

Remembering death

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: remember often the destroyer of pleasures. Why dhikr al-mawt is not morbid but clarifying.

CENTREPIECE Surah Aal-i-Imran 3:185, Sunan at-Tirmidhi 2307

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. It clarifies what matters

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: remember often the destroyer of pleasures, death (Tirmidhi 2307, hasan). The point is not to live in fear, but to let the knowledge of the end sift the daily list of concerns. Most of what occupies us would not survive a five-minute memento mori.

2. Every soul

'Every soul will taste death' (Surah Aal-i-Imran 3:185). The verse does not say most, or some. It says every. Every imam, every wealthy man, every sahabi. The only question is which deeds we ship before the bell rings.

3. Visit graves

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: visit graves, for they remind you of the akhirah (Muslim 976). A monthly visit, ten minutes, is worth more than ten lectures on the topic.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Return to the centrepiece and gather the message around one honest change connected to remembering death.

Suggested closing: Allahumma ahsin khatimatana, O Allah, make our endings beautiful.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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