

Jihaad of the Nafs

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پر ترے ہی در پہ میرا سر رہا

گرچہ میں بے گھر رہا بے در رہا

*Although I remained without a house, without
a threshold, my head remained on your
threshold*

زیر خنجر عاشقوں کا سر رہاں

ان کو ہر لمحہ حیات نو ملی

*Every moment they got a new life, the heads of
the lovers remain under the daggers*

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Foreword

This is a transcript of a Bayaan delivered by Hadrat Maulana Abdul Hamid Saheb in Roshnee where senior Ulema of our country had gathered to present their views in regards to Jihaad. This Bayaan explains the need of Jihaad of the Nafs and correcting one's life prior to physical Jihaad on the battlefield.

الحمد لله وكفى وسلام على عباده الذين اصطفى اما بعد فقد قال الله تبارك وتعالى
اعوذ بالله من الشيطان الرجيم بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم واعف عنا واغفر لنا وارحمنا
انت مولنا فانصرنا على القوم الكافرين صدق الله العظيم

Who is right and who is wrong?

The Ulema and those that know a little bit of Arabic may be wondering as to what connection has this verse with the subject we are discussing tonight. Firstly, I will say a few words by means of introduction. I am not sitting here to tell you what to do and what not to do. Everyone does what he wants to. The Ulema will give their guidelines but people go home and say, "In this house, you do as I say." How many of our friends are such that their children tell them, "Hadrat said this, but you don't follow him nor do you listen to him" or sometimes vice versa.

However, our duty is to say what has to be said. We are not saying that those that are for ISIS are in the right and those against them are in the wrong. Neither are we saying that those that are against them are in the right and those that are for them are in the wrong. This is really confusing, and politics has always been like this especially since the 911 episode. There are so many conspiracy theories and the more you try to find out the more a person is confused.

A deviated group

Those that are for ISIS should look at the things that are negative and consider them. Those that are against ISIS should look at the positive things and consider them. Maulana Shabbir Saheb has mentioned that the minus are much more than the plus, the doubts

are much more than the certainties, the questions are much more than the answers. It appears as though this group has been misled.

We should remember one thing which makes a lot of sense to me and will make to you as well. All these conspiracies and theories of the world is a triangle philosophy. At the top of the triangle is Shaytaan. He instructs those below him and they also are not aware of his objects. He puts a beautiful picture before them of helping and being good to mankind. Today the worst is done to mankind in the most beautiful words. They are totally destroyed.

The youth have great desire and are enthusiastic for the Deen, this is nothing but the miracle of Allah ﷻ. These youth don't know how they are being manipulated, misused and abused by those above them and they are being taken in the wrong direction. That can be open for debate but we understand from our Ulema that this group is a totally deviated group. They know of their wrongs but they are misleading people as they themselves are agents for someone above them.

Islam must spread in the world

Anyway, I will discuss something from a completely different angle. If it makes sense you will accept it and if it doesn't make sense you will reject it. Mufti Taqi Uthmaani D.B says, Muslims want Islamic law to be enforced in the world, they want governance according to Islam. This is the reason the people are going to join ISIS. They want the Islamic Khilaafat to be established. Any Muslim that got an iota of Islam in his heart wants Islam to be established in the world. They march, demonstrate demanding establishment of Islamic law in the country, govern according to Islam in our country, etc! These aspirations are noble, sublime and required, but the method used is

not correct. Mufti Saheb D.B explains the correct method is that every person is a country of his own with so many provinces - the province of the head, brains, heart, eyes, tongue, hands, legs, etc. and you are the life-long president or prime minister of this country, not only for 4/5 years, you don't have to canvass for votes and fight an election! And you have no opposition in this parliament; just bring Islam and Sunnats in each of these provinces. If everyone does this, Islam will become alive in the whole world. We won't require a huge budget for this, nor huge buildings, an army, government or anything.

I will quote another example. The little children are given drawing books which they have to colour. They are given a picture of a lion which they are required to colour. The kids are naughty so they show their bravery. After colouring the lion, they use a knife and remove the eyes proving their bravery. They take a scissor and remove the tail of the lion. What can the lion really do? It is nothing more than a picture.

Another lion is caged in a zoo. This lion is living but caged. There are notices that one should not interfere with the lion or throw stones at the lion. However, the little kids throw stones and prove that the lion cannot do anything. They push a stick into the cage but the lion cannot do anything. One is a lion in the jungle, interfere with that lion and see the result and consequences.

Whatever is happening in the world whether it is 'ISIS', 'Boko Haram' or the Taliban or the Shabaab, we are all picture lions. We cannot do a single thing in the world. We are being manipulated by the higher forces. We are made to believe that we are offering a great service to Deen. It is either that our palms are being greased

very well or our pockets are becoming heavy with dollars. The reality is we are all picture lions.

The Sahaaba of Rasulallah ﷺ

Khalid Ibn Walid ؓ, a single Sahaabi was not a picture lion. Abu Bakr ؓ was not a picture lion. He said, “Will deficiency come into Deen whilst Abu Bakr is alive?” There are those living lions but they are in cages. We can’t go for Umrah without a photo today. We have to take a photo, and then seek forgiveness from Allah ﷻ. We cannot travel abroad without taking a photo.

In one Ijtima people said that the work of Tabligh has spread so much but Hidaayat hasn’t come into the world. Hadrat Maulana Yusuf Saheb Khandelwi ؓ said, “I need 313 lions and I don’t even have a single one as yet.” This is the effort of Tasawwuf and Islaah.

Our Sheikh ؓ gives a beautiful example from the Mathnawi of Maulana Jalaal-ud-Deen Rumi ؓ that there is a cat that is now old and extremely weak. There are 15 or so rats around this cat. They have a parliament meeting that this cat is troubling us. We are 15 and it is just one cat. Five or six of us will attack the throat of the cat, others the eyes, stomach, etc. On paper, everything looks very good. This is exactly what people are doing today. On the draft boards everything looks very well. They didn’t take the power of Imaan into account. This is that power of Imaan that exists in every person’s heart. We have to make an effort to strengthen it. One person will stand up like Khalid Ibn Walid ؓ or Abu Bakr ؓ and sort out the world. Give us an Umar today and we will put the world right. The material of Umar ؓ is with everyone. Anyway our Sheikh says that the cat has the heart of a cat. It just has to let out a single meow and

the rats will be scattered in all directions. All their plotting and planning will be forgotten.

The value of a single Allahu Akbar

This is the single Allahu Akbar of a Mumin. Going out in Jihaad is part of our Deen and we have to enter into Deen and comply from the letter Alif till the letter Yaa, from the Kalimah until Mu’aamalaat and all other things. We have to take part in Jihaad, but don’t put the cart before the horse, we have to do things in the correct way. For example, we have to perform Salaah. A person wakes up late for Fajr and only has two minutes left for Salaah time to expire. If the person says that he will make Salaah without wudhu as he is late, his Salaah will not be accepted. If it is Qadaah it will be accepted but he has to make Wudhu.

In a like manner there is a system for Jihaad, there are conditions and limitations, etc. From the verse that I had recited in the Khutbah I wish to explain how necessary it is to follow this process. This is a verse of the Quraan Sharif and Hadrat Hakim Muhammad Akhtar Saheb ؓ used to say that it is a royal prescription. In the ending of this verse we are asking Allah ﷻ to assist us against the Kuffar.

فانصرنا على القوم الكافرين

Then assist us against the nation of the disbelievers

Allah ﷻ has actually given the prescription as to how we can overpower the non-believers. Allah ﷻ commands us to make Taubah and change our lives.

واعف عنا

امح آثار ذنوبنا

Wipe out the effect of our sins

We are asking Allah ﷻ to wipe out the signs of our sins so that not a single sign of sins are left. When a person sins there are four witnesses against him. The limbs of the body bear witness against him. The earth upon which he sins bears witness to it, the angels record the sin. This is all recorded just like in a proper recording system. Before been recorded, the evidence is matched to see whether they conform to each other. Does the evidence of the ground match with the evidence submitted by the limbs? When the angels (Kiraaman Kaatibeen) find the evidence to be matching then only do they record it.

The first form of Jihaad

The first form of Jihaad is to change one's life, give up adultery, people are frequenting the porn websites, they going to nightclubs and at the same time they want to participate in Jihaad. When Ali ﷺ had an upper hand over the Kaafir and he spat on the face of Ali ﷺ, his anger was in control and Islaah was completed to such a level that Ali ﷺ let him free. He knew that he will not be killing the Kaafir for the pleasure of Allah ﷻ rather he will be killing him for his personal gain and egos.

The word Jihaad was not used by Rasulullah ﷺ for thirteen years in Makkah Sharif as it was a time of making the Islaah of Sahaaba, making effort and building the Imaan and Akhlaaq of the Sahaaba

ﷺ. When they reached Madinah Munawwarah then the battle of Badr had taken place.

Allah ﷻ reward Maulana Mumtaaz-ul-Haq Sahib and his colleagues here in Roshnee as they are concerned and want direction. This is really a sign of Imaan. They requested the Ulema to guide them which is a great quality and may Allah ﷻ increase this quality. We should follow the Ulema from birth until our Janaazah Salaah. We will require the Ulema in Jannat as well.

Conditions for Jihaad by Hadrat Thanvi ﷺ

When the British were ruling in India, the man behind the screen was to make every person in India a Christian. The Ulema stood up for Jihaad. At a later stage, the people whom we refer to as the modernist, the liberal people also became very concerned. They formed a delegation and came to Hadrat Maulana Thanvi ﷺ. They said, "Hadrat, we have to start Jihaad now and you be our leader." Maulana made three conditions. The first is that there won't be any Jihaad for a period of ten years. You will first have to make your Islaah. We must have Salaah in our lives, look like Muslims deal like Muslims. The greatest Jihaad is the Jihaad of the Nafs.

رجعنا من الجهاد الاصغر الى الجهاد الاكبر

If we make Jihaad on the Nafs, the remaining Jihaads will be a walk over. The conquest of Makkah was a walkover for the Sahaaba and the world cannot produce a second to the conquest of Makkah, it was such a walkover that not a single drop of blood was shed. Today, we see blood everywhere and a person is effected when he sees blood. Anyway, we are required to make Taubah first.

Thereafter Allah ﷻ mentions the next Dua, “Waghfirlana.” If an Arabic student in the first and second year is asked the difference between “Wa’fu Anna and Waghfirlana”, he will say that there is no difference. It means, “Forgive us.” The Quraan does not duplicate. Allah ﷻ reward Allama Aaloosi ربه who explained the difference. It means,

وَأَغْفِرْ لَنَا

The tafseer of this is,

بستر القبيح واطهار الجميل

By concealing the evil and exposing the beautiful qualities

My past life was terrible and rotten. However, when you have forgiven us, O Allah, and destroyed my files not in the Supreme Court but in Your court then conceal my sins. Today, we speak of Fudhail Ibn Ayyaz ربه, Maalik Ibn Dinaar ربه, their faults don’t even come to our minds. If we search a little we will find out what was their history, yet how didn’t Allah ﷻ conceal their evil and expose their goodness. Finally we ask Allah ﷻ to shower His mercy upon us.

وَأَرْحَمَنَا

Allama Aaloosi ربه has explained it as,

تفضل علينا بغيرنا مع استحقاقنا بافانين العقاب

O Allah, favour us with various bounties in spite of us being worthy of various forms of punishment.

We are asking Allah ﷻ to bless us, which is termed as Fadhl. In our language we will call it Bansela. We don’t deserve it yet we are getting it for nothing. We are asking for all types of bounties. For a moment reflect on the houses, gardens, food that the people of Roshnee are enjoying. Look at the Masjid, how big and comfortable! We are being blessed with all these bounties yet we are deserving of the worst of punishment. The word ‘Afaaneen’ is in plural form. In Arabic, we get singular, dual, plural and great plural. In English we only get singular and plural. When asking for goodness, we are asking for all types of goodness and mercies despite the fact that we are worthy of the greatest punishment.

Why is the pronoun exposed after three Duas

Now that we are cleansed, forgiven and attained the mercy of Allah ﷻ, we now say ‘Anta Maulana.’ Prior to this, the pronoun ‘Anta’ was hidden when making the three Duas, yet here it is exposed. The reason being that we were in sin and darkness, distanced from Allah ﷻ. For example, in English I tell another “Come” which actually means “You come.” In this command the pronoun is hidden yet meant. Now that we made Tauba and retracted from our past life and came into the light we call unto Allah ﷻ, You are our master and controller of all our affairs. This is like a son that has committed alot of wrong and now wants to enter the good books of his father. He tells the mother, his auntie to speak to the father. When the father is happy, now he will come forward. Then we make Dua to Allah ﷻ to assist us against the Kuffar. This is the sequence of the Quraan Sharif. This is the first condition before going in Jihaad. We should become Muslims first; else we will even find Muslims killing Muslims. Muslims will be raping Muslim women. That is not Jihaad.

Today, we do everything as a challenge. We going for Haj with backpackers and on motor bike, it is a challenge. We go in Jamaat as a challenge, not for Tabligh. In the Ijtima we are standing outside the tent when the lectures are in progress. We just come to be in the environment. Other people depict the South Africans as the people that are on the third floor of Bin Dawood with their sun glasses on. That is a South African doing Umrah. This is the impression that we are giving. Our Umrah is going to the restaurant, shopping and visiting malls. Is that the true Umrah? We shouldn't make Jihaad like that as well. It is a very great institution, so don't play with this institution.

The time for Jihaad will certainly dawn upon us. May Allah accept every one of us. These very Ulema will make us pack our bags and go out in Jihaad. We shouldn't fall for anything. Everything that glitters is not gold. All the gold is not here, it is with ISIS. Here, it is coming from Allah ﷻ. The amount of wealth they have at their disposal is unreal, weapons they have at their disposal, women they have. All these things have come suddenly, out of the blue. The Islamic state of Iraq and Syria have come into existence and stopped, now nothing else. This is certainly pre-planned. We should therefore not fall for anything. This is out of compassion. As Maulana Mansoor-ul Haq said, we are not here to run down anyone, nor are we here to score points. I am not here to say who is right and who is wrong. That is in the knowledge of Allah ﷻ.

Our objective is to please Allah ﷻ

Politics has become a very difficult subject but few things are very clear. You should have mercy on yourselves, families and everyone. We are not here to please the state and state organizations, we are

not here to please ISIS and their supporters, we are here to please Allah and say whatever is to be said for the pleasure of Allah. May Allah ﷻ enlighten us on this matter, do things properly and in all matters enquire from the people of knowledge who with their knowledge have the Zikr of Allah ﷻ as well and are conscious of Allah and have connection with Allah ﷻ as well. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all. Ameen!