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Names of the Day of Resurrection and Their Connotations in the Glorious Qur'an

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“Allah - there is no god except Him. He will surely assemble you for [account on] the Day of Resurrection, about which there is no doubt. And who is more truthful than Allah in statement.”** I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

The Glorious Quran spoke about the Day of Judgement and the conditions of people on it in a way that reveals its nature, details many of its events and incidents. It is the day of resurrection, the Day of Accountability, the Day of Judgement, the day of Recompense, the Day of Meeting, the Day [people are] warned of, the Day of mutual loss and gain, the Day of Gathering and the Day of Calling, the Ever-Approaching Day, the Day of Eternity, the Day of Truth, the Promised Day, the Witnessed Day and the Day of Great Announcemen.

There is no doubt that giving numerous titles for the Day of Resurrection in the Glorious Qur'an indicates its great importance and the necessity to get prepared for it. The Glorious Qur'an has spoken of some of the titles of the Day of Resurrection. The most famous and most frequently used name in the Glorious Quran is the "Day of Resurrection". It is mentioned about (70) times in the Qur'an, and one of the Surah of the Qur'an is given the name of "Resurrection". This Surah starts with the Saying of the Almighty Allah, "**By the Day of Resurrection.**" This indicates the seriousness of that Day. Allah, the Almighty, also said, "**Allah - there is no god except Him. He will surely assemble you for [account on] the Day of Resurrection, about which there is no doubt. And who is more truthful than Allah in statement.**" In another verse, Allah the Almighty says, "Allah will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning their differences."

The Day of Resurrection is the day of reckoning, the day of accountability, and the day of Appearing before Allah the Almighty. Allah says, "**On that Day you will be brought to judgement [before Allah] and none of your secrets will remain hidden.**" Allah also said, "**We are delaying it only for a specified period; and when that Day comes, no soul will speak except by His permission, and some of them will be wretched and some happy; The wretched ones will be in the Fire, sighing and groaning; there to remain for as long as the heavens and earth endure, unless your Lord wills otherwise: your Lord carries out whatever He**

wills; As for those who have been blessed, they will be in Paradise, there to remain as long as the heavens and earth endure, unless your Lord wills otherwise- an unceasing gift."

The Day of Resurrection is the day of Truth. The Almighty Allah says, "That is the Day of Truth. So whoever wishes to do so should take the path that leads to his Lord." The wise person is the one who works dilligently for this Day and is mindful of Allah in the way He deserves, as the Almighty Allah said, **"You who believe, be mindful of Allah, as is His due, and and do not die except in [a state of full] submission to Him."**

As the Glorious Qur'an spoke about resurrection, it spoke of the Last Hour which is often mentioend in the context of the beginning of the events of the Day of Resurrection. The Qur'an tell us that the knowledge of that Hour is known only to Allah, saying, **"They ask you [Prophet] about the Hour, 'When will it happen?' Say, 'My Lord alone has knowledge of it: He alone will reveal when its time will come."** Allah also said, **"Knowledge of the Hour [of Resurrection] belongs to Allah; it is He who sends down the relieving rain and He who knows what is hidden in the womb. No soul knows what it will reap tomorrow, and no soul knows in what land it will die; it is Allah who is all knowing and all aware."**

When the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) was asked about the Hour, he (PBUH) replied, "The one who is asked about it does not know more than

the questioner does.” Thus, our Prophet (PBUH) prevented any attempt to give an opinion about the time of the Hour, because if the Prophet (PBUH) has no knowledge about it, then who can dare to give an answer about its timing?

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

The question that we all should ask ourselves is: What have we prepared for that great Day? A man asked the Prophet (PBUH) about the Hour (i.e. Day of Judgment) saying, “When will the Hour be?” The Prophet (PBUH) said, “What have you prepared for it?” The man said, “The love of Allah and His Messenger.” The Prophet (PBUH) said, “You will be with those whom you love.”

So, we should be busy with preparing ourselves to meet Allah the Almighty by perfecting our work and fulfilling the responsibility that Allah assigned to us. It is reported that al-Fudayl Ibn Iyaad once sat with an old man and asked him, "How old are you?" The man replied, "Sixty years old." Al-Fudail said, "For 60 years you have been traveling towards your Lord, and that you have almost arrived." The man was reduced to

silence. He whispered, "*Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un* (to Allah we belong and to Him we return)." Al-Fudayl asked, "Do you know the meaning of that statement? The man said, "Yes, This means that I'm a slave of Allah and that to Him I will return." Al-Fudayl said, "Whoever knows that he is the slave of Allah, and that to Him he shall return, should know that he shall be brought before Allah on the Day of Judgment, and whoever knows that he will be brought before Allah, let him also know that he will be responsible for what he did in life; and whoever knows that he will be responsible for what he did, let him know that he will be questioned. And whoever knows that he will be questioned, let him prepare an answer now!" The man cried and said, "Oh Fudayl, What then shall I do?" Al-Fudayl said, "It is simple. Do good in what is left of your life, then your past will be forgiven."

We need to hurry to do make good deeds which are benefetial for oursleves and for other people, so that we can find the reward for this on the Day of Judgment. The Almighty Allah says, "They will find everything they ever did laid in front of them: your Lord will not be unjust to anyone." Allah also said, "Whoever has done an atom's-weight of good will see it; but whoever has done an atom's-weight of evil will see that."

We ask Allah to make us among the successful people on the Day of Judgment, and We ask Allah to protect our country Egypt and all other countries of the worlds!