

THE UMMAH IS HURTING, WHAT CAN WE DO?

ADVICE AND WARNING FROM THE BELOVED

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم " مثل المؤمنين في توادهم وتراحمهم وتعاطفهم، مثل الجسد إذا اشتكى منه عضو تداعى له سائر الجسد بالسهر والحمى " ((متفق عليه))

The Prophet SAW said, "The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion and sympathy are just like one body. When one of the limbs suffers, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever"(Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ الدَّمَشْقِيُّ، حَدَّثَنَا بِشْرُ بْنُ بَكْرٍ، حَدَّثَنَا ابْنُ جَابِرٍ، حَدَّثَنِي أَبُو عَبْدِ السَّلَامِ، عَنْ نَوْبَانَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " يُوشِكُ الْأَمَمُ أَنْ تَدَاعَى عَلَيْكُمْ كَمَا تَدَاعَى الْأَكْلَةُ إِلَى قَصْعَتِهَا" . فَقَالَ قَائِلٌ وَمِنْ قَلِيلٍ نَحْنُ يَوْمَئِذٍ قَالَ " بَلْ أَنْتُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ كَثِيرٌ وَلَكِنَّكُمْ غَتَاءٌ كَغَتَاءِ السَّنَنِ وَلَيَنْزِعَنَّ اللَّهُ مِنْ صُدُورِ عَدُوِّكُمْ الْمَهَابَةَ مِنْكُمْ وَلَيَقْذِفَنَّ اللَّهُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمُ الْوَهْنَ " . فَقَالَ قَائِلٌ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَا الْوَهْنُ قَالَ " حُبُّ الدُّنْيَا وَكَرَاهِيَةُ الْمَوْتِ " .

The Prophet SAW said, "The nations shall gather and team up against you (i.e., Muslims) as the predators gather and team up against their prey.

A questioner asked, "Is it because of us being low in numbers at that day?"

The Prophet SAW replied: "No, you that day shall be in great numbers, but you will be as powerless as the foam of the water on the surface of the river, and Allah shall remove any fear from your enemies toward you, and He shall put in your hearts *wahn*."

A questioner asked: "O Apostle of Allah, what is *wahn*?"

The Prophet SAW replied: "The love of life's amusements and the fear of death." (Abu Dawud)

MESSAGE FOR US

Today we are living through one of the most disgraceful and humiliating time in Islamic history. Over 1.7 billion Muslims are watching each other being slaughtered, humiliated, and there is nothing we can do besides weep and make *du'a*. This is the extent of our weak condition today. What's worse is that once this slaughter finishes, we will go back to our life as if we didn't see anything, until another group of Muslims somewhere else suffers the same. At that time, we will cry and make *du'a* again.

This weeping and *du'a* is a lie. Because when we weep over something and make *du'a* while we sincerely mean it, we follow it by actions and try our utmost to get what we want; whether it is job, marriage, children, illness or anything else. Similarly if we really felt the suffering of our Muslim brothers and sisters, our *du'a*, our weeping, and our efforts would continue. But unfortunately the reality is something else; when it comes to the calamity of Islam and Muslims, we weep, make *du'a* and then switch off to *duniya* again like nothing happened. We never follow it with a sincere effort to do something substantial or get together and consult learned people until we alleviate the condition.

Bad News: If we do not sincerely engage in alleviating the suffering of the Muslims and just remain as idle spectators, very soon Allah SWT will make us taste the same. This is a promise which can be found in many sayings of the Prophet SAW! Go do your homework!

WHAT CAN WE DO?

If we are real Muslims, real believers, we will care and would not stand around paralyzed. Our *iman* will let us unite with one voice towards one goal. Once our hearts are united with belief, we will be able to listen and obey the leader and our actions will bear fruits.

Until this time comes, we need to make *ghusl*, embrace Islam, start learning and making effort to live our *deen*. We have to spend everything possible according to our ability and capability to spread the message of Islam, to elevate it and wipe all the smearing and misconception against it.

The ultimate gift we can give to Islam and all mankind is to be real Muslims. Please live the message, be role models of Islam, and elevate the name of Allah SWT all over the earth.

May Allah SWT help us all!

HOW TO CELEBRATE THIS EID

Eid is a time of celebration, reflection and making commitments to Allah SWT of remaining truthful to Him SWT after having experienced His immense mercy, forgiveness and generosity. This Eid comes tainted with the suffering of our Muslim brothers and sisters all over the world and the heaviness of guilt at our inability to do anything for them.

Let's show our solidarity to our afflicted brothers and sisters and abstain from the materialistic celebrations this Eid; instead let us focus all our energies to our spiritual development. These are some of the things we should do during this Eid:

- Make *takbeerat*
- Make a lot of *du'a* for Islam and Muslims
- Make promises to Allah SWT to

- be for Him SWT,
- be true believers,
- start a new chapter in our life,
- elevate Islam within us and all over the earth,
- do everything in our ability to alleviate the suffering of Muslims,
- do all that we can to elevate the name of Islam above all the smearing and misconceptions against it,
- Beg Allah SWT to be assets to Islam and a source of its dignity.

Let's make this an Eid of solidarity, unity and sincerity!