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PLAGUES

ATHAAB OR SHAHAADAT **FOR TREASONISTS, THE PLAGUE IS ALLAH'S ATHAAB FOR THE MU'MINEEN IT IS SHAHAADAT**

Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

“Verily, the plague is an Athaab (Punishment) with which nations of bygone times were punished.”

“The plague is an Athaab which Allah dispatches against whomever He wills. However, for the Mu'mineen, Allah has made the plague a Rahmat (Mercy). He who remains with Sabr in a plague-stricken region firmly believing that only that which Allah has decreed for him will befall him, for him is the thawaab equivalent to that (reward) of a Shaheed (Martyr).”

“The plague is Shahaadat (i.e. a medium of Martyrdom), and the one who dies in the plague is a Shaheed.”

Thus the true Mu'min in whose heart is embedded Imaan knows no fear for death. Panic is never in the lifestyle of the Mu'min. Panic is the attribute of the Munaafiqeen. The Qur'aan Majeed declares with emphasis:

“No person will die but at the appointed time with the command of Allah.”

Allah Ta’ala is fully in command and in control of the movement of even the ants and the atoms. Thus, says the Qur’aan Majeed:

“Not a leaf drops (from a tree) but HE is aware. There is not a seed in the darkness of the earth (underground) nor anything moist or dry but it is recorded in a Clear Book.”

Muslims should therefore understand well and remember that:

- A plague is either a punishment or a medium for the attainment of Shahaadat (Martyrdom). For the evil ones it is an Athaab, and for the pious Mu’mineen it is Shahaadat.
- Allah Azza Wa Jal is Just. His punishment is reserved for those who are flagrant criminals and treasonists. Hence, all those earmarked for the Athaab will not escape it regardless of whatever measures are instituted. No one can succeed in fleeing from Allah’s apprehension.
- Maut (Death) is ordained for an appointed time. It cannot be delayed or enhanced a second. Malakul Maut strikes with precision.

Now when the true Believers are aware of the Divine Scheme, there is no need for them to panic. Increase Istighfaar and Thikrullaah and welcome Maut with an open heart.

“Whatever calamity befalls you, is in consequence of the perpetration of your own hands, and (despite this), He forgives abundantly.”

“There is no help except from Allah, The Mighty, The Wise.”
(Qur’aan)