

THE CONSEQUENCES TOO MUCH LOVE THE WORLD
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My blessed Muslim brothers,

Fear Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala with truly devotion by increasing the faith in Him. Indeed, the virtues person who nearness to Allah is the most righteous. Hopefully, we will become human beings who always remember Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala, gain success and happiness in the world and the hereafter.

My blessed Muslim brothers,

The world is a place of full challenges and deceptions that may neglect humans rather than remembering Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala. Indeed, many people in this day becomes careless and excited with the delights of worldly favours and adornments. Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala reminds in verse 20 of Surah al-Hadid:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
أَعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا لَعِبٌ وَهُوَ زِينَةٌ وَتَفَاخُرٌ بَيْنَكُمْ وَتَكَاثُرٌ فِي الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَوْلَادِ
كَمَثَلِ غَيْثٍ أَعْجَبَ الْكُفَّارَ نَبَاتُهُ ثُمَّ يهيجُ فَتَرَاهُ مُصْفَرًّا ثُمَّ يَكُونُ حُطَمًا ۗ وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ
عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانٌ

وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاعُ الْغُرُورِ ﴿٢٠﴾ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ

Know that the life of this world is but amusement and diversion and adornment and boasting to one another and competition in increase of wealth and children – like the example of rain whose (resulting) plant growth pleases the tillers; then it dries and you see it turned yellow: then it becomes (scattered) debris. And in the Hereafter is severe punishment and forgiveness from Allah and approval. And what is the worldly life except the enjoyment of delusion.

Islam religion forbid the followers to love the world with excessive affection such as pursuit of luxury and enjoyment in excess, pursuing ranks or positions and willing to turn their backs on religious teachings and prioritize the desires of lust that prohibited by the Islamic religion so as to neglect yourself from fulfilling the obligations towards Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala.

Indeed, one of the main reason people eager to love the world is because of their lack of faith, they forget and never think that the life of the hereafter is better and permanent than life in the world that is only temporary. Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala affirms in Surah Ghafir, verse 39:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
يَقُومُ إِنَّمَا هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا مَتَاعٌ وَإِنَّ الْآخِرَةَ هِيَ دَارُ الْقَرَارِ ﴿٦٩﴾

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O my people, this worldly life is only (temporary) enjoyment, and indeed, the Hereafter – that is the home of (permanent) settlement.

My dear Muslim brothers,

There are several disadvantages of loving the world with such extreme and excessive are:

First: Human life will be full of error. Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala mentions in Surah Ibrahim, verse 3:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
الَّذِينَ يَسْتَحِبُّونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا عَلَى الْآخِرَةِ وَيَصُدُّونَ
عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَيَبْغُونَهَا عِوَجًا ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ بَعِيدٍ ﴿٣﴾
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The ones who prefer the worldly life over the Hereafter and avert (people) from the way of Allah, seeking to make it (seem) deviant. Those are in extreme error.

Second: Erased all the good deeds in the world and included in among the losers in the hereafter. Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala stated in verse 69 of Surah at-Taubah:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
...أُولَٰئِكَ حَبِطَتْ أَعْمَلُهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۗ
وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ

(It is) those whose deeds have become worthless in this world and in the Hereafter, and it is they who are the losers.

Third: Encouraging people to become arrogant and despairing. Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala saying in Surah al-Isra', verse 83:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَإِذَا أَنْعَمْنَا عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ أَعْرَضَ وَنَسَا نِعْمَتَنَا
وَإِذَا مَسَّهُ الشَّرُّ كَانَ يُعُوسًا ﴿٨٣﴾ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ

And when We bestow favour upon the disbeliever, he turns away and distances himself; and when evil touches him, he is ever despairing.

Fourth: There is no happiness in living in the hereafter. Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala reminds in Surah Hud, verses 15-16:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا وَزِينَتَهَا نُوفِّ إِلَيْهِمْ أَعْمَلَهُمْ فِيهَا وَهُمْ فِيهَا لَا يُبْخَسُونَ
﴿١٥﴾ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ لَيْسَ لَهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ إِلَّا النَّارُ
وَحَبِطَ مَا صَنَعُوا فِيهَا وَبِطِلَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٦﴾ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ

Whoever desires the life of this world and its adornments – We fully repair them for their deeds therein, and they therein will not be deprived. Those are the ones for whom there is not be deprived. Those are the ones for whom there is not in the Hereafter but the Fire. And lost is what they did therein, and worthless is what they used to do.

Fifth: Will get painful punishment of hell in the hereafter. Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala saying in verse 48 of Surah Hud:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
...وَأُمَّمُ سَنَمَتِعُهُمْ ثُمَّ يَمَسُّهُمْ مِنَّا عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٤٨﴾ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ

But other nations (of them) we will grant enjoyment; there will touch them from Us a painful punishment.

Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala and His Messenger condemned the attitude of too much love for the world. From Zaid bin Tsabit Radhiallahu anhu he heard Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَنْ كَانَتْ الدُّنْيَا هَمَّهُ ، فَرَقَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ أَمْرَهُ ، وَجَعَلَ فَقْرَهُ بَيْنَ عَيْنَيْهِ ، وَلَمْ يَأْتِهِ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَا كُتِبَ لَهُ ،
وَمَنْ كَانَتْ الْآخِرَةُ نِيَّتَهُ ، جَمَعَ اللَّهُ أَمْرَهُ ، وَجَعَلَ غِنَاهُ فِي قَلْبِهِ ، وَأَتَتْهُ الدُّنْيَا وَهِيَ رَاغِمَةٌ. {رواه الإمام
إبن ماجة}

Whoever is focused only on this world, Allah will confound his affairs and make him fear poverty constantly, and he will not get anything of this world except that which has been decreed for him. Whoever is focused on the Hereafter, Allah will settle his affairs for him and make him feel content with his lost, and his provision and worldly gains will undoubtedly come to him.

Therefore, when one makes the world as the purpose and goal of his life rather than after life, then Allah will make his world affairs become difficult, making his life full of anxiety, fear of poverty because his heart is always uncomfortable with what has Allah bestowed to him.

My dear brothers,

Belief in the Last Day is one of the six pillars of Faith and we must believe. On that day all mankind will be gathered on the Day of Resurrection (Padang Mahsyar) to be judged and will be given retribution worthy of the deeds they have done while in the world.

Each will be given record of their deeds in the form of record book. If given and received in the right hand, then the recipient will be honour because Heaven will await him. However, those who given the record book in the left hand, then Hell will waiting for him, Nauzubillahi Min Zalik. Allah Subhanahu Wata'ala affirms in Surah Al-Insyiqaq verses 7-9:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
فَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوتِيَ كِتَابَهُ بِيَمِينِهِ ﴿٧﴾ فَسَوْفَ مُحَاسَبٌ حِسَابًا يَسِيرًا ﴿٨﴾ وَيُنْقَلَبُ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِ
مَسْرُورًا ﴿٩﴾ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ

Then as for he who is given his record in his right hand, He will be judged with an easy account. And return to his people in happiness.

Remember life is only temporary, while in the Hereafter is the external home. Therefore, before the time comes for us to be called to meet Allah, take the advantage of this opportunity to remember Allah Subhanahu Wataa'la, obey all His commands, leave all His prohibitions, prepare yourself by multiplying and increase the worship as provisions to live happily in the hereafter.

Let us not be the ones who lose and regret in the hereafter because we are too negligent and preoccupied to the adornments and deception of the world. Hence, let's pray that we and our families will become faithful, piety, righteous, not distracted with worldly material things and we may be in categories among the people who attain happiness in the world and the hereafter. Amin Ya Rabbal'alamiin.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تُلْهِكُمْ أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ

وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٩﴾

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{ سورة المنافقون آية: ٩ }

O you who believe! Let not your properties or your children divert you from the remembrance of Allah. And whosoever does that, then they are the losers.