

Fear of Allaah

Imaam al-Nawawee's (May Allaah be pleased with him) Riyad-us-Saliheen

بسُمِ ٱللهِ ٱلرَّحْمَنُ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Chapter 50

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وعن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال قرأ رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم { يومئذ تحدث أخبارها } (الزلزلة 4) ثم - 408 قال : [أتدرون ما أخبارها ؟] قالوا : الله ورسوله أعلم . قال : [فإن أخبارها أن تشهد على كل عبد أو أمة بما عمل على ظهرها تقول : عمل كذا وكذا يوم كذا وكذا فهذه أخبارها] رواه الترمذي وقال حديث حسن

408. Aboo Hurairah (*May Allaah be pleased with him*) reported: The Messenger of Allaah (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) recited,

"That Day it (the earth) will reveal its news (about all that happened over it of good or evil)."

Then he (May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) inquired,

"Do you know what its news is?"

He was told: "Allaah and His Messenger know better". He said,

"Its news is that it shall bear witness against every slave man and woman they did on its back. It will say: 'You did this and this on such and such day.' Those will be its news."²

Commentary: This Hadeeth makes evident the perfect Omnipotence of Allaah by telling us that He will bestow power of speech on the earth and it will bear witness to the acts committed on its surface. It has stern warning for people that however they may try to hide their sins from others, they will not be able to save themselves from Allaah and His system of accountability.

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¹ Soorah al-Zalzala [99:4]

² At-Tirmidhee