



Commentary on the Book Sincere Counsel to the Students of Sacred Knowledge- Part 8¹

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Text: “Chapter Five: What can This Eternal Life be Bought With...²”

Commentary: “Excellent speech. This is counsel for his son and a correct, legislated nurturing, which is foundational. It is to raise the children to reflect on death and the permanent abode for that will lead to righteous actions and distancing oneself from wastage. It will lead him to remove ignorance from himself and other than that. ”

Text: “...Likewise, when he thinks about it after leaving it, he sees a long period of time...”

Commentary: “This is also a good notification. If you are doubtful about the worldly life [remaining forever] then look at the time periods which have since [gone] and changed. They are [now] as if they did not exist [before]. Likewise you will no longer exist after you die. So the duration of this worldly life is only some days.”

Text: “...and knows that the stay in the grave is long...”

Commentary: “That is the Barzakh. [Allah says:]

وَمِنْ وَرَائِهِمْ بَرْزَخٌ إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ

And behind them is Barzakh (a barrier) until the Day when they will be resurrected [23:100]

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¹ The following is a translation and transcription of the tenth tape of the Shaikh’s commentary. The original tape can be found here: http://www.sh-yahia.net/nwe_sounds/durus/Gesture%20to%20the%20liver%20advice%20boy/010.mp3

² The English translation of the text is based on the translation of the book *Sincere Counsel To the Students of Sacred Knowledge* printed by Dar as-Sunnah Publishers

Text: "...When he thinks about the Day of Judgement, he knows that its fifty thousand years long.."

Commentary: "That is the standing. The Day of Judgement is fifty thousand years long due to the evidence:

سَأَلَ سَائِلٌ بِعَذَابٍ وَاقِعٍ - لِلْكَافِرِينَ لَيْسَ لَهُ دَافِعٌ - مِنَ اللَّهِ ذِي الْمَعَارِجِ - تَعْرُجُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ إِلَيْهِ فِي يَوْمٍ
كَانَ مِقْدَارُهُ خَمْسِينَ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ - فَأَصْبِرْ صَبْرًا جَمِيلًا

A questioner asked concerning a torment about to befall- Upon the disbelievers, which none can avert - From Allah, the Lord of the ways of ascent - The angels and the Ruh [Jibrael (Gabriel)] ascend to Him in a Day the measure whereof is fifty thousand years- So be patient (O Muhammad), with a good patience [70:1-5]

For the believer and the disbeliever"

Text: "...Now, when he goes back to look at the time spent in this world, let's say 60 years, he can see that thirty of it is spent sleeping.."

Commentary: "If he lives 60 years, thirty of it is spent sleeping and thirty years remain. How much is spent in worship? Some of it is spent in waste, preoccupation, and some of it spent in childhood"

Text: "...Fifteen or so is spent in childhood.."

Commentary: "Fifteen years or so is spent in childhood. From 60 years, you spent half sleeping and a quarter in childhood. How much remains then? Only fifteen years"

Text: "...and most of what's left goes to chasing after desires, food, and money...."

Commentary: "Alright, fifteen years remain. How much remains for preparing for the hereafter? Time is spent following desires, obtaining food, and money. Alright, now take away from the time that remains the amount of time needed for obtaining food and money. Is all the time that remains for Allah? Perhaps it is [only] five years that remains for which he can make sincerely for Allah. Subhanallah!"

Text: "...When he accounts for what is left, he finds that much of it is nothing but showing off and heedlessness. The price of eternal life is the hours of his life, but what is left of them for him to buy it with?!"

Commentary: "[Allah says:]

يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ مَا غَرَّكَ بِرَبِّكَ الْكَرِيمِ

O man! What has made you careless concerning your Lord, the Most Generous? [82: 6]

Jannah is not entered except by the bounty of Allah. [Allah says]:

قُلْ بِفَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَبِرَحْمَتِهِ فَبِذَلِكَ فَلْيَفْرَحُوا

Say: "In the Bounty of Allah, and in His Mercy (i.e. Islam and the Quran); -therein let them rejoice [10:58]

And [In the Hadith]:

لَنْ يُدْخَلَ أَحَدًا عَمَلُهُ الْجَنَّةَ " . قَالُوا وَلَا أَنْتَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ " لَا ، وَلَا أَنَا إِلَّا أَنْ يَتَّعَمَدَنِي اللَّهُ بِفَضْلِ وَرَحْمَةٍ

The good deeds of any person will not make him enter Paradise." (i.e., None can enter Paradise through his good deeds.) They (the Prophet's companions) said, 'Not even you, O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)?' He said, "Not even myself, unless Allah bestows His favor and mercy on me [Bukhari and Muslim]

However, this a good notification. If you take 60 years, then no doubt half of it is required in sleep, and then childhood without Takleef (legal responsibility). Forty five years pass like that. All of it in comfort. Then fifteen years remain and most of it is in busyness, in obtaining food, money etc. Then what remains from that can be used sincerely for Allah. Instead it is used in amazement, showing off, and heedlessness [like how the author said]"

***** End of the Tenth tape *****