

In The Name of Allaah, The Most Merciful, The Bestower of Mercy.

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Al-Allaamah Saaleh Al-Fawzaan [may Allaah preserve him] said: O slaves of Allaah! Be grateful for the blessings of Islaam. You [all] know—may Allaah protect you—that this country is established upon the creed of pure Islamic monotheism, sincerity in worshipping Allaah alone, enjoining good, forbidding evil, ruling by the share-ah and establishment of the prescribed punishments ordained by Allaah; so its state of security remains and stability continues, and it lives—as you know—in blessing, comfort, security and stability, whereas the other countries are in trials and confusion.

This country—and all praise be to Allaah—is in a state of security, stability, comfortable living and tranquillity, but this stability is not pleasing to the enemies of this country. So they have not ceased in attempting to demolish its state of security. They attempt to do this, so that it becomes like other countries. It [i.e. Saudi Arabia] occupies the center of the hearts of the Muslims. It is the Qiblah in their Salaah and it has a status in the Islamic world. So if it were to be destabilised—just as the enemies desire to destabilise the entire Islamic world—then who will establish the Hajj and Umrah; who will provide safety for the pilgrims whilst they seek to fulfil the rites of Hajj and Umrah, except this country with the Help of Allaah [Glorified and Exalted be He].

The (social) structure of this country will be destabilised if its security is lost, then where will the Islamic world proceed to? And because of this, the enemies of Islaam plot against this country day and night—as you all know sometimes through seeking to cause doubts about the creed and disseminating filthy views amongst the children of the Muslims in order to implant idleness, extremism, or taking up arms, or carrying explosives, or causing destruction; sometimes by way of corrupting the manners, disseminating forbidden affairs and forbidden desires amongst the Muslim youth, in order to corrupt their manners and deprive them of their religion with the claim of freedom of expression and other false statements. Allaah has freed mankind from idol worship, forbidden desires and despicable manners. This is the correct freedom, but as for what is in opposition to it, such as evil desires, doubts and corrupt manners, this is the freedom of animals. However, they want this in order to corrupt the Muslim youth—either through extremism and harshness or through laxity in their religion. They attempt this and that—either to corrupt the intellects of the Muslim youth with intoxicants, drugs, cigarettes, Qaat and other drugs and intoxicants or through fabrications [i.e. false ideas, views etc]. They want to do away with the Muslim youth because after Allaah’s [Glorified be He] Support for the Muslim society, the society is built upon its youth, therefore they want to corrupt the Muslim youth through any means so that they are able to demolish this country. As you can see—from time to time—huge quantities of opium and other types of

drugs are smuggled. As you can see this did not come from nothing; rather it came about as an evil plan against this country. They want to destroy it from every direction. Therefore, you should all be a singular hand with your rulers and those placed in charge over your affairs to repel this enmity and pay attention to it". (1)

Importance of Safety In The Lands

When our upright leader Prophet Ibraaheem [peace be upon him] settled some of his offspring at the valley (i.e. Makkah), one of his first supplications was that which Allaah stated:

وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا بَلَدًا آمِنًا وَارْزُقْ أَهْلَهُ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ مَنْ آمَنَ مِنْهُمْ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ قَالَ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَأُمَتِّعُهُ قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ أَضْطَرُّهُ إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ النَّارِ ۖ وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ

And (remember) when Ibrahim (Abraham) said, **“My Lord, make this city (Makkah) a place of security and provide its people with fruits, such of them as believe in Allah and the Last Day.”** He (Allah) answered: “As for him who disbelieves, I shall leave him in contentment for a while, then I shall compel him to the torment of the Fire, and worst indeed is that destination!].[Surah Al-Baqarah. Verse 126]

Prophet Ibraaheem [peace be upon him] supplicated to his Lord that this valley (i.e. Makkah) should be a land of safety. Then after this valley became a land that yields – and he had asked Allaah to make it safe- [Allaah said that Ibraaheem] said:

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And (remember) when Ibrahim (Abraham) said: **“O my Lord! Make this city (Makkah) one of peace and security, and keep me and my sons away from worshipping idols].** [Surah Ibraaheem. Verse 35]

This emphasises the fact that safety is an important affair which a person is in need of, otherwise Ibraaheem [peace be upon him] would not have been eager to repeat his request to Allaah to make it a reality in this land. Look at the lands where a system that (guarantees) safety has been lost?! You will find that the people are unable to pursue (affairs) of their daily lives-their schools and markets are shut and everyone stays in the houses. Those among them who have the ability would hasten to leave this land to go somewhere else, and if you ask one of them, you will find him saying that he is unable to live with his people and family in that place in which safety has been lost.

Security cannot be (established) properly except by way of two affairs: Implementation of Allaah’s Laws and obedience to the rulers. Indeed, the Messenger [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] clarified this affair which a Muslim is in need of in life. Irbaad Saariyah [may Allaah be pleased with him] said, "The Messenger of Allaah [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] gave us an admonition after the morning prayer –an admonition that made our hearts fearful and our eyes tearful. So, a man said, 'Indeed, is this a farewell sermon, so what do you advise us?' He said, 'I enjoin you to have fear of Allah and that you listen and obey, even if an Abyssinian slave (rules over you), for indeed he - among you- who lives long enough will see many differences. So, beware of newly invented matters (in the religion) because indeed it is misguidance. And whoever among you witnesses that, then it is obligated on him to adhere to

my Sunnah and the Sunnah of the rightly guided khulafaa, adhere to it with your molar teeth (i.e. follow it firmly)". [Reported by Ahmad 3/126]

Indeed, this hadeeth establishes the foundations of security in Islaam and they are: Firstly, Taqwallaah [Fear of Allaah] based on its complete and comprehensive meaning, and secondly, obedience to the rulers (in what is good). Fear of Allaah rectifies a Muslim's relationship with Allaah, his neighbours and everything around him; and in the absence of Allaah's Sharee'ah, destruction and depravity will occur. Indeed, Allaah [The Mighty and Majestic] warned the one who abandons His Sharee'ah and is disobedient to His Messenger. Allaah said:

وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا قَرْيَةً كَانَتْ آمِنَةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً يَأْتِيهَا رِزْقُهَا رَغَدًا مِّن كُلِّ مَكَانٍ فَكَفَرَتْ بِأَنْعَمِ اللَّهِ فَأَذَاقَهَا اللَّهُ لِبَاسَ الْجُوعِ وَالْخَوْفِ بِمَا كَانُوا يَصْنَعُونَ

And Allah puts forward the example of a township (Makkah), that dwelt secure and well content; its provision coming to it in abundance from every place, but it (its people) denied the Favours of Allah (with ungratefulness). So Allah made it taste the extreme of hunger (famine) and fear, because of that (evil, i.e. denying Prophet Muhammad) which they (its people) used to do. [Surah An-Nahl. Verse 112]

By listening to the rulers and obeying them (when they command good)) all the affairs of the person's life in his society will be a state of normality. Listening to the rulers and obeying them is included in the subject matter of Taqwa [Fear of Allaah]. Al-Hasan Al-Basri [may Allaah have mercy upon him] used to say, "Indeed, Al-Hajjaaj is the punishment of Allaah, so do not repel the punishment of Allaah with your own hands; rather you must submit and show humility because Allaah [The Most High] said: [وَلَقَدْ أَخَذْنَا لَهُم بِالْعَذَابِ فَمَا اسْتَكْبَرُوا لِرَبِّهِمْ وَمَا يَتَضَرَّعُونَ] – And Indeed We seized them with punishment, but they humbled not themselves to their Lord, nor did they invoke (Allaah) with submission to Him]. [Surah Al-Muminoon. Verse 76]

Talq Bin Habeeb [may Allaah have mercy upon him] used to say, "Guard against trial through Taqwa" so, it was said to him, "Summarize (the meaning) of Taqwa for us", he said, "It is act in obedience to Allah, with a light from Allah (i.e. Eemaan and guidance) and hoping for Allaah's Mercy. And that you abandon disobedience to Allah with a light from Allah [i.e. Eemaan and guidance] and fearing the punishment of Allah. [Reported by Ibn Abee Shaybah 11/33 and Ibnul Mubaarak in Az-Zuhd 473]

So, you find a person who knows what security is and his understanding regarding it increases due to fear of Allaah, and he is eager to obey the rulers (when they command good); but when he falls short, his perception of security becomes deficient. When Taqwa is actualised, he will receive the promise Allaah has mentioned (in Surah An-Noor). Allaah said:

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَىٰ لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا ۗ يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا ۗ وَمَن كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ

Allah has promised those among you who believe, and do righteous good deeds, that He

will certainly grant them succession to (the present rulers) in the earth, as He granted it to those before them, and that He will grant them the authority to practise their religion, that which He has chosen for them (i.e. Islam). And He will surely give them in exchange a safe security after their fear (provided) they (believers) worship Me and do not associate anything (in worship) with Me. But whoever disbelieved after this, they are the Fasiqun (rebellious, disobedient to Allah). [Verse 55]

Indeed, it is known that the religion cannot (be established) without an upright united group and there cannot be a united group without a leader, and there cannot be a leader except through listening to him and obeying (him in what is good). An absence of obedience to the ruler and putting oneself before him is one of the greatest causes of corrupting the land and the people, and turning away from the path of guidance and uprightness. Al Hasan Al Basri [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, "By Allaah! The religion cannot be established except by way of rulers- even if they commit tyranny and oppression- due to the many affairs that Allaah rectifies through them more than what they corrupt." <http://www.abukhadeejah.com/the-tyranny-of-the-rulers-a-reason-for-rebellion/>

Ibn Rajab [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, "There is (good and great advantage) in the worldly life when rulers are obeyed. And by way of it, the beneficial affairs related to the livelihood of the people are established and they utilise them as an aid through which they manifest their religion and obey their Lord". <http://www.abukhadeejah.com/the-tyranny-of-the-rulers-a-reason-for-rebellion/>

Disobedience to the rulers and putting oneself before them through fighting or other than that (is tantamount) to disobeying Allaah and His Messenger, and an opposition to that which Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jamaa'ah were upon – the pious predecessors. Preservation of security leads to brotherhood and mutual alliance between the Muslims. Allaah [The Mighty and Majestic] said:

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ [The believers are nothing else than brothers (in Islamic religion). So, make reconciliation between your brothers, and fear Allah, that you may receive mercy]. [Surah Al-Hujuraat. Verse 10]

Allaah [The Most High] said:

وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ۚ يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَيُطِيعُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ سَيَرْحَمُهُمُ اللَّهُ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ

The believers, men and women, are Auliya' (helpers, supporters, friends, protectors) of one another, they enjoin (on the people) Al-Ma'ruf, and forbid (people) from Al-Munkar; they perform As-Salat and give the Zakat, and obey Allah and His Messenger. Allah will have His Mercy on them. Surely Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise. [Surah At-Tawbah. Verse 71]

Eemaan is neither wishful thinking nor mere claims, rather it is what settles in the heart and actions testify to it. A person cannot be a true believer until he loves for his Muslim brother

what he loves for himself and until he deals with the people in a manner he loves to be dealt with! It is well known that security is something sought after by everyone; therefore it is the responsibility of a Muslim that he is eager for the security of others in order that he can receive security and safety for himself.

(Also, preserving security in the land) necessitates the fulfilment of trusts, whereas bringing about a state of insecurity is tantamount to treachery. Allaah [The Most High] said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَخُونُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ وَتَخُونُوا أَمَانَاتِكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ أَمْوَالَكُمِ وَأَوْلَادَكُمْ فَتْنَةٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ فُرْقَانًا وَيُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

O you who believe! Betray not Allah and His Messenger, nor betray knowingly your Amaanaat (things entrusted to you, and all the duties which Allah has ordained for you). And know that your possessions and your children are but a trial and that surely with Allah is a mighty reward. O you who believe! If you obey and fear Allah, He will grant you Furqan a criterion [(to judge between right and wrong), or (Makhraj, i.e. making a way for you to get out from every difficulty)], and will expiate for you your sins, and forgive you, and Allah is the Owner of the Great Bounty. [Surah Al-Anfaal. Verse 27-29] (2)

Shaikhul Islaam ibn Taymiyyah [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, "They (i.e. Ahlus Sunnah) know that Allaah sent Muhammad [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] for the benefit of the slaves [i.e. mankind and Jinn] in this life and the next, and Allaah commands rectification and not corruption. (3)

This is why it is well known from the path of Ahlus Sunnah that they do not see that it is lawful to rebel against the rulers and fighting them with the sword – even if they are oppressive – just as it has been detailed and explained in the authentic narrations that have been reported from the Prophet [sallal laahu alayhi wasallam], because the corruption found in fighting and trials is greater than the corruption that occurs by way of their oppressive behaviour without fighting nor trial, so the greater of the two corruptions is repelled through the existence of the lesser one. And perhaps this is why it is hardly known of a group that rebelled against the one in authority except that in their rebellion there is corruption that is greater than the corruption they wanted to stop. (4)

This was the case of those who rebelled against Yazeed at Madeenah; the likes of Ibn Al-Ash'ath who rebelled against Abdul Malik in Iraq; Ibnul Muhallab who rebelled against his father at khurasaan; Abu Muslim who rebelled against the ruler at khurasaan and the likes of those who rebelled against Al-Mansoor at Madeenah and Basra. Most of these people either gained the upper hand [for some time during the rebellion] or were subdued, then their authority ceased and they [brought about] no [fruitful] outcome; for indeed Abdullaah bin Ali and Abu Muslim killed many people and both were killed by Abu Jafar Al-Mansoor. As for the people Al-Hirra and Ibnul Ash-ath, Ibnul Muhallab and other than them, all of them – followers and those

followed – were defeated, so they neither established a religious goal nor a worldly benefit, and Allaah does not command an affair that has no religious or worldly benefit. (5)

[Ref 1: <http://www.alfawzan.af.org.sa/node/2529>. a slightly paraphrased excerpt]

[Ref 2: Source: An Excerpt from ‘Silsilah Ar-Rasaa’il Al-Manhajiyah Fin-Nus’hi Wal-Irshaad Wat-Taw’iyah’. Pages 7 – 27 slightly paraphrased]

[Ref 3: An Excerpt from Silsilah Ar-Rasaa’il Al-Manhajiyah Fin-Nus’hi Wal-Irshaad Wat-Taw’iyah 28-30. slightly paraphrased]

[Ref 4: An Excerpt from Minhaajus Sunnah. 3/231. Slightly paraphrased]

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