

The Establishment of the Khilafah Rashidah and Our Role

There is a lot of discussion about the establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) these days in both the Muslim World and the West. Where the Khilafah will be established first, is in the Hands of Allah Alone, for He Alone extends the Nasr (victory). The glad tidings of the Prophet (saw) give information (khabar) on the matter of likelihood. As for our role, it is to follow the methodology of the Prophethood, to establish Islam in ruling over our affairs.

Since the trial of Gaza began, it is evident that Allah (swt) is preparing the world regarding the Deen of Truth. Today, the entire Muslim World is talking about the need to return to Islam, implement Shariah and unify as one Ummah. Some of this talk extends to discussion about the End of Times and the return of the Khilafah. The entire world is being effected too. We see voices in support of Muslims amongst the fair-minded people in the West.

The glad tidings of the Prophet (saw) have been studied for centuries, by countless brilliant ulema. As students, we can see that the khabar (information) encourages the Muslims to do good actions. Some of the khabar (information) comes in the form of a talab (command) to undertake specific rulings, such as fighting in the Path of Allah. Yes, we may differ on the interpretations, but regardless of our interpretations, we must adhere to the Islamic commands regarding our situation.

Regarding what we must do, we refer to the Seerah of the Prophet (saw):

a. The Prophet (saw) prepared his relatives and friends in Dar ul Arqam. Our homes, families, friends and communities must be models of Dar ul Arqam. They must be beacons of the Deen and its illuminating guidance, places of learning and practicing Islam.

b. The Prophet (saw) prepared the society for ruling by Islam. He (saw) discussed the laws that governed the relations of the people, such as the treatment of female infant children, the poor, the orphans and the cheating in trade. In our time, we must also address the society, publicly, addressing its ills and offering Islam as the alternative. Indeed, the Noble Quran and Prophetic Sunnah provide a complete blueprint of economy, foreign policy, education policy and ruling.

c. The Prophet (saw) also prepared the people of power and strength to support the ruling for Islam. He (saw) approached the warriors of the tribes and demanded their Nussrah (Material Support) for establishing Islam. The tribes of Yathrib responded positively, after many tribes rejected. Through the Second Pledge of Aqabah, the Nussrah was extended to ruling by Islam. Yathrib became an Islamic authority by the cherished name of Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah, which cast a bright light on the Arabian Peninsula. So today, we must prepare our sons, brothers and fathers in the armed forces to grant their Nussrah too.

Regarding where we must work,

a. It is known that some places are more receptive and some are less so. Makkah was the place in which the Dawah to the Risaalah message of the Prophet (saw) first

arose. However, it was resistant to the message, feeling privileged and benefitting from the status quo. In contrast, Yathrib was receptive, having faced many trials and troubles. The Muslim World is a good place for us to work. It is full of Muslims who love Islam and love to learn about Islam. It is drowned in troubles and looking for an escape.

b. Those of us who live in the Muslim World have many relatives and friends. It is a natural place for us to start. We must all learn and we must all teach. We must all address the society and present the Shariah rulings to treat our societal ills. We must all contact our relatives and friends in the armies.

c. Yes, some of us have been forced to migrate outside of the Islamic World due to the hardships. However, like the Muslims who left to Abyssinia, our hearts and aspirations remain with the Muslim World. We all have relatives and friends in the Muslim World. We can establish digital models of Dar ul Arqam, learning Islam and conveying Islam. We can even visit. And perhaps, after Dua and preparation, we may even find a way to return.

O Muslims!

Ahmed narrated that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said, «تُمْ تَكُونُ مُلْكًا جَبْرِيَّةً فَتَكُونُ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تَكُونَ تُمْ يَرْفَعُهَا إِذَا شَاءَ أَنْ يَرْفَعَهَا تُمْ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَىٰ مِنْهَاجِ النَّبُوءَةِ» **“Then there will be rule of force, and things will be as Allah wishes them to be. Then Allah will end it when He wishes. And then there will be a Khilafah on the Methodology of the Prophethood.”** And then he (saw) fell silent. This blessed speech of the Messenger of Allah (saw), which is nothing but Revelation inspired by Allah (swt), is not only glad tidings for us about the return of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood. No, this blessed Hadith is also news (khabar) for us to act upon, for it is an obligation upon us to rule by all that Allah (swt) has revealed. It has been hundred years since the destruction of the Khilafah, O Muslims, so work to restore it!

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