

EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

“The similitude of the believers in regard to their mutual love, affection, and fellow-feeling is that of one body; when any limb of it aches, the entire body responds with sleeplessness and fever”
(Muslim, 2586)

Our Perspective

- Everything that happens, good or bad, happens with the decree of Allāh Ta’ālā. There is complete wisdom in everything that Allāh Ta’ālā does.
- Such occurrences are, often, a test for those affected and a means of forgiveness of sins. Through patience, sins are wiped away, and lofty stages are attained.

Nabī Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam mentions in a Hadīth Sharīf:

“My Ummah is an Ummah that has been shown mercy; there will be no (perpetual) punishment for them in the Ākhirah. Their punishment will be in the world in the form of trials, earthquakes, and killing.” (Abū Dawūd, 4277)

- Whoever passes away through an earthquake, passes away as a Shahīd (martyr).

Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam said: “Martyrs are five: one who passes away in a plague, one afflicted with a stomach illness, one who has drowned, one who is crushed and the martyr in the Path of Allāh...” (Bukhāri, 2829)

What should we do?

- We should be restless upon hearing about any calamities befalling our fellow brethren. As the devastation unfolds in Turkey and Syria, we share in their suffering and pain. Our Duās and responses should be as fervent and desperate as if (Allāh forbid!) we were to experience the same.
- Contribute towards the many relief efforts that are underway. Ensure that our contributions are made through reliable avenues.

Nabī Salāllahu 'Alayhi wa Sallam said: "He who sees to the needs of his (Muslim) brother, Allāh Ta’ālā will see to his needs. And he who eases a difficulty of a Muslim, Allāh Ta’ālā will, in return, ease a difficulty of his on the day of Qiyāmah. (Abū Dawūd, 4893)

- We should turn to Allāh Ta’ālā and engage in abundant Taubah and Istighfār.

"A tremor once shook Madīnah Munawwarah during the era of Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam. He said: "Verily your Rabb has called upon you to tread paths of good and to turn in repentance to Him. So heed this call! (Musannaf, 8420). Ibn Mas'ūd Radhiyallāhu 'Anhu said something similar during his time, and added: "And turn in repentance to Him before (it reaches a point) that He isn't concerned with which valley you then destroy yourselves in."

May Allāh Ta'ala protect us, ease the difficulties of all those affected, and replace them with better than whatever they have lost. Āmīn

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