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فَذَكِّرْ إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مُذَكِّرٌ

*So, (O Prophet,) keep on preaching; you are only a preacher [88:21]*

## ANSWER:

Mudhakkir / A preacher

## COMMENTARY

**In conclusion of the Chapter, the Messenger of Allah is comforted thus:**

**(You are not a taskmaster set up over them,...88:22)** The Holy Prophet ﷺ is told that he is only a preacher, and as such he must keep on preaching. He should not worry beyond that. It is for Allah to call the unbelievers to Him to render account of their deeds and actions, and punish them accordingly.

## TAFSĪR IBN KATHĪR

**The Messenger is only charged with delivering the Message**

Allah says, **(So remind them -- you are only one who reminds. You are not a Musaytir over them)** meaning, "O Muhammad! Remind the people with what you have been sent with to them."

Then Allah says, **(You are not a Musaytir over them.)** Ibn `Abbas, Mujahid and others said, "You are not a dictator over them." This means that you cannot create faith in their hearts. Ibn Zayd said, "You are not the one who can force them to have faith."

Imam Ahmad recorded from Jabir that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, (I have been commanded to fight the people until they say La ilaha illallah (none has the right to be worshipped except Allah). So if they say that, they have safeguarded their blood and wealth from me - except for what is rightfully due from it - and their reckoning is with Allah, the Mighty and Majestic.) Then he recited, **(So remind them - you are only one who reminds. You are not a dictator over them -)** This is how Muslim recorded this Hadith in his Book of Faith, and At-Tirmidhi and An-Nasa'i also recorded it in their Sunans in the Books of Tafsir. This Hadith can be found in both of the Two Sahihs.

**And Allāh Ta'ālā knows best.**

