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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Questioner: The questioner seeks an explanation to the noble verse in Soorah TaaHaa

وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمَى * قَالَ رَبِّ لِمَ حَشَرْتَنِي أَعْمَى وَقَدْ كُنْتُ بَصِيرًا * قَالَ كَذَلِكَ أَتَتْكَ آيَاتُنَا فَنَسِيْتَهَا وَكَذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ تُنْسَى

["But whosoever turns away from My remembrance verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection." He will say: "O my Lord! Why have you raised me up blind, while I had sight (before)." [Allaah] will say, "Thus did Our signs come to you, and you forgot them; and thus will you this Day be forgotten."]¹

Does this verse apply to every person who is heedless of the remembrance of Allaah?

Shaykh bin Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)²: This is a severe threat for the person who turns away from the remembrance of Allaah and turns away from His obedience, thus he does not give Allaah His rights. This is his recompense. He will have a restricted difficult life, even if he has a great deal of wealth and riches. His life will be made difficult due to the distress, pain, and hardship that befalls his heart. Thus his great wealth will not benefit him. He will be in distress and hardship due to his turning away from the remembrance of Allaah and His obedience. Then he will be resurrected on the Day of Judgment blind.

The intent is this applies to the person who turns away from the obedience of Allaah (سُبْحَانَهُ)³ and His rights. He does not give concern to the commands of Allaah, rather he commits actions which He has prohibited, and leaves off obeying Him. This is his recompense. We ask Allaah for safety and security.

¹ سورة طه – Soorah TaaHaa [20:124-126]

² (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

³ (سُبْحَانَهُ) (Subhanahu) The Exalted

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