

O Shabab (Young Men and Women) of Islam, We Call you to the Good of this World and the Hereafter. Is There Anyone Who Will Answer?

(Translated)

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Young men and women are the pillars of society. With them, society grows and survives. Without them, society weakens and declines. Countries and peoples are built by the efforts of their youth. The youth in every age are the torchbearers of change, its standard-bearers and carry its flag, and the leaders of its march. They possess the energy, strength and enthusiasm that qualify them to give ripe fruits to the Ummah from their work, efforts, determination and patience. This is if they follow the correct path that our Prophet Muhammad (saw) drew out for them. They are the limbs of the present and the hope of the future. They are the protective shield of the Ummah, the spearhead in critical historical turns, and the vibrant energy that explodes, with activity and vitality. The Messenger Muhammad (saw) cared about the youth and relied on them in the difficult tasks, upon which the building of the Islamic state was dependent, in its various fields, and even in all aspects of life. They were the group that stood by him the most, at the beginning of the Dawah. So the youth supported and aided him (saw), spread Islam and endured hardships and suffering for that purpose. Ibn Abbas (ra) said, **“Allah (swt) does not give knowledge to a servant except when he is young, and all goodness is in youth.”** Then he recited the Words of Allah (swt), **“They said, ‘We heard a young man mention them who is called Ibrahim’.”** [TMQ Surah Al-Anbiya 21:60]. And the words of Allah Almighty: **“Indeed, they were youth who believed in their Lord, and We increased them in guidance.”** [TMQ Surah Al-Kahf 18:13].

It will suffice with examples of the young men who drank from the fountainhead of Prophethood, making their call one of Iman and action, **“Indeed, they were youths who believed in their Lord, and We increased them in guidance.”** [TMQ Surah Al-Kahf 18:13]. The young men defended Islam in the darkest, most delicate and most complex of situation. They sacrificed their lives and made sacrifices to raise the Word of Allah (swt) highest, both before and after the Hijrah.

One of the examples that history has preserved is of our master Ali (ra), may Allah (swt) be pleased with him. He was a young man of twenty years of age, when the Messenger Muhammad (saw) intended to make Hijrah to Medina to establish the state that later ruled the world. The Messenger (saw) left Ali to lie on his bed. That young man, who grew up in the worship of Allah (swt), and in the care of the Messenger Muhammad (saw), did not hesitate for a moment to carry out this sacrificial mission. He (ra) understood the extent of its danger, but the Shariah obligation is above all considerations.

Similarly, the Messenger (saw) sought the help of our master Mus'ab bin Umair, the young man. He (saw) entrusted him with an extremely difficult and sensitive mission, which he successfully accomplished, may Allah (swt) be pleased with him and satisfy him. In the twelfth year of the prophetic mission, delegations from the Aws and Khazraj tribes came from Medina to Mecca, and pledged allegiance to the Prophet Muhammad (saw) in a pledge called the First Pledge of Aqaba. The Prophet Muhammad (saw) sent Mus'ab bin Umair (ra) with them and ordered him to recite the Qur'an to them, teach them Islam, and instruct them in the Deen. He was called the reciter of Medina. Ibn al-Athir said in “Asad ul-Ghabah (Lion of the Jungle),” **“Mus'ab bin Umair made Hijrah to Medina after the First Pledge of Aqaba, to teach the people the Qur'an and lead them in Salah.”**

Mus'ab (ra) used to visit the Ansar in their homes and invite them to Islam. One or two men would embrace Islam. He was very successful in spreading Islam in Medina, and many, many people embraced Islam at his hands, including three of the commanders, leaders and

notables of the Ansar, namely, Ubad ibn Bishr, Usaid ibn Hudayr, and Sa'ad ibn Mu'adh (ra). Most of Banu Abd al-Ashhal embraced Islam on one day, both men and women. Mus'ab (ra) remained in Medina for about a year, calling people to Islam and teaching them the matters of their Deen. Then he returned to the Prophet Muhammad (saw) to give him the good news of what Allah (swt) had opened for him. The Prophet Muhammad (saw) was very happy with his return, and with what Allah (swt) had opened for him.

O Shabab (young men and young women) of Islam: Where are you, in relation to Mus'ab, the Good, (ra). Where are you in relation to working for Islam, honoring its Deen, and raising its banner so that the Deen of Allah (swt) is dominant and above all other ways of life? Allah (swt) said, ﴿هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ﴾ **“It is He who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the Deen of truth to make it dominant over all religion, although they who associate others with Allah dislike it.”** [TMQ Surah At-Tawbah 9:33].

So roll up your sleeves, in seriousness. Show Allah (swt) the best of yourselves. Join the aware group that works day and night to empower Islam on the ground by establishing the second Khilafah Rashidah (rightly-guided Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood.

There is no glory or elevation for you except through establishing the Khilafah. It is both the product and the means of production. It is the honor and the security. It is the protector of the Deen and the world. It is the origin and the branches, through it the Shariah rulings are established, the hudood (provisions) are set, conquests are opened and heads are raised with the truth. It is what eradicates the Jewish entity, and makes it a trace after the blinking of an eye, and returns Palestine completely to the land of Islam, and all the lands of Islam to their origin and branches. It is what liberates the countries and the people from the influence of kufr and its agents, and the brutality of its henchmen and lackeys. It is what spreads justice and goodness, and honors Islam and Muslims, and cuts off the root of injustice and evil, and humiliates disbelief and the disbelievers.

Are not 104 years of sin enough for those who did not work to establish the Khilafah and pledge Bayah to a Khaleefah, to him to repent, return, and work with those who work?! Did not the Messenger Muhammad (saw) say, «وَمَنْ مَاتَ وَلَيْسَ فِي عُنُقِهِ بَيْعَةٌ بَيَعَةٌ مَاتَ مِيتَةً جَاهِلِيَّةً» **“And whoever dies without having pledged allegiance to him dies a death of ignorance”**?! Allah (swt) said, ﴿أَلَمْ يَأْنِ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْ تَخْشَعَ قُلُوبُهُمْ لِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَا نَزَلَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ﴾ **“Has the time not come for those who have believed that their hearts should become humbly submissive at the remembrance of Allah and what has come down of the truth?”** [TMQ Surah Al-Hadid 57:16].

Failure to establish a Khilafah (Caliphate) for the Muslims is one of the greatest sins, because it is failure to carry out one of the most important Shariah obligations of Islam, upon which the implementation of the rulings of the Deen depends, and even upon which the existence of Islam in the arena of life depends.

O Youth of the Ummah and its standard-bearers! Show Allah (swt) the best of yourselves and hasten to seek His Pleasure by working hard to establish the crown of obligations, the Khilafah, for Allah (swt) will ask you about your duty. It was reported in Jami` al-Tirmidhi on the authority of Ibn Mas`ud on the authority of the Prophet (saw) who said, «لَا تَزُولُ قَدَمُ ابْنِ آدَمَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مِنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّهِ حَتَّى يُسْأَلَ عَنْ خُمْسٍ: عَنْ عُمْرِهِ فِيمَ أَفْنَاهُ، وَعَنْ شَبَابِهِ فِيمَ أَبْلَاهُ، وَمَالِهِ مِنْ أَيْنَ اكْتَسَبَهُ، وَفِيمَ أَنْفَقَهُ، وَمَاذَا عَمَلَ فِيمَا عَلِمَ» **“The foot of the son of Adam will not move from before his Lord on the Day of Resurrection until he is asked about five things: about his life and how he spent it, about his youth and how he wasted it, about his wealth and where he acquired it and how he spent it, and what he did with what he learned.”**

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