are of three kinds:

- ◆ Signs that have already come to pass and that are finished with.
- ◆ Signs that have already come to pass but that are not finished with; these signs will continue to increase in size, frequency, or intensity until an appointed time in the future.
- ◆ Signs that have not yet come to pass. These are the greater signs that will occur at the end of time and that will be quickly followed by the Hour (i.e., the end of this world). Once the first of these signs takes place, the others will follow, just as beads fall in succession when the string that holds them together breaks.

As for the third category, I have dealt with it in *The Greater Signs*. It is therefore the first two categories that I write about in this book.

First: Signs That Have Already Come To Pass And That Are Finished With



The Coming Of The Prophet ﷺ

Sahl bin Sa'd ؓ reported that he witnessed the Messenger of Allah ﷺ point to his index and middle finger and say:

«بُعِثْتُ أَنَا وَالسَّاعَةُ هَكَذَا»

"I and the Hour (the end of this world, and the beginning of the Day of Resurrection) have been sent like this (i.e., just as his index and middle fingers are not separated by a great distance in space, his being sent and the Hour are not separated by a great distance in time)."^[1]

Anas ؓ reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

«بُعِثْتُ أَنَا وَالسَّاعَةُ كَهَاتَيْنِ، قَالَ: وَضَمَّ السَّبَابَةَ وَالْوُسْطَى»

"I have been sent (close to) the Hour, like (the closeness) of

^[1] Muslim (726), The Book of Trials: The Nearness of the Hour

these two." He ﷺ then joined his index and middle fingers.^[1]

In a narration that is similar in meaning to the previous one, Buraidah ؓ narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

«بُعِثْتُ أَنَا وَالسَّاعَةُ، وَإِنْ كَادَتْ لَتَسْبِقُنِي»

"I have been sent (so close) to the Hour that it even almost preceded me."^[2]

And Abu Jubairah ؓ narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

«بُعِثْتُ فِي نَسَمِ السَّاعَةِ»

"I have been sent in the Nasam of the Hour."^[3]

Nasam comes from the word *Nasim*, which means the first blowing of a light wind. Therefore, the *Hadith* means that the Prophet ﷺ was sent at a time when the signs of the Hour were just beginning to appear, when they were weak in coming. As for 'the Hour,' it, of course, in its original sense refers to one of 24 parts of a day. However, in the aforementioned *Hadith* and others like it, it refers, as Imam Ibn Hajr (may Allah have mercy on him) pointed out, to the Day of Resurrection. Commenting on all of the above mentioned narrations, 'Iyâd said, "Despite their

^[1] Muslim (7265)

^[2] Ahmad and At-Tabari, and as Al-Hâfiz pointed out in *Al-Fath* (11/348), its chain is *Hasan*.

^[3] Ad-Dûlâbi in *Al-Kunâ* (1/23), and Al-Albâni declared it to be authentic in *As-Sahihah* (808).