

Circle: Ramadhan, the month of victory

- ◆ Ramadhan is the month in which the Muslims were victorious in Badr, opening of Makkah, battle of Hitten, Ain Jalut, the conquering of Spain by Tariq bin Ziyad, etc.
- ◆ We can see the Muslims understood that the victory is in the hands of Allah (swt) as HE is al-Naasir (the one who provides victory) however they worked with utmost effort to achieve it.
- ◆ Today some Muslims have a confused understanding, they look at situation of the Ummah hold the notion that Allah will bring about the victory and therefore our role is to make du'a and wait for it. This understanding is incorrect and contradicts Islam. We have to believe that the victory is in the hands of Allah (swt) and we have to work to achieve it – so when it comes to viewing the problems in Afghanistan, Palestine, Kashmir, etc we cannot wait without working to change the situation, we must work for the re-establishment of the Khilafah.
- ◆ It is similar to other issues in Islam, e.g. Rizk is fixed but we must follow the Shariah rules relating to working to provide for ourselves and families.
- ◆ How can we remain believing that the victory will come from Allah (swt) but not working for it.
- ◆ We want to be like the Sahaba.

In the hadeeth that was narrated by Anas that Prophet Muhammad Peace be upon him said **"There is some people in my Ummah (nation) that they are rewarded like the reward of the beginners of this Ummah; this is because they are forbidding what is wrong"** Narrated in Musnad Ahmad ben Hanbal.

Abu Nu'aim narrated on the authority of Aisha that the messenger (saw) said: **"If two agonies covered you: The agony of loving the living and the agony of ignorance, then you will not enjoin right and you will not forbid Munkar. The callers to the book and the Sunnah are like the early ones of Muhajiroun and Ansar"**.

- ◆ The victory will come soon inshallah, the last issue of the 'Watan Arabi magazine' that the Muslim workers for the establishment of the Islamic Khalifah state in Wadi Firghana (in central Asia) are more than 10 million. The same figure was also mentioned in a Qatari newspaper called "al-Raya". Al'Jazeera Satellite channel had mentioned in one of her news reports that the number of workers for the Islamic Khilafah in Central Asia is around 15 million. Al'Waie Magazine had also mentioned in Sha'ban 1421 issue that the total number of Muslim prisoners who are members or supporters to Hizb ut-tahrir in Uzbekistan are more than 40 thousand. Dear brothers, these people die under torture, their nails are being removed, their skins are being stripped off, and their bones are being broken. They sold their lives for the sake of this deen, so that the word of Allah will be revealed, so that the Islamic Khilafah state is established. Today, we hear the calls to establish the Islamic state louder than ever. The Muslims are seeing the image clearer than ever and they are more persistent than ever. The Islamic Khilafah state is the right substitute for capitalism and democracy which we all had seen their lies today in the U.S. presidential elections where the two so called civilized parties are fighting over rule. There is no difference between them and any two ruling factions in the so called third world. This shows us that the U.S. is not a god on earth, Allah is stronger, Allah is greater. Allah will destroy her the way he destroyed similar arrogant forces in the past. Allah will send down to us His victory the way he did to Prophet Muhammad.

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Where the Khilafah may take off

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

I witness that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is His Messenger.

Dear Muslims, Here we are in the second Friday of Ramadan 1421 in this Mosque where the collaborators are trying to divide it between us and the Jews. Who will liberate this Mosque? There was an authenticated hadeeth narrated by Ali, the cousin of the Prophet. Ali stood once to deliver a speech when one of the Arab leaders, al'Asha'th ibnu Qays, objected the existence of many Muslim non-Arabs surrounding the Khalifah Ali. So Ali replied that these Muslim non-Arabs are more active for this deen than the Arabs and then he narrated a hadeeth that he heard Prophet Muhammad saying that "they" will force "you" for this deen the same way that "you" did for "them" on the first time. It might mean that the second emergence of the Islamic Khilafah state will not be from within the Arab world. Once the Khilafah state is established it will carry out her work to unify the Muslim land and then the Arab rulers will fight her.

Do you think the Saudi rulers will open their arms for the Khalifah? Oh Muslims, we had read in the last issue of the 'Watan Arabi magazine' that the Muslim workers for the establishment of the Islamic Khalifah state in Wadi Firghana (in central Asia) are more than 10 million. The same figure was also mentioned in a Qatari newspaper called "al-Raya". Al'Jazeera Satellite channel had mentioned in one of her news reports that the number of workers for the Islamic Khilafah in Central Asia is around 15 million. Al'Waie Magazine had also mentioned in Sha'ban 1421 issue that the total number of Muslim prisoners who are members or supporters to Hizb'ut'tahrir in Uzbekistan are more than 40 thousand.

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Speaker:Â sHRB

Ramadhan Timeline

The first revelation. The most significant event that occurred during Ramadan is the revelation of the Quran to Prophet Muhammad (saw). Prophet Muhammad (saw) was in the cave in Mount Hira when the Angel *Jibrael* came to him with the first five ayat of Surat Al-Alaq. Allah (swt) says: "Ramadan is the month in which was sent down the Quran as a guide to mankind also clear signs for guidance and judgement." [2:185] "We have indeed revealed it, (Al-Quran) in the night of power." [97:1]

1 A.H. (After Hijra) In the first year after the Hijrah, the Prophet (saw) sent Hamza ibn Abdul Muttalib with thirty Muslim riders to Saif al Bahr to with a definite task of intercepting a caravan belonging to Quraish. It was a caravan of 300 people including Abu Jahl bin Hisham. The two parties encountered each other and aligned in preparation for fighting. Majdi bin 'Amr, on good terms with both sides, happened to be there and managed to prevent an imminent clash.

2 A.H. In the second year of Hijrah the Messenger of Allah set out on the 8th Ramadhan with three hundred and five of his companions mounted on seventy camels. The Prophet (saw) and his companions set out to intercept a caravan of their own goods that had been left in Makkah. It was led by Abu Sufyan, himself, and estimated at 60,000 dinars. They were met by a well equipped army of the nobility of Quraish, intent on putting out the light of Islam. Then the two sides advanced and drew near each other at Badr on Friday morning on the 17th of Ramadhan. Despite being outnumbered three to one and appearing weak and unseasoned, the Muslims defended their faith with a burning desire to protect the Prophet (saw) and meet their Lord through martyrdom. Allah (SWT) gave them a decisive victory at Badr on this day of Ramadhan, that would never to be forgotten.

6 A.H. In 6 A.H., Zaid ibn Haritha was sent to Wadi al-Qura at the head of a detachment to confront Fatimah bint Rabi'ah, the queen of that area. Fatimah had previously attacked a caravan led by Zaid and had succeeded in plundering its wealth. She was known to be the most protected woman in Arabia, as she hung fifty swords of her close relatives in her home. Fatimah was equally renowned for showing open hostility to Islam. She was killed in a battle against these Muslims in the month of Ramadhan.

8 A.H. By Ramadhan of 8 A.H., the treaty of Hudaibiyya had been broken and the Muslim armies had engaged the Byzantines in the North. Muhammad (saw) felt the need to strike a fatal blow to Kufr in the Arabian Peninsula and conquer the city of Mecca. Now the time had come to purify the Kaabah of nakedness and abomination. The Prophet (saw) set out with an army having more armed men than Al-Madinah had ever seen before. People were swelling the army's ranks as it moved toward Makkah. The determination of the believers became so awesome that the city of Makkah was conquered without a battle, on the 20th of Ramadhan. This was one of the most important dates in Islamic history for after it, Islam was firmly entrenched in the Arabian Peninsula. During the same month and year, after smashing the idols of Makkah, detachments were sent to the major centers of polytheism and al-Lat, Manat and Suwa, some of the greatest idols of Arabia, were destroyed.

Such was the month of Ramadhan in the time of the Prophet (saw). It was a time of purification, enjoining the good, forbidding evil, and striving hard with one's life and wealth. After the death of the Prophet (saw), the Muslims under the Khilafah carried on this tradition. Ramadhan continued to be a time of great trials and crucial events.

92 A.H. Ninety-two years after the Hijrah, Islam had spread across North Africa, Iran, Afghanistan, Yemen and Syria. Spain was under the tyrannical rule of King Roderic of the Visigoths. Roderic had forced his six million serfs and persecuted Jews to seek the aid of the Muslims of North Africa. Musa ibn Husair, the Umayyad governor of North Africa, responded by sending his courageous general Tariq ibn Ziyad at the head of 12,000 troops. In Ramadhan of that year, they were confronted with a combined Visigoth army of 90,000 Christians led by Roderic, himself, who was seated on a throne of ivory silver, and precious gems, drawn by white mules. After burning his boats, Tariq motivated the Muslims warning them that Paradise lay ahead of them and defeat and the sea to the rear. They burst with great enthusiasm and Allah (SWT) manifested a clear victory over the forces of disbelief. Not only were Roderic and his forces completely annihilated, but Tariq and Musa succeeded in liberating whole of Spain, Sicily and parts of France. This was the beginning of the Golden Age of Al-Andalus where Muslims ruled for over 700 years.

658 A.H. In the seventh century A.H. the Mongols were sweeping across Asia destroying everything that lay in their path Genghis Khan called himself "the scourge of God sent to punish humanity for their sins". In 617 A.H. Samarkand, Ray, and Hamdan were put to the sword causing more than 700,000 people to be killed or made captive. In 656 A.H. Hulagu, the grandson of Genghis Khan, continued this destruction. Even Baghdad, the leading city of the Muslim world, was sacked. Some estimates say that as many as 1,800,000 Muslims were killed in this awesome carnage. The Christians were asked to eat pork and drink wine openly while the surviving Muslims were forced to participate in drinking bouts. Wine was sprinkled in the masjids and no Adhan (call to

prayer) was allowed. In the wake of such a disaster threatening the whole Muslim world, Allah (SWT) raised up from the Mamluks of Egypt, Saifuddin Qutuz, who united the Muslim army and met the Mongols at Ain Jalut on Friday, 25 Ramadhan 658 A.H. (6 September 1260 CE). Qutuz told his army to wait until they finished the Friday prayers (Jummah Salah), "Do not fight them until it is sunset and the shadows appear and the winds stir, and the preachers and people start to implore Allah for us in their prayers", and thereafter the fighting began. Jullanar, the wife of Qutuz, was killed during the battle. He rushed towards her saying, "Oh my beloved one". She told him while uttering her last breath, "Do not say that, and care more for Islam." Her soul left her body after telling her husband that the Jihad for the sake of Allah and Islam is more important than love and personal relations. Qutuz stood up saying "Islamah...Islamah". The whole army repeated that word after him until they achieved their victory. Although they were under great pressure, the Muslims with the help of Allah (SWT), cunning strategy and unflinching bravery, crushed the Mongol army and reversed this tidal wave of horror. The Muslims immediately started to chase the Mongolians, and Qutuz entered Damascus five days after the Ain Jalut battle. The chase continued to Halab and when the Mongolians felt the approach of the Muslims they left behind the Muslim prisoners. In the period of a month the Muslims were able to restore Belad El-Sham entirely from the hands of the Tartars and the Mongolians.

682 A.H. In the year 682 A.H. (Ramadan, 4th July 1187 C.E.) that Salahuddin Ayyubi with the Muslim Mujahideen of the Khilafah fought one of the most important battles in the history of Islam. The Muslims on this day, in one single day, virtually routed all local Christian forces capable of defending the Crusaders establishment in the Near East. Facing no resistance, Salahuddin took his time to reach the city of Jerusalem on 9th October, 1187 C.E. (Christain Era), a Friday, and the Holy city was purified.

This was the spirit of Ramadhan that enabled our righteous forefathers to face seemingly impossible challenges. It was a time of intense activity, spending the day in the saddle and the night in prayer whilst calling upon Allah (SWT) for His mercy and forgiveness. Today, the Muslim world is faced with disunity, colonisation, widespread corruption and economic deprivation. Surely we are in need of the Khilafah so we as believers can walk in the footsteps of our beloved Prophet (saw), the illustrious Sahabah, Tariq ibn Ziyad, Qutuz, Salahuddin and the countless heroes of Islam. Surely we should be of the believers who are unafraid of the threats of the Kuffar, yet kind and humble amongst ourselves.

May Allah (SWT) make us those generation of Muslims who can carry Islam to all corners of the globe and may He give us the strength to undertake all hardships in the pursuit of His (swt) pleasure. *Ameen.*

Tawakkul, Rizk & Ajal (19/2/99)

◆ Allah (swt) in Surah an Nasr tells us about victory.

“When comes the help of Allah, and the Victory. They will enter the Deen of Allah in crowds. Celebrate the Praises of your Lord and pray for His Forgiveness: for He is Oft-Returning (in Grace and Mercy).”

[TMQ Surah Nasr 110]

- ◆ Ever since the decline of the Muslim Ummah, which was caused by a failure to understand Islam in a proper manner, we can see that certain fundamental concepts of Islam have become unclear in the minds of the Muslims.
- ◆ Many Muslims have become defensive about the rules of Islam and many have failed to understand the significance of these rules and thoughts.
- ◆ For example, some would deny that it is allowed to **marry four wives**, by saying that this is limited only to times of war.
- ◆ Others would maybe argue that **Jihad is only self-defence** even though the majority of battles fought by the Prophet were offensive and not **defensive** **“I have been ordered to fight the people”**
- ◆ For example in **Malaysia** a law was passed some years ago prohibiting Chinese people from becoming Muslim until they were 18 years old, in order to appease the Chinese people; **Ali (RA) who was eight** was approached by (SAW) and after one night's thought he accepted Islam without consulting his father Abu Talib. He said “Allah created me without consulting **Abu Talib**, my father. Why should I now consult him to worship Allah.”

- ◆ Much of this decline in the Ummah was due to closing the doors of Ijtihad which is the mechanism by which Islam deals with any new problems that arise; also there was a massive missionary invasion and orientalist attack in the Muslim lands.
- ◆ Some of the fundamental concepts that Muslims have misunderstood are related to trusting in Allah (SWT) (**Tawakul alallah**) and the associated ideas such as **ajal minallah** and **rizqminallah**. Many have also failed to understand the difference between the aqeeda (creed) and the hukm shar'a (rules).
- ◆ Many Muslims do not understand how it can be that we should trust in Allah for the victory and for his **mercy** on all occasions; they become confused and ask the question should we do nothing and trust in Allah or should we do actions and then trust in Allah. They look at the question of Israel and say should we do nothing but **make du'a** and Allah will help us, or should we become powerful with weaponry and expertise and only then Allah will help us.
- ◆ Similar issues that are raised in the minds of people are such as; if rizq is fixed then why do we have to work, can't we just sit at home.
- ◆ These issues are indeed some of **the simplest issues** of Islam and it is important that these issues are clarified in the minds of the Muslims if they are to revive the Muslim Ummah.
- ◆ If we look at the issue of Israel; we can see that there are two extremes of views held amongst some Muslims; there are those who advocate that we should sit at home and make du'a and that Israel is too powerful for the Muslims to defeat so we should wait for the victory from Allah.
- ◆ The other extreme is those who say we cannot trust in Allah for the victory unless we do actions and gain weaponry and military expertise.
- ◆ Indeed, both of these views are incorrect as I shall explain;
- ◆ Indeed, both types of people have misunderstood a fundamental thought in Islam
- ◆ The one who thinks that we can only trust in Allah if we are prepared with the best technology is wrong; the reason for this is simple; to trust in Allah is part of the Muslim's aqeeda; he must believe in it decisively (tasdiq al-Jazim); this belief is fixed; every Muslim must trust in Allah irrespective of his position; whether it was a strong position or a weak position.
- ◆ The example of this is the Muslims who fought at Badr; even though they were weak they still trusted in Allah and Allah (SWT) gave them the victory; this was also the case at Tabuk and at the Battle of Qadisiyyah.
- ◆ The mistake that these people make is that fail to see the difference between **aqeeda** and **hukm shar'a**; it is the **aqeeda** that makes everyone trust in Allah; to prepare weaponry is **hukm shar'a**.
- ◆ *“Wa a idduu lahummas tat'atum min quwaatiw wa mir ribaatil khayl turhiboona bihi uduwallahi wa uduwwakum. Wa aakhirreena min doonihim”*
- ◆ *“Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power including steeds of war to strike terror into (the hearts of) the enemies of Allah and your enemies and others besides whom ye may not know but whom Allah doth know. Whatever ye shall spend in the cause of Allah shall be repaid unto you and ye shall not be treated unjustly”* [Al-Anfal:60]
- ◆ So we cannot say that to trust in Allah for the victory **we must** prepare weaponry; rather we **must always trust in Allah** for the victory and we must respond to **His command** to prepare weaponry; the two issues are unrelated
- ◆ Another issue which some people use to justify this position is the hadith of Muhammad (SAW) which says, *“Aqilha watawakkal”* **“Tie the camel and trust in Allah”** the Prophet (saw) said this to a man who came to the Prophet (saw) and he (saw) asked him concerning the whereabouts of his camel. They do not realise that this hadith contains two issues; one of advice and the other information concerning the aqeeda. This means that the first statement was concerning action i.e. **looking after the means**, the other is related to **belief** (Aqeeda).
- ◆ The other view that we are weak and we should **just make du'a** and not perform actions since Allah will give us the victory is also incorrect

- ◆ Some may say that the **problems of the Kurds**, which have recently been highlighted, should be left until the **coming of the Mahdi and the return of Isa (as)**.
- ◆ So they will not look for the means to solve this problem according to Islam.
- ◆ Others don't use the correct means as prescribed by Islam, so we find people knocking on the **doors of democracy** calling for **Kurdish state**.
- ◆ Indeed, Allah (SWT) will give the victory to the believers however the Muslims are commanded with the **whole of the Shar'ia** irrespective of their position.
- ◆ So Muslims are commanded to enjoin the maruf and forbid the munkar; they are commanded to establish Allah's deen on the earth; they are commanded to carry the da'wa of Islam.
- ◆ **So although we trust in Allah we must also obey the rules of Islam**; it is important to bear in mind here that just because you work to establish Allah's deen this **does not mean that you will be successful** and that Allah will give you the victory; but it will be **performing the fard** for which Allah (SWT) will hold us accountable on Yawm al-Qiyama
- ◆ The **sad thing** is that the very people who say don't work to establish Allah's deen; don't work to remove the Israeli state; **when they want to get married they will look for a wife**, and when they graduate they will look for a job.
- ◆ So it is very important for the Muslims to understand these issues so that they are not fooled into thinking **that they can remain idle**. They must obey the commands of Allah; they are also not fooled into thinking that just because they obey the commands of Allah they will be victorious; they will trust in Allah for the victory, alone.
- ◆ **So we should not look to a weapon for the victory, or at the might of our rulers, for the victory; we should realise that only Allah (SWT) has the victory at his disposal**
- ◆ Even Muhammad (SAW) did not have the victory in his hand; if he had it then he would have used it in Uhud and other battles; yet he depended on Allah alone, as did the Sahaba.
- ◆ We can also apply these ideas to many other issues in Islam such as **rizq or ajal**.
- ◆ For example, someone may be scared that he may lose his job if he were to **pray in front of the boss**; or talk about Islam; however we should realise that Allah has fixed our rizq and that even if we were to lose our job Allah would provide us with rizq
- ◆ However we should also realise that it is an obligation to support one's own family; and therefore one must do those actions that are necessary to support one's family; however one should realise that working is hukm shar'a and that rizq is from the aqeeda. Even the kafir can see this; that **effort is not proportionate to rizq**.
- ◆ Similarly, the Muslim should realise that his **ajal is fixed by Allah** and that it cannot be changed; so when we seek treatment this is not to lengthen our ajal but rather in response to the hadith of (SAW) when he said **"For every disease there is a cure. So seek the cure"** [old age]
- ◆ These concepts of Islam are very important in this day of age where we may be required to sacrifice our time, our wealth, and even our lives in the struggle to **revive the Muslim Ummah**.
- ◆ See how Allah (SWT) guaranteed us those things which the kuffar worry about most; their lives and their property.
- ◆ Indeed, these concepts of Islam were those that equipped Muhammad (SAW) and his Sahabah to work in the face of aggression, torture, propaganda and boycott.
- ◆ "The Masters of the Martyrs is Hamza and the one who stands up to the tyrant ruler, enjoins him with good and forbids him from evil and is killed by him." [Sunan Abu Dawud]
- ◆ E.g. Khabbab al Aratt came to the Prophet (saw) and asked him, *"When will the victory of Allah come"* The Prophet replied: *"Be Patient! The Messengers and people before you were dug into the ground and sawn into half. Their flesh was combed off by comb's of metal."*

- ◆ E.g. **Musab ibn Umayr** - Was very wealthy man. After embracing Islam and carrying the Da'wa and facing the trials he lost a lot of his wealth.
- ◆ Indeed these are the concepts which need to live amongst the Muslims, and purify them, so that they have no fear of anyone or anything except Allah, and that only depend on Allah
- ◆ **Indeed Allah (SWT) has promised a great reward to the believers if they believe and do good deeds.**

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