



Lecture Summary – Thursday 9th October 2025

“Living Well to Die Well”: Lessons on a Righteous Ending – Shaykh Yusufali Dhirani

1. Opening Tribute

- Begins by offering condolences on the **passing of the father of the resident scholar, Marhum Mawlana Shaykh Abbas Malik.**
- He describes the deceased as a **great scholar (‘alim)** and **servant of the community**, who authored books and guided many through his knowledge and teaching.

2. The Legacy of Scholars

- Reflects on the **immortal impact of righteous scholars**, quoting a saying:

“When a scholar passes away, it is like the universe has lost a light that can never be replaced.”

- Even after death, scholars continue to benefit people through their **lectures, writings, and influence.**
- In contrast, those who live without purpose or service are “dead even while alive.”

3. The Concept of a Good Ending (حُسن الخاتمة)

- Transitioning to a Qur’anic verse (Surah Āl ‘Imrān 3:102):

“O you who believe, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except in a state of Islam.”

- The speaker discusses the importance of a **righteous ending**, praying for “**husn al-khatimah**” — a blessed and peaceful conclusion to life.
- He recalls the **supplication of Imam Ali al-Ridha (a.s.):**

“O Allah, I ask You to grant me a happy ending, and not to take away Your blessings from me.”

4. Three Types of People in Relation to Their Ending

1. **Good life, good ending** — people who live righteously and die righteously.
 2. **Evil life, evil ending** — those who live and die in corruption (like enemies of the Ahl al-Bayt).
 3. **Mixed path** — those who may have erred but repent and change before death, achieving a **good ending through transformation.**
- Historical examples are mentioned (e.g., Zubayr and others in early Islamic history) illustrating changes in one’s spiritual state before death.

5. The Role of Attachment and Love

- A profound reminder:

“Whatever we love most in life will appear before us at the time of death.”

- The speaker urges listeners to ensure their **hearts are attached to Allah, the Prophet, and the Ahl al-Bayt**, not to material possessions or worldly desires.

6. The Questions of the Grave

- Everyone knows the questions — *Who is your Lord? Who is your Prophet? What is your religion?* — but correct answers depend on one’s **connection to faith during life**.
- Knowledge alone isn’t enough; **practice and spiritual relationship** determine success in the hereafter.

7. Illustrations of a Righteous Death

- Several **stories of pious individuals** are shared:
 - A scholar who predicted the day of his own death and passed away peacefully in remembrance of Allah.
 - A woman who **dug her own grave and prayed daily in it**, asking Allah to let her die while fasting — and indeed passed away in that state.
 - Such examples highlight how **a lifetime of devotion leads to a beautiful death**.

8. The Blessing of Dying on a Thursday or Friday

- Traditions (riwāyāt) mention that those who die on **Thursday night or Friday** are specially blessed and shown **mercy from Allah**.
- The speaker clarifies that while the timing of death is not in human control, **living righteously increases the chance of an honorable departure**.

9. Closing Reflections

- Life is **short and uncertain**; hence, believers should:
 - Do good deeds consistently.
 - Seek forgiveness and reconciliation with others.
 - Strengthen their relationship with Allah and the Ahl al-Bayt.
- Even small acts of piety — such as **visiting graves (ziyarah)** or reciting **supplications** — carry immense reward and spiritual value.

Key Message

Live in a state that you would be proud to die in. What we nurture in our hearts today will accompany us in our final moments and beyond.