

### THE TREMOR ---

#### **A MILD DIVINE WARNING**

*"What! Do the people of the town/city feel confident that Our punishment will (not) come to them at night whilst they are sleeping?"*

*What! Do the people of the town/city feel confident that Our punishment will (not) come to them during the daytime while they are playing (and amusing themselves)?"*

*What! Are they oblivious of the Scheme (of Athaab) of Allah?"*

*Only people who are losers who are oblivious of the Scheme of Allah (that His punishment will not overtake them).*

*(Qur'aan, Al-A'raaf, Aayaat 97, 98, 99)*

Tuesday's earth tremor was a mild Warning from Allah Ta'ala for Muslims to beware of His Wrath. The next round may not be a mild tremor. May Allah Ta'ala save us from His Athaab. In Orkney it was a mild earthquake, and for the greater part of the country, a mild tremor. It was a 5.3 magnitude earthquake. We should make shukr to Allah Ta'ala that it was not a 6.1 magnitude. Just a day after the South African 5.3 magnitude earthquake, a 6.1 earthquake in China killed approximately 600 people and caused substantial widespread injuries to people and damage to buildings. Thousands of buildings were utterly destroyed, and many landslides were triggered. Thousands were injured, and thousands more were evacuated.

Earthquakes are among the "Armies" of Allah Azza Wa Jal. He sends His Army against the transgressors when their transgression has exceeded all bounds of redemption. Muslims will be ignoring this mild Warning of Allah Azza Wa Jal at the peril of their own destruction. The mild tremor had caused panic to innumerable people who screamed and evacuated buildings. But, remember, when the ultimate decree of Athaab strikes, there will be no refuge – no place to run.

Whether inside or outside, the Athaab will apprehend its victims.

It will be salubrious for Muslims to understand that in Allah's creation there are no accidents. Everything down to the tiny seed in the darkness of the earth is recorded by Allah Azza Wa Jal in a Clear Record. Informing us of Allah's decree and His direct intervention in the minutest occurrence in His entire creation, the Qur'aan Hakeem states:

*"Not an atom (the tiniest particle) in the earth is hidden from your Rabbﷻ – neither anything smaller than it (i.e. than an atom), nor bigger, but it is recorded in a Clear Book."*

*"Not a leaf drops (from a tree), but He is aware of it."*

The earthquake does not occur by accident nor does it kill, injure and damage haphazardly and indiscriminately. Every item and every person who will be the victims of the earthquake are earmarked for their fates. Those people who have experienced the shuddering of the earth should now reflect. They should meditate on Shuddering of mammoth proportions. Just think of the terrible ear-piercing and heart-splitting sounds/screeches accompanying a terrible earthquake which in a matter of a couple minutes kills tens of thousands and swallows entire villages/towns. If the 5.3 magnitude earthquake compelled people to scream fearfully and to flee from buildings, what will be the scenario – imagine the mayhem when a 10 magnitude earthquake strikes? May Allah Ta'ala save us from His Athaab.

If Muslims ignore this timely mild Warning, they will be among the most unfortunate who come within the purview of the Qur'aanic ayat:

***"And, when We intend to destroy a city, then we command (i.e. give free run/respice)***

***to its affluent ones. Then they (recklessly indulge in fisq (and fujoor). Then the Decree (of Athaab is confirmed for them. Then We utterly destroy (and obliterate) it (the town along with its inhabitants)."***

The mild Warning is for Muslims, not for non-Muslims for they do not understand. Warnings of this nature have no salubrious effect on non-Muslims. If Muslims too will become spiritually and intellectually impervious and fob off the Warning, they do so at their own peril.

The recent haraam, immoral protest marches in mock solidarity with Palestinians, are an audacious invitation for Allah's universal Punishment. Muslim women with painted faces, frolicking in the streets with kuffaar, fussiaaq and fujjaar men, and howling like baboons and hyenas, are the clearest signs of the Impending Divine Punishment to overtake the Muslim community of South Africa. The shocking level of moral degeneration of Muslims in general, and of Muslim females in particular, leaves no longer scope for doubting the sudden arrival of Allah's Athaab. It will be too late to cry and wail and repent when the Divine Axe is swung to deracinate the Muslim community whose ingratitude to Allah Ta'ala is conspicuously advertised and exhibited in the form of flagrant fisq and fujoor. Furthermore, the deafening silence and obscene abstention of the Ulama from Amr Bil Ma'roof Nahy Anil Munkar, are the confirmatory seal on the Decree of Athaab.

If the community chooses to remain blind and fail to repent and reform – if the fussiaaq, fujjaar, zaaniyaat and faasiqaat intransigently and rebelliously continue with their flagrant exhibition of their fisq and fujoor, they will 'repent' like Fir'oun at the juncture when Taubah will be rejected. It will then be too late.

The attitude of the Muslim community in general is like the attitude of the people of Nabi Lut (alayhis salaam). When the Nabi repeatedly warned them of the Impending Athaab, their standard reaction was: *"Bring that punishment which you are threatening us with if indeed you are truthful."*

Those who wait to see if the Warning is truthful, will not be bestowed the opportunity to repent. Their obliteration will be preceded by shockingly unbearable terror. May Allah Ta'ala save us from His Wrath.

*"We apprehended (grabbed hold of) everyone on account of his sins. From among them were those on whom We showered stones. Among them were those whom the Mighty Screech shattered. Among them were those whom We crushed into the earth (by means of earthquakes), and from them were those whom We drowned." (Al-Ankabut, Aayat 40)*

The only solution – the only way of dispelling the dark clouds of Divine Wrath and Athaab overhanging us, is *Inaabat Ilallaah* – to turn to Allah Ta'ala in repentance and to pledge obedience. And, repentance is not restricted to a verbal utterance of Istighfaar and Dua. It is a firm and an honest pledge to Allah Ta'ala to totally abandon all the fisq and fujoor in which the community is drowning.

Allah's affectionate Call and Warning for the transgressors is:

*"And turn in repentance to your Rabb and submit (to His Law) before there comes to you the punishment, then you will not be aided." (Az-Zumar, Aayat 54)*

*"And follow that beautiful (Shariah and Sunnah) which have been revealed to you from your Rabb before there comes to you suddenly the Athaab whilst you do not perceive (and understand)."*

*(Az-Zumar, Aayat 55)*

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