

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

**Imaam Muhammad Ameen Ash-Shanqeetee [may Allaah have mercy upon him]** stated regarding the causes of weakness in the Ummah: "The Great Qur'aan has given guidance to put a stop to this problem through the most appropriate and upright path. Allaah clarified that the remedy for this is linked to turning to Him truthfully, the level of one's belief in Him and reliance on Him. That is because Allaah is All-Strong and All-Mighty, the Overwhelming and Absolute Subduer of everything, Who is never overcome; therefore, whoever is truly an ally of Allaah, it is not possible to gain the upper hand over such a person. And one of the clear proofs regarding this was when the disbelievers laid that great siege against the Muslims during the battle of the Confederates about which Allaah stated:

إِذْ جَاءَكُمْ مِنْ فَوْقِكُمْ وَمِنْ أَسْفَلَ مِنْكُمْ حَمُودٌ مُنْهَلِدَةً زُرْتُمُوهُمْ فَاتَوَلَّوْا أَلْتَمِعْتُمْ لَهُمْ آيَاتِنَا فَكُنْتُمْ أَكْذَابًا  
لَقُلُوبٌ لَاحِتَاجِرٍ وَتَطْنُونَ بِهِ لِلَّهِ لَاطُنُونَ أ  
هَذَا لِكَيْ يُدْعَى لَهُ مُؤْمِنٌ وَرُزِلُوا زُرَالًا أَشَدَّيَا

When they came upon you from above you and from below you, and when the eyes grew wild and the hearts reached to the throats, and you were harbouring doubts about Allah. There, the believers were tried and shaken with a mighty shaking. [Surah Al-Ahzaab. Verses 9-10]

Therefore, the remedy for this is what we have already mentioned [i.e. Imaan, turning to Allaah and reliance on Him]. **Look at the severity of this military siege and its severe effects on the Muslims, in addition to the fact that they were politically and economically cut off by all the people of the earth at that time!** So, when you are aware of this, you should know that the remedy for this great affair that put an end to this great difficulty is what Allaah stated in Soorah Al-Ahzaab, as follows: [وَلَمَّا رَأَوْا

لَقُلُوبٌ لَاحِتَاجِرٍ وَتَطْنُونَ بِهِ لِلَّهِ لَاطُنُونَ] وَأَلْتَمِعْتُمْ لَهُمْ آيَاتِنَا فَكُنْتُمْ أَكْذَابًا - And when the believers saw Al-Ahzaab (the Confederates), they said: **"This is what Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad) had promised us, and Allah and His Messenger (Muhammad) had spoken the truth, and it only added to their faith and to their submissiveness (to Allah).** [Surah Al-Ahzaab. Verse 22] **This perfect belief in Allaah, Great Submission to Him, dependence and reliance on Him was the reason that put an end to that great difficulty.** And indeed Allaah clarified the fruits of this remedy, saying:

وَرَدَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِعَظِيمٍ مِمَّا تَالُوا فِي كُفْرِهِمْ لِلَّهِ لَهُ مُبِينٌ  
لَقَدْ قَاتُوا لَكُمْ كَانُوا لِلَّهِ قَوِيًّا عَزِيزًا

وَأَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الْغُلَّ وَالرِّيحَ الْعَقِيلَةَ ۖ فَصَوَّبْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّيحَ الْعَقِيلَةَ ۖ وَجَاءَهُمُ الْغُلُّ وَالرِّيحُ الْعَقِيلَةُ ۖ فَوَسَّوْا فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ اللَّغْوَ ۖ فَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا ۖ فَجَاءَهُمُ الرِّيحُ الْعَقِيلَةُ ۖ وَاللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝

وَأَرْوَكُمْ وَأَوْدَيْتَهُمْ مَوَالِيَهُمْ وَأَوْكَلْتُمُوهَا وَكَلَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمُ الْقُلُوبَ وَلِلَّهِ الْغَلْبُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ ۝

And Allah drove back those who disbelieved in their rage; they gained no advantage (booty, etc.). Allah sufficed for the believers in the fighting (by sending against the disbelievers a severe wind and troops of angels). And Allah is Ever All-Strong, All-Mighty. And those of the people of the Scripture who backed them [the disbelievers] Allah brought them down from their forts and cast terror into their hearts, (so that) a group (of them) you killed, and a group (of them) you made captives. And He caused you to inherit their lands, and their houses, and their riches, and a land which you had not trodden (before). And Allah is Able to do all things. [Surah Al-Ahzaab. Verses 25-27]

This is what Allaah aided them with against their enemies. They had no idea nor were they aware that they were aided with the angels and the wind. Allaah [The Most High] said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا رُكُودُوا رِجَالًا لَّيْسَ لِلَّهِ إِغْلَابٌ عَلَىٰ مَا كُفِّرُوا بِنِعْمِهِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بَصِيرٌ ۝

O you who believe! Remember Allah's Favour to you, when there came against you hosts, and We sent against them a wind and forces that you saw not [i.e. troops of angels during the battle of Al-Ahzaab (the Confederates)]. And Allah is Ever All-Seer of what you do. (1)

Imaam Abdul Azeez Bin Baaz [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said:

The causes of weakness, lack of progress and being dominated by the enemies are due to many reasons. There emerges many factors from one factor, and this one reason and factor is being ignorant about Allaah, the religion He has ordained and the end results (of this ignorance) that has seized the majority, so knowledge became little and ignorance became rife. Affairs arose out of this ignorance, including (blameworthy) love of the worldly life and hatred of death, negligence towards the (obligatory) prayers and following (evil) desires, lack of preparation for the enemy, being pleased with acquiring their needs from their enemy and lack of high aspiration to cater for their needs from their country and resources. Also splitting and differing resulted from this ignorance- an absence of (sound) unity, togetherness and cooperation.

This shows that the greatest cause of weakness is due to being ignorant about Allaah, ignorant about the religion ordained by Allaah and those realities which one is obligated to adhere to and take into account, and

that is the statement of the Prophet [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] in the authentic narration that **"If Allaah wishes good for a person, He gives him (or her) understanding in the religion"**. This narration together with the verses of the Qur'aan and other narrations, all of them show the filth of ignorance, its consequences and end results; rather the Noble Qur'aan is filled with disapproval of ignorance and its people, and warning against them, as Allaah [The Exalted] said: [وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ يَجْهَلُونَ - but most of them behave ignorantly]. [وَأَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ] - And most of them have no understanding], as well as other verses of the Qur'aan that dispraises being ignorant about Allaah and the religion He has ordained, being ignorant about the enemy and that which is obligated (on the Muslims) to prepare in terms of alertness, (sound) unity and cooperation.

And from this ignorance occurred splitting, (blameworthy) differing, inclining towards (evil) desires, negligence towards the prayer, neglecting what Allaah has obligated, lack of giving precedence to the Afterlife and not truthfully associating oneself with it; rather the majority does not give concern except to this present worldly life, just as Allaah said:

**كَلَّا بَلْ تُحِبُّونَ الْعَاجِلَةَ  
وَتَذَرُونَ الْآخِرَةَ**

But (you men) love the present life of this world and leave (neglect) the Hereafter. [Surah Al-Qiyaamah. Verses 21-22]

And just as Allaah [The Exalted] said:

**فَأَمَّا مَنْ طَغَى  
وَأَتَى الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا  
فَإِنَّ الْجَحِيمَ هِيَ الْمَأْوَى**

Then, for him who transgressed all bounds and preferred the life of this world (by following his evil desires and lusts), verily, his abode will be Hell-fire. [Surah An-Naazi'aat. Verses 37-39]

Therefore, the statement of the Messenger [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him], **"If Allaah wishes good for a person, He gives him (por her) understanding in the religion"** shows that one of the signs of goodness and happiness for the individual, the people and the state, is that they seek understanding in the religion, because seeking understanding in the religion, learning and insight into what is obligated on them - at present and later - is one of the most obligatory duties, and in this is a sign that Allaah wishes good for them. And part of that - alongside making

preparations for the enemy - is fulfilment of what Allaah has obligated, keeping away from what Allaah has made unlawful and confining oneself within the boundaries of Allaah's ordainments.

One of the dangerous causes (of weakness)- their (bitter) fruits and what they necessitate - is that which has occurred in terms of weakness in the presence of the enemy and being delayed in everything, - except what Allaah wills- inclining towards forbidden desires, preoccupation with what hinders from the path of Allaah and guidance, lack of preparation for the enemy in the arena of industry, not having sufficient weaponry that frightens the enemy, to assist in fighting him, strive against him in Jihaad, taking one's rights from him, not preparing the bodies for jihad and not spending money in what is obligatory (or befitting) to prepare for the enemy, guard against his evil, defend the religion and the homeland. The preparation is weak or non-existent and the goals are skewed, except that which Allaah wills.

Therefore, the path of success, the path of progress against the enemies and the absence of weakness in front of them, the path of prosperity and success, the path to obtaining lofty status and the lofty things that are to be sought after, victory over the enemies- the path to all of this is to embrace beneficial knowledge and sound understanding in the religion, give precedence to Allaah's pleasure over His displeasure, give close attention to what Allaah has obligated, abandon what Allaah has made unlawful and truthful repentance to Allaah from one's sins and shortcomings.

Also there should be industry in the Muslim countries, preparation and strength that will enable every individual through every means, so that he has no need of the enemy - until the enemy knows what he has of preparation and talent, and so that the enemy is afraid of him, treats him fairly and gives him his rights. The bodies are to be prepared and should refrain from over-indulging in that type of luxury that weakens strength and the hearts when required to fight the enemy, and so that one has strength to perform Jihaad.

There should be full cooperation between the state and the people on what is required of obedience to Allaah and His Messenger, refraining from what Allaah [The Mighty and Majestic] has forbidden and also cooperating on what is required to make preparations, just as Allaah [The Exalted] said: [ **وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ** - And make ready against them all you can of power]. [Surah Al-Anfaal. Verse 60]

It is necessary to prepare physically - prepare equipment (of defense and war), and other types of equipment in all respects so that we can suffice with what Allaah [Glorified be He] has given us and not to be in need of what our enemies have, because fighting our enemies with what they have in their

hands is very difficult to obtain. If the enemy prevents you from acquiring weapons, then what do you fight with alongside poor insight and little knowledge? It is necessary to prepare what is possible, and what is possible is sufficient as long as the Muslims intend to do without their enemy, fight their enemy, save their country, intending to establish the command of Allaah in the land, and intending (to gain reward) in the Afterlife as much as they can, because indeed Allaah [Glorified and Exalted be He] says: [ **وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ** - And make ready against them all you can of power], but Allaah did not say, "And make ready against them that which is equal to their power", because that might not be possible to achieve.

If the Muslims are sincere, join hands, prepare for their enemy with as much equipment they can and support the religion ordained by Allaah, then indeed Allaah [Glorified and Exalted be He] will support them, place them in front and above the enemy, and not under the enemy. Allaah - the One who is truthful in His speech and promise - said:

[ **يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَتُبْتِ أَفْئَامَكُمْ** ] - O you who believe! If you help (in the cause of) Allah, He will help you, and make your foothold firm].

Allaah is neither unable nor in need of the people, but He puts His good servants to trial by way of the evil ones, so that the truthfulness of the truthful ones is distinguished from the lies of the liars, the one who truly strives in the path of Allaah is distinguished from others, and the one desirous of safety (in this life and the next) is distinguished from others. This is the reason, otherwise Allaah is able to aid His allies and destroy His enemies without war- without the need for Jihad, preparation and other things, as He [Glorified be He] says:

[ **ذَلِكَ وَلَوْ يَشَاءُ اللَّهُ لَانْتَصَرَ مِنْهُمْ وَلَكِنْ لِيَبْلُوَ بَعْضَكُمْ بِبَعْضٍ** ] - but if it had been Allah's Will, He Himself could certainly have punished them (without you). But (He lets you fight), in order to test you, some with others]. [Surah Muhammad. Verse 4] (2)

**Saudi King Abdul Azeez [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said:** O Muslims! It is obligatory that we hold onto the Rope of Allaah (i.e. the Qur'aan), follow the Sunnah of Allaah's Messenger Muhammad [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him], follow the guidance of the Messenger, act on Allaah's orders and keep away from what Allaah has forbidden. Indeed, every speech that is not followed by action is false. There can be no rectification for the Muslims except through their unity in singling out their Lord in [His Lordship, Names and Attributes and worshipping Him alone and associate none to Him as a partner in Worship]. (And with regards to) every differing that leads to splitting and division, the Religion commands

us to hold onto Allaah's Sharee'ah, enjoin one another with the truth and patience, just as Allaah [The Most High] commanded us in the Qur'aan. We should be truly acquainted with our Lord and seek His Aid and Assistance. We do not fear except the (consequences of) our sins and it is obligated on the Muslims to follow Allaah's Religion and obey all that Allaah has ordered-practically. In this is the (means of) rectifying their worldly affairs and the upright establishment of all their (other) affairs. (3)

**Saudi King Faysal Bin Abdul Azeez [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said:** "Our religion Islaam is the correct Religion, which falsehood can neither approach in front or behind it. And we refute the one who claims that there is neither social organization nor economics and cultivation within it". "We are callers to the word of Allaah [i.e. none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah]. We are callers so that the Religion of Allaah becomes dominant over everything else and we are not harmed by those who fabricate lies against us with that which we do not intend. Our orientation is clear". "If we wish to be nurtured upon goodness in everything-in the religious and worldly affairs; then it is obligated on us to hold unto this belief (of the pious predecessors), and that we follow that which Allaah revealed through the tongue of His Messenger (i.e. the Qur'aan) and to that which His Messenger commanded. And with this, we are guaranteed a good life for ourselves, nobility and protection, and honor only comes from Allaah. Allaah said:

إِنَّا لَنَنْصُرُ رُسُلَنَا وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا فِي هَذِهِ حَيٰوةٍ - لَدُنَّا وَيَوْمَ يَقُومُ  
 الشُّعْبُ كُلُّهُ

Verily, We will indeed make victorious Our Messengers and those who believe (in the Oneness of Allah Islamic Monotheism) in this world's life and on the Day when the witnesses will stand forth, (i.e. Day of Resurrection)]. [Surah Ghaafir Verse 51]

And Allaah (The Most High) said: [ وَكَانَ حَقًّا عَلٰى نَاصِرِيْنَا وُؤْمِيْنَ - And (as for) the believers it was incumbent upon Us to help (them)]. [Surah Ar-Rum Verse 47]

However, the most important affair in this is that we (strive to be) true believers. So if we are true believers, then by the Might of Allaah we will be guaranteed help, safety and security, ease and nobility for us and our society. (4)

**Saudi King Abdul Azeez [may Allaah have mercy upon him] stated:** "Indeed, we do not seek after the revival (or reformation) that will deprive us of our (sound) religion and creed; rather we seek after the pleasure of Allaah [The Mighty and Majestic]. Whoever acts to seek the

pleasure of Allaah, then indeed Allaah will suffice him and will be his Helper. The Muslims are not in need due to lack of reformation, rather they are in need of returning to that which the Salafus Saaleh [pious predecessors] were upon. Indeed, they distanced (themselves) from acting on that which has been revealed in the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah of Allaah's Messenger, then they became immersed in evil and sins; so Allaah forsook them and thus they got to this situation - humiliation and degradation. Had they adhered to the book of Allaah and the Sunnah of Allaah's Messenger, they would not have been afflicted with what has afflicted them - trials and sins- and they would not have lost their honor and (days of) glory". (5)

**NB:** We remind ourselves of the fact that king Abdul Azeez [may Allaah have mercy upon him] is pointing out the reason behind the weakness of the Ummah, but his observations neither calls for pessimism nor hopelessness and despair, rather it is a clarification of the main reason that led us to this state of affairs. However, guidance will remain until the hour is established, as Al-Allaamah Saaleh Al-Fawzaan [may Allaah preserve him] said: "(A person) should not lose hope when trials and evil increases. Indeed, he has to remain upon tranquility and should make others tranquil when trials occur, and he should say: "All Praise is due to Allaah, we are upon guidance and a clear Religion. Solace is close by and evil will cease to exist by the permission of Allaah" This is what is incumbent upon THE PEOPLE OF GOOD AND THE SCHOLARS-that they have tranquility and make the people tranquil; because this (EVIL) is something that will cease to exist by the permission of Allaah and solace will come after it. It is not permissible for a person to say: "the people are destroyed." This is not permissible; rather (a person) should make the people tranquil, firm upon goodness, whilst expecting assistance, for indeed the good end is for the people of piety. Therefore, no matter how great the evil and trial is, it will cease to exist. He (sallal-laahu-alayhi-wasallam) said: "A group of my followers will remain manifest upon the truth. They will neither be harmed by those who forsake them nor by those who oppose them till Allaah's command arrives." [i.e. the day of judgement] [Bukhari and Muslim]

Therefore, Islaam will not cease to continue and all praise be to Allaah. The Religion and the Qur'aan will not cease to exist until that appointed time which the prophet (sallal-laahu-alayhi-wasallam) has informed us of - that at the end of time the Qur'aan will be taken away from the hearts of men and from the masaahif (i.e. the copies of the Qur'aan); but this will be at the time of the destruction of the world. (However) good will continue to exist whilst the Qur'an, the Sunnah and the Qiblah are present, even though there is one who is led away from it and becomes misguided; and even though there is one who deviates from it and becomes deviated, as the saying goes: "Fitnah has its victims". It takes away the one who goes with it; but the people of

Eemaan will remain even if they are small in number. Even if there is one who goes along with the Fitnah, and the one who goes astray and the one who comes along with it, (still) the truth and its people will remain and all praise be to Allaah. The truth is present, as Allaah (The Exalted and Most High) said:

**إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ** - Verily We: It is We Who have sent down the Dhikr (i.e. the Qur'an) and surely, We will guard it (from corruption)]

A person should not lose hope nor should he despair. He should not make the people lose hope of a return to goodness. He should not make the people lose hope regarding (the fact) that truth will prevail and falsehood will be repelled because Allaah (Glorified and Exalted Be He) has made that promise and He does not fail to fulfill His promise. Imaam Ibnul Qayyim (rahimahullaah) said: "The Religion is aided when put to the test; therefore do not be amazed for this is the way of Ar-Rahmaan (The Most Merciful). (6)

Finally, as for the Khawaarij [terrorists (ISIS and their ilk), they are not in control of anything nor are they legitimate rulers of any Muslim land; rather they are murderers, people of corruption, evil and chaos. They perform Jihaad in the path of Shaytaan. Read here: Salafi Shaikh Fawzaan on Jihaad in our times and the guidelines of Jihaad according to Islam:

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[Ref 1: Source: An Excerpt from 'Adwaa Al-Bayaan Vol 3. pages 301-302'. slightly paraphrased]. NB: The above victory given to the Sahaabah was not acquired through the methodologies of the khawaarij (ISIS, Nusrah Front, Al-Qaa-idah). These people as you all know are murderers upon a deviant creed and methodology. Al-Allaamah Rabee Bin Haadee Al-Madkhalee [may Allaah preserve him] said, "By Allaah! The Ummah will not be removed from its problems and the (state of) humiliation and degradation they are living in except by returning to the Book of Allaah, the Sunnah Messenger and the understanding of the pious predecessors, (in dealing) with the affair of the Khawaarij and other than them. (Imaam) Al-Aajuriy said: The scholars—past and present—do not differ (with regards to the fact) that the khawaarij are an evil people, disobedient to Allaah and His Messenger, even if they pray, fast and strive in acts of worship". [الذريعة إلى بيان مقاصد كتاب الشريعة Vol 1. Page:97] So, the upright scholars in the Muslim lands and the Salafi students of knowledge in the West have clarified the innovated methodologies of these khawaarij Renegades: <http://www.abukhadeejah.com/salafi-shaikh-fawzaan-on-jihad-in-our-times-and-the-guidelines-of-jihad-according-to-islam/>

[Ref 2:

<https://binbaz.org.sa/discussions/42/%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%A8-%D8%B6%D8%B9%D9%81-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B3%D9%84%D9%85%D9%8A%D9%86-%D8%A7%D9%85%D8%A7%D9%85-%D8%B9%D8%AF%D9%88%D9%87%D9%85-%D9%88%D9%88%D8%B3%D8%A7%D9%89%D9%84-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%AC>. paraphrased]

[Ref 3: Haqeeqah Manhaj Al-Mamlakah Al-Arabiyyah As-Su'oodiyyah' page 31]

[Ref 4: The Nation State of Tawheed and Sunnah: page19]

[Ref 5: The Nation State of Tawheed And Sunnah: pages: 53-54]

[Ref6: <https://salaficentre.com/2019/08/27/admonition-from-the-hadeeth-of-hudhaifah-people-used-to-ask-the-messenger-of-allaah-about-the-good-times->

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