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## **Qur'an's Warning against Being Heedless of the Hereafter**

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“Remember your Lord inwardly, in all humility and awe, without raising your voice, in the mornings and in the evenings- do not be one of the heedless.”** 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.

Being neglectful and heedless of the Hereafter is a severe fault as it makes man forget the duty for which he was created, i.e. to worship the Almighty Allah and develop the universe. The Almighty Allah said, **“I created jinn and mankind only to worship Me.”** Allah also said, **“It was He who brought you into being from the earth and made you inhabit it.”** This was why the Almighty Allah has warned humans against being heedless and neglectful, even before creating them as the Almighty Allah said, **“[Remember ] when your Lord took out the offspring from the loins of the Children of Adam and made them bear witness about themselves, He said, ‘Am I not your Lord?’ and they replied, ‘Yes, we bear witness.’ So you cannot say on the Day of Resurrection, ‘We were not aware of**

**this.”** In another verse, the Almighty Allah warned against being heedless of the hereafter saying, **“Do not yield to those whose hearts We have made heedless of Our Quran, those who follow their own low desires, those whose ways are abandoned.”** Allah also said, **“On that Day the evildoer will bite his own hand and say, ‘If only I had taken the same path as the Messenger. Woe is me! If only I had not taken so and so as a friend, he led me away from the Revelation after it reached me. Satan has always betrayed mankind.”**

People who are heedless of the Hereafter do not benefit from their organs that Allah made a means to get guidance, knowledge and understanding. Their hearts do not realize the truth; their eyes do not see the signs of the presence of Allah; and their ears do not hear what is useful in matters of religion. The Almighty Allah said, **“We have created many jinn and people who are destined for Hell, with hearts they do not use for comprehension, eyes they do not use for sight, ears they do not use for hearing. They are like cattle, no, even further astray: these are the ones who are entirely heedless.”** Allah also said, **“I will keep distracted from My signs those who behave arrogantly on Earth without any right, and who, even if they see every sign, will not believe in them; they will not take the way of right guidance if they see it, but will take the way of error if they see that. This is because they denied Our signs and paid them no heed.”** In another verse, Allah said, **“These are people whose hearts, hearing, and sight have been closed off by Allah: they are heedless.”**

The Almighty Allah has threatened those who are unaware of the afterlife with painful torment. The Almighty says, "Those who do not expect to meet Us and are pleased with the life of this world, contenting themselves with it and paying no heed to Our signs,\* shall have the Fire for their home because of what they used to do." Allah also said, "And warn them of the Day of Regret, when all matters will be settled, while they are in heedlessness and disbelief." The Almighty Allah also said, "When the True Promise draws near, the disbelievers' eyes will stare in terror, and they will say, 'Woe to us! We were not aware of this at all. We were wrong.'"

The treatment of being heedless is by mentioning the Name of Allah, the Almighty, reading the Qur'an, and doing more good things. The Almighty Allah said, "Remember your Lord inwardly, in all humility and awe, without raising your voice, in the mornings and in the evenings- do not be one of the heedless." He (Glory be to Him) said, "We send down the Qur'an as healing and mercy to those who believe." The Prophet (PBUH) said, "If anyone prays at night reciting regularly ten verses, he will not be recorded among the heedless."

When a true believer feels that he became heedless and neglectful of the hereafter for a while, he rushes to make repentance to Allah, as the Almighty Allah said, "**Indeed, when Satan whispers to those mindful [of Allah], they remember [their Lord] then they start to see [things] clearly.**"

Allah also said, "Those who remember Allah and implore forgiveness for their sins if they do something shameful or wrong themselves- who forgives sins but Allah?- and who never knowingly persist in doing wrong. The reward for such people is forgiveness from their Lord, and Gardens graced with flowing streams, where they will remain. How excellent is the reward for those who work [righteousness]!"

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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:

A wise person should be aware of all matters of his religion and life, so that he will not suddenly face punishment of Allah, which makes him regret. The Almighty Allah said, **"Lost indeed are those who deny the meeting with their Lord until, when the Hour suddenly arrives, they say, 'Alas for us that we disregarded this!' They will bear their burdens on their backs. How terrible those burdens will be."** Allah also said, "So, when they had forgotten the warning they had received, We opened the gates to everything for them. Then, as they revelled in what they had been given, We struck them suddenly and they were dumbfounded." Allah also said, "Are they so sure that an overwhelming punishment from Allah will not fall on them, or that the Last Hour will not come upon them suddenly

when they least expect it.” Also, Allah said, “Follow the best teaching sent down to you from your Lord, before the punishment suddenly takes you, unawares; and your soul says, “Woe is me for having neglected what is due to God, and having been one of those who scoffed!” Or it says, “If God had guided me, I would have joined the righteous!” Or, faced by punishment, it says, “If only I could have another chance, I would join those who do good!”

How much we need to be mindful and avoid heedlessness, in order to enrich our lives with good deeds and get prepared to meet Allah, the Almighty, on the Day of Resurrection which will come suddenly. Allah (the Most High) said, **“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, a time that is momentous in both the heavens and earth. All too suddenly it will come upon you.”**

We ask Allah to save us from heedlessness of the Hereafter, and to protect our country Egypt and all other countries of the worlds!