

Belief in qadr, the sixth pillar

Belief in the divine decree is a pillar of iman. What it means, why it brings calm, and the line between qadr and effort.

CENTREPIECE Surah al-Qamar 54:49, Sahih Muslim 8

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Everything is recorded

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: the first thing Allah created was the pen. He said: write. It said: what shall I write? He said: write the qadr of everything until the Day of Judgement (Tirmidhi 2155). Nothing in your life is improvised; nothing is surprising to Allah.

2. Effort is also qadr

Umar's famous answer: do we flee from qadr to qadr? Both the disease and the medicine are qadr; the believer's job is to use the means Allah provided. Tying the camel and trusting Allah are not contradictions, they are the same act.

3. Calm in the storm

Allah says: no calamity strikes the earth or yourselves except it is in a Book before We bring it into being (Hadid 57:22). The disaster has already been written down. Your job now is the response.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Return to the centrepiece and gather the message around one honest change connected to belief in qadr, the sixth pillar.

Suggested closing: Whatever has been written for you will reach you. Whatever has not been written will not. The mercy is in the certainty.

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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