

٢٠٣. وَقَالَ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ): أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي إِنْ قُلْتُمْ سَمِعَ، وَإِنْ أَضْمَرْتُمْ عَلِمَ، وَيَا دُرُوءَ الْمَوْتِ الَّذِي إِنْ هَرَبْتُمْ مِنْهُ أَدْرَكَكُمْ، وَإِنْ أَقَمْتُمْ أَخَذَكُمْ، وَإِنْ نَسِيتُمْ ذَكَرَكُمْ.

203. Amīr al-mu'minīn, peace be upon him, said: O people, fear Allāh Who is such that when you speak He hears and when you conceal (a secret) He knows it. Prepare yourself to meet death which will overtake you even if you run away, catch you even if you stay and remember you even if you forget it.