

**THE SENSE OF MURAQABAH AND MUHASABAH**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

الْإِحْسَانُ أَنْ تَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ كَأَنَّكَ تَرَاهُ فَإِنْ لَمْ تَكُنْ تَرَاهُ فَإِنَّهُ يَرَاكَ.

**Honorable Muslims!**

Allah the Almighty has not left human, as the apple of the eye of the universe, on their own and unattended. Human is always under a divine inspection and supervision.

Our Lord (swt) commands us to prepare for the Hereafter by stating, “O you who have believed, fear Allah, and let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow.”<sup>1</sup> He (swt) calls on us to muraqabah (to be self-aware), namely question ourselves (through muhasabah) by turning to our inner worlds.

**Dear Muslims!**

Muraqabah means to ask ourselves why we are created, where we come from, and

where we are going. It means to put effort to keep a record of our mistakes and sins, and to make up for them. It means to live with the awareness that Allah is with us at all times. It means to derive strength from our faith, use our reason, and control our nafs. It means to always stay alert in order not to lose ourselves in Satan’s traps and the world’s unending desires. Muraqabah means to attach our hearts to Allah, worship sincerely, and race in benevolence and piety.

**Dear Muslims!**

As I conclude this Friday’s khutbah, I would like to remind you that we also need to question ourselves about the fight against the pandemic disease. What falls upon us in this fight is to act conscientiously. This is because both the measures taken and our determination to observe them are critically important. Let us not fall into complacency and negligence. Let us heed the warnings so that we can be sure not to have violated the rights of other people.

<sup>1</sup> Hashr, 59/18.