

Gaza 2 - Return to Allah's religion.

In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful

Brothers in faith,

The messenger (ppbu) said: {Time shall come when the nations come to you just as those who are approaching to dine. They said: and is it because we shall be a few? He said: On the contrary, you will indeed be many, but just like the froth of a flood. Allah will take away from the hearts of your enemies the fear of you. And Allah shall put languish into your hearts. They said: what is languish Messenger of Allah? He said: Love for this life and hate of death}.

If one looks at the state of the nation today will clearly see realization of the prophecy of the messenger (ppbu). Indeed, only a few days ago the nation has been through some desperate and painful days. In Gaza hundreds of innocent children, women and people of old age were slaughtered. The international society is in a deep silent and static sleep. In fact, the Gaza massacre was not the only massacre in the life of the Muslim nation. In fact, almost each and every massacre, every group who were made homeless and became refugees, and every famine and each poverty, Muslims will almost certainly have the bigger share of it.

We have strong faith which indicates that all events occur with Allah's destiny and under his watchful eye. Allah says: **{And any calamity strikes on earth or upon you, is in a book before we clear it}**. But we need to ask our selves, and question and bring our selves to an account after every major event. Allah has clearly told us to take the lessons from events that take place.

Dear brothers and sisters, the problem is within us. We are refraining from taking the medicine which changed our ancestors from shepherds to masters who spelled out to humanity the most

wonderful lessons in justice. We turn away from the medicine that our nation has tried in the past, the medicine that turned our nation from a nation that is constantly targeted by others to a nation who has become a guide and a witness to others. We are keeping away from Allah's book and keeping away from the religion of Allah which did change this nation from weakness and poverty to a strong nation to be reckoned with. When I say the religion of Allah I do not mean just faith in words uttered. And when I say Allah's book I do not mean just reciting and learning it by heart but understanding it and making it our way of life.

This book changed Abdullah Ebn-Rawaha from a poet living off his poetry into a human being who taught humanity true justice. The messenger (ppbu) sent him to the Jews to collect the tax from them. They tried to bribe him. He said to them: "You people of Judaism, I swear to God that you to me are the most hated of Allah's creations. But this would not be a reason for me to transgress against you, or to take away what is rightfully yours. But, that bribe which you offered me, it is forbidden and we do not eat it. The Jews said: It is with likes of that, that the heavens and earth were created".

This religion changed Omar Ebn-Al-Khattab from a man who built statues from dates to worship then when got hungry he ate them. The religion changed him into a man who gave the highest value in the freedom of man kind when he said: "How do you enslave people when they are born free".

The difference between us and our ancestors is that they understood this religion perfectly. And they applied it within them selves, and hence they became strong and consolidated. When Allah says in His book: **{Not through your wishes, nor through the wishes of the people of the book. It is whoever does anything shall be equally rewarded}**. They knew that Allah has rules and laws in this universe which will not favour anyone, and will not give preference to one over another. They obeyed those laws and built their nation based on

them. And when Allah says: **{For Allah commands justice, kindness, donating to the next of kin, and commands against crimes and the wrong, and injustice and tyranny}** they knew they had to enforce justice amongst them. They enforced retribution for the weak from the powerful and for the poor from the rich.

And when Allah says: **{The most honored of you is the one who fears Allah most}**, they knew that people are equally the same. There is no difference between an Arab and a Persian, or non-Arab, and no difference between a white and a black. They are all slaves of Allah equal in this life.

By simply examining those principles in our affairs, and in our countries we shall find that we have strayed away from them, and that our countries are not established based on those principles. Consequently, oppression and corruption became common. And we have become a burden upon other nations, and we have become froth like the froth of a flood, and Allah removed from the hearts of our enemies the fearing of us. And the day we return to those principles, and establish our countries upon them, is the day that we shall with the help of Allah, be a strong nation once again.

We must understand this faith the true understanding, and we must implement it's commandments and seek out its goals. We must not limit or confine the religion into a few rituals, or some prohibitions. Our religion is much bigger than that, it is a complete way of life. It establishes justice and equality. It respects human freedom and turns man into a perfect human. It turns a human being into a slave to Allah rather than a slave to desires. This is the key to change in our countries, and the tried medicine which was tried by our ancestors. That is how they became the best nation brought to man kind. The king of China was describing our ancestors to the Roman king by saying: "if they wanted to remove mountains they could".