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WHEN TRUTH PREVAILS, FALSEHOOD VANISHES

FIRST KHUTBAH

ALL PRAISE IS DUE TO ALLAH, WHO HAS COMMANDED US TO HEAR AND OBEY, AND HAS INSTRUCTED US TO ADHERE TO THE SUNNAH AND THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY. I BEAR WITNESS THAT THERE IS NO DEITY WORTHY OF WORSHIP EXCEPT ALLAH ALONE, WITHOUT PARTNER, AND I BEAR WITNESS THAT MUHAMMAD IS THE SERVANT AND MESSENGER OF ALLAH. HE LEFT US UPON THE CLEAR PATH, FROM WHICH NONE DEVIATES EXCEPT THE PEOPLE OF MISGUIDANCE AND DESIRES.

O ALLAH, SEND YOUR PRAYERS, PEACE, AND BLESSINGS UPON MUHAMMAD, HIS FAMILY, HIS RIGHTEOUS COMPANIONS, AND ALL WHO FOLLOW THEM IN RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTIL THE DAY OF JUDGMENT.

TO PROCEED:

O BELIEVERS! FEAR ALLAH, OBEY HIM, WATCH OVER YOURSELVES, AND DO NOT DISOBEY HIM.

YESTERDAY, BY THE GRACE OF ALLAH, MANY MUSLIMS FASTED THE TENTH DAY OF ALLAH'S SACRED MONTH OF MUHARRAM, FOLLOWING THE SUNNAH OF THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH ﷺ AND HOPING FOR THE EXPIATION OF AN ENTIRE YEAR'S SINS. OUR PROPHET ﷺ GAVE US GLAD TIDINGS WHEN HE SAID: "I HOPE FROM ALLAH THAT IT WILL EXPIATE THE SINS OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR."

SO THINK WELL OF ALLAH REGARDING THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS, REMAIN FAITHFUL TO YOUR COVENANT WITH YOUR LORD, FOR ALLAH LOVES THOSE WHO REPENT AND LOVES THOSE WHO PURIFY THEMSELVES.

O BELIEVERS!

THE DAY OF 'ASHURA IS A DAY OF HONOR AND VICTORY. IT TEACHES US A PROFOUND LESSON: FALSEHOOD, NO MATTER HOW MUCH IT RISES OR HOW MANY SUPPORTERS IT GATHERS, REMAINS WEAK AND ULTIMATELY DEFEATED.

PHARAOH WAS AMONG THE GREATEST TYRANTS, YET ALLAH SEIZED HIM WITH THE PUNISHMENT OF THIS WORLD AND THE HEREAFTER. INDEED, IN THAT IS A LESSON FOR THOSE WHO FEAR ALLAH. JUST AS ALLAH SEIZED HIM, HE WILL SEIZE EVERY TYRANT IN EVERY LAND WHO SPREADS CORRUPTION THEREIN.





SERVANTS OF ALLAH!

REFLECT UPON THE STATEMENT OF THE PROPHET ﷺ: “WE HAVE MORE RIGHT TO MOSES THAN YOU.”

THIS STATEMENT REMINDS US THAT THE BOND OF ISLAM IS THE GREATEST BOND. MUHAMMAD ﷺ AND HIS UMMAH, THROUGH THEIR ADHERENCE TO FAITH AND STEADFASTNESS UPON IT, ARE MORE DESERVING OF MOSES AND CLOSER TO HIM THAN THOSE WHO DISTORTED HIS LAW AND ABANDONED HIS PATH.

ALLAH SAYS: “THE MESSENGER HAS BELIEVED IN WHAT WAS REVEALED TO HIM FROM HIS LORD, AND SO HAVE THE BELIEVERS. ALL OF THEM HAVE BELIEVED IN ALLAH, HIS ANGELS, HIS BOOKS, AND HIS MESSENGERS, SAYING: ‘WE MAKE NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN ANY OF HIS MESSENGERS.’”

THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH ﷺ ALSO SAID: “THE PROPHETS ARE PATERNAL BROTHERS; THEIR RELIGION IS ONE, THOUGH THEIR LAWS DIFFER.”

THE FOUNDATION OF ALL THE PROPHETS WAS ONE: PURE MONOTHEISM (TAWHID), EVEN THOUGH THEIR LEGISLATIONS AND DETAILED RULINGS DIFFERED.

SERVANTS OF ALLAH!

WHENEVER A BELIEVER RECEIVES A RENEWED BLESSING, HE RESPONDS WITH GRATITUDE TO THE BESTOWER OF BLESSINGS. PRAISE OF ALLAH FILLS THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. THIS IS WHAT MOSES AND MUHAMMAD, PEACE BE UPON THEM BOTH, DID BY FASTING THE DAY OF ‘ASHURA. THE BELIEVERS AFTER THEM CONTINUE TO DO THE SAME OUT OF GRATITUDE TO ALLAH, FOLLOWING THEIR PROPHET, AND SEEKING REWARD FROM THEIR LORD.

SOMEONE MAY ASK: “ISLAM HAS WITNESSED MANY VICTORIES AND CONQUESTS. WHY DO WE NOT FAST ON THOSE DAYS OR DEDICATE ACTS OF WORSHIP TO COMMEMORATE THEM?”

THE ANSWER IS: ONE OF THE BEAUTIES OF OUR RELIGION IS THAT IT IS FOUNDED UPON FOLLOWING, NOT INNOVATING. ALLAH SAYS: “INDEED, IN THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH YOU HAVE AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE.”

WHEN MUSLIMS FASTED YESTERDAY, IT WAS PURELY IN OBEDIENCE TO OUR MESSENGER ﷺ, WHO SAID: “WHOEVER PERFORMS AN ACTION THAT IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR MATTER WILL HAVE IT REJECTED.”





THE BELIEVER DOES WHAT THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH DID, LEAVES WHAT HE LEFT, LOVES WHAT HE LOVED, AND DISLIKES WHAT HE DISLIKED.

THIS IS THE TRUE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALLAH’S STATEMENT: “SAY: IF YOU LOVE ALLAH, THEN FOLLOW ME; ALLAH WILL LOVE YOU AND FORGIVE YOUR SINS.”

AND IN AN AUTHENTIC NARRATION, THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH ﷺ SAID: “NONE OF YOU TRULY BELIEVES UNTIL HIS DESIRES FOLLOW WHAT I HAVE BROUGHT.”

SERVANTS OF ALLAH!

THE FASTING OF ‘ASHURA EXPIATES ONLY MINOR SINS. MAJOR SINS ARE NOT EXPIATED EXCEPT THROUGH SINCERE AND GENUINE REPENTANCE.

IMAM IBN AL-QAYYIM رحمه الله WARNED THOSE WHO THINK THAT FASTING ‘ASHURA ALONE GUARANTEES SALVATION AND FORGIVENESS: “THIS DECEIVED PERSON DOES NOT REALIZE THAT FASTING RAMADAN AND PERFORMING THE FIVE DAILY PRAYERS ARE GREATER AND MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN FASTING ‘ARAFAH AND ‘ASHURA. THESE ACTS ONLY EXPIATE SINS WHEN MAJOR SINS ARE AVOIDED.”

SERVANTS OF ALLAH!

IT IS THE RIGHT OF AHL AL-SUNNAH WA AL-JAMA‘AH TO REJOICE ON A DAY WHEN THE BANNER OF ISLAM WAS RAISED AND THE FLAG OF SOUND BELIEF WAS ELEVATED.

ON SUCH A DAY, THE BELIEVERS REJOICE IN THE VICTORY GRANTED BY ALLAH.

O ALLAH, HONOR ISLAM AND THE MUSLIMS EVERYWHERE. GRANT VICTORY TO THOSE WHO SUPPORT YOUR RELIGION AND DISGRACE THOSE WHO ABANDON IT. O ALLAH, GRANT US THE ABILITY TO FOLLOW OUR PROPHET INWARDLY AND OUTWARDLY.

I SEEK ALLAH’S FORGIVENESS FOR MYSELF, FOR YOU, AND FOR ALL MUSLIMS. SO SEEK HIS FORGIVENESS, FOR INDEED HE IS THE MOST FORGIVING, THE MOST MERCIFUL.





SECOND KHUTBAH

ALL PRAISE IS DUE TO ALLAH, WHO HAS RELATED TO US STORIES CONTAINING LESSONS FOR THE BELIEVERS.

I BEAR WITNESS THAT THERE IS NO DEITY WORTHY OF WORSHIP EXCEPT ALLAH ALONE, WITHOUT PARTNER, LORD OF ALL WORLDS. AND I BEAR WITNESS THAT OUR PROPHET MUHAMMAD IS HIS SERVANT AND MESSENGER, THE TRUSTWORTHY AND STRONG.

O ALLAH, SEND YOUR PRAYERS, PEACE, AND BLESSINGS UPON HIM, HIS FAMILY, HIS COMPANIONS, AND THOSE WHO FOLLOW THEM UNTIL THE DAY OF JUDGMENT.

TO PROCEED: FEAR ALLAH, O SERVANTS OF ALLAH, AS HE DESERVES TO BE FEARED.

O MUSLIMS!

IN TIMES OF TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS, WHEN DESPAIR BEGINS TO CREEP INTO SOME HEARTS, WE MUST TURN TO THE NOBLE QUR'AN, REFLECT UPON ITS STORIES, AND DRAW GUIDANCE FROM THEM. IT IS THE METHODOLOGY, THE LIGHT, AND THE SECURE REFUGE.

CONSIDER A QUR'ANIC STORY WHOSE EVENTS REACHED THEIR CLIMAX IN THE MONTH OF MUHARRAM. REMARKABLY, THE QUR'AN REPEATEDLY MENTIONS THIS STORY IN VARIOUS FORMS, SOMETIMES IN DETAIL AND SOMETIMES BRIEFLY.

WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS STORY?

IT IS THE STORY OF THE PROPHET OF ALLAH AND HIS ONE WHO SPOKE DIRECTLY WITH HIM, MOSES SON OF IMRAN, PEACE BE UPON HIM, AND HIS STRUGGLE WITH THE TYRANT PHARAOH.

ONE OF THE WISDOMS BEHIND ITS REPETITION IS TO COMFORT THE HEART OF MUHAMMAD ﷺ AND HIS COMPANIONS CONCERNING THE HARDSHIPS THEY WOULD FACE AFTER EMBRACING ISLAM. IT ALSO SERVES AS GUIDANCE REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN ISLAMIC SOCIETY.

IT IS A STORY OF A PROLONGED STRUGGLE BETWEEN TRUTH AND FALSEHOOD.





ALLAH TESTED THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WITH PHARAOH. ALTHOUGH ALLAH HAD FAVORED THEM ABOVE MANY PEOPLES, PHARAOH OPPRESSED THEM. HE SLAUGHTERED THEIR SONS OUT OF FEAR OF THEIR GROWING NUMBERS AND SPARED THEIR WOMEN FOR SERVITUDE. HE WAS TRULY AMONG THE CORRUPTERS.

ALLAH WILLED TO RESCUE THE BELIEVING GROUP THROUGH MOSES, PEACE BE UPON HIM, AND CHOSE HIM FOR THIS DIFFICULT MISSION.

ALLAH SAID: “AND I HAVE CHOSEN YOU, SO LISTEN TO WHAT IS REVEALED. INDEED, I AM ALLAH; THERE IS NO DEITY EXCEPT ME, SO WORSHIP ME AND ESTABLISH PRAYER FOR MY REMEMBRANCE.”

MOSES KNEW PHARAOH WELL, SO HE SOUGHT ALLAH’S HELP, EASE, AND EXPANSION OF HIS CHEST. HE TOOK HIS BROTHER AARON WITH HIM AND WENT TO PHARAOH.

AT THEIR FIRST MEETING AFTER RECEIVING PROPHETHOOD, MOSES BEGAN BY SAYING: “INDEED, WE ARE MESSENGERS OF THE LORD OF THE WORLDS.”

IN OTHER WORDS: “O PHARAOH, YOU ARE NEITHER A LORD NOR A GOD.”

AS THE STORY UNFOLDS AND REACHES ITS CLIMAX, AFTER MOSES PREVAILED OVER THE MAGICIANS, PHARAOH RESORTED TO THREATS OF IMPRISONMENT AND SEVERE PUNISHMENT.

THIS IS THE LANGUAGE OF CRIMINALS: “I WILL SURELY MAKE YOU AMONG THE IMPRISONED.”

MOSES AND THE BELIEVERS FLED WITH THEIR FAITH BY ALLAH’S COMMAND, WHILE PHARAOH ARROGANTLY PURSUED THEM WITH HIS ARMIES.

THEN CAME THE DECISIVE MOMENT. MOSES AND HIS PEOPLE STOOD BEFORE A VAST SEA. THEY HAD NO MEANS TO CROSS IT AND WERE NOT EQUIPPED FOR BATTLE. BEHIND THEM WAS PHARAOH’S MERCILESS ARMY.

THE DISTRESS REACHED ITS PEAK, AND THE COMPANIONS OF MOSES CRIED: “INDEED, WE ARE SURE TO BE OVERTAKEN!”

BUT MOSES REPLIED WITH COMPLETE FAITH AND CERTAINTY: “NO! INDEED, MY LORD IS WITH ME; HE WILL GUIDE ME.”

THE SEA AND MANKIND ALIKE BELONG TO ALLAH, LORD OF THE WORLDS, WHO DIRECTS THEM AS HE WILLS.





THEN THE PATH OF SALVATION OPENED FROM WHERE THEY NEVER EXPECTED. THE BELIEVING GROUP CROSSED SAFELY UNDER ALLAH'S PROTECTION. ONCE MOSES AND HIS PEOPLE HAD CROSSED, AND PHARAOH'S PEOPLE HAD ENTERED THE SEA, THE WAVES ENGULFED THEM FROM EVERY DIRECTION, AND THEY PERISHED.

ALLAH SAYS: "INDEED, IN THAT IS A SIGN, YET MOST OF THEM WERE NOT BELIEVERS. AND INDEED, YOUR LORD IS THE MIGHTY, THE MERCIFUL."

THIS OCCURRED ON THE DAY OF 'ASHURA, SO MOSES, MUHAMMAD ﷺ, AND THE BELIEVERS FASTED IT IN GRATITUDE TO ALLAH.

SERVANTS OF ALLAH!

HOW GREAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FOLLOWERS OF THE PROPHETS, WHO MAKE THIS DAY A DAY OF GRATITUDE, WORSHIP, AND REJOICING, AND THOSE WHO MAKE IT A DAY OF MOURNING AND LAMENTATION.

SO PRAISE ALLAH, O BELIEVERS, FOR GUIDING YOU TO THE SUNNAH. HOLD FIRMLY TO THE BOOK OF YOUR LORD AND TO HIS STRAIGHT PATH.

BROTHERS IN ISLAM!

BETWEEN THE BEGINNING AND END OF THIS STORY ARE MANY LESSONS. THE GREATEST AMONG THEM IS THAT THE LIGHT OF ALLAH WILL PREVAIL AND REMAIN MANIFEST.

ANOTHER LESSON IS THAT DURING HARDSHIP, THE MOST BENEFICIAL REMEDY IS PATIENCE AND PRAYER. ALLAH SAYS: "SEEK HELP THROUGH ALLAH AND BE PATIENT."

AMONG THE GREATEST LESSONS IS THE EXPOSURE OF THE DECEPTION OF CRIMINALS WHO MANIPULATE THE MASSES.

PHARAOH SAID: "HAVE YOU BELIEVED IN HIM BEFORE I GAVE YOU PERMISSION?"

IBN KATHIR COMMENTED: "PHARAOH KNEW THAT WHAT HE SAID WAS UTTERLY FALSE, BUT HE SAID IT ONLY TO DECEIVE THE IGNORANT MASSES OF HIS KINGDOM."





INDEED:

“VICTORY COMES ONLY FROM ALLAH, THE ALMIGHTY, THE ALL-WISE.”

O ALLAH, GRANT US SECURITY IN OUR HOMES, GUIDE OUR LEADERS, PROTECT OUR LANDS AND BORDERS, AND MAKE OUR AFFAIRS EASY.

“OUR LORD, WE HAVE BELIEVED IN WHAT YOU REVEALED AND FOLLOWED THE MESSENGER, SO RECORD US AMONG THE WITNESSES.”

“OUR LORD, FORGIVE OUR SINS AND OUR EXCESSES IN OUR AFFAIRS, MAKE OUR FEET FIRM, AND GRANT US VICTORY OVER THE DISBELIEVING PEOPLE.”

AND ESTABLISH THE PRAYER. INDEED, PRAYER PREVENTS IMMORALITY AND WRONGDOING, AND THE REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH IS GREATER. AND ALLAH KNOWS WHAT YOU DO.

