

Making peace amongst people

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Dear people, Fear your Lord who created you from one soul. And remember that Satan is an enemy of yours, so treat him as an enemy. And make peace amongst you. And remember that Allah loves those who do good deeds, and that He generously reward those who put right the wrong, those who through out the land they seek to reconcile and make peace amongst people, and pacify their hearts. In this manner they are a key which opens up for good and locks up evil.

Allah says: **{Proofs have come unto you from your Lord, so whoso sees, it is for his own good, and whoso is blind is blind to his own hurt. And I am not a keeper over you}** 6:104. The good one of you is this who lends himself to collect in later life, and acts for what is after death. The disabled is that who follows the temptations of his soul and only wishes to do (but does not do) what brings him to Allah.

Slaves of Allah, Allah says: **{And hold fast, all of you together, to the robe or line of Allah, and do not split and divide. And remember Allah's favour unto you: how you were enemies and He made friendship between your hearts so that you became as brothers by His grace; ...}** 3:103. Allah in this verse encourages unity, solidarity and friendship amongst Muslims. It is really shameful what we see today of division, separation and tearing up of relationships between many of the Muslim minority in this country. This verse is a command to hold together, and a command against separation and division. Disputes and

quarrels and anger bring unlimited levels of evil and divisions. And this is what we witness today and every day. Allah say: **{and if two groups of the believers fight then make peace between them..}** 49:9.

Allah says: **{There is no good in much of their talks and discussions except him who enjoins giving for charity and kindness and peace-making among the people. Whoso does that, seeking that Allah would be pleased with him; then We shall bestow on him a vast reward}** 4:114. The “talks and discussions” here refer to all the conversation and chat that people get involved into which has no good in it except when it involves making a donation or making peace or reconciliation between people. As in two men meet and one says: lets us go and give charity to such a person for he is in need of it. Or let us go and advice such a person against the wrong he is doing and commend him to do good. Or let us go and make peace between those fighting people. The messenger ppbu laughed once. Omar asked him: “What made you laugh, o messenger of Allah?” He said: **{two men of my nation knelt by the Lord of majesty and one said: Lord, my brother has wronged me, take my compensation for me. Allah says: give your brother what you wronged him. The accused says: Lord, I have no more hasans (good points) left. The other says: then let him take away my sins}**. At this point the messenger’s eyes over filled with tears, and he continued saying: **{that is a tremendous day, a day when people need someone to take away their sins off them. Allah says to the one seeking the compensation: take your eyes up there and look at the gardens. He does lift his head and says: O Lord, I see cities of silver and palaces of gold decorated with pearls and diamonds. Who is the prophet for which all that is going to be? Or who is that**

believer of prophet (*Seddique*)? Or who is the martyr (*shaheed*)? Allah says: it is for who ever give its price. The man says: Lord, and who has the price of all that? Allah say: you have it. The man says in a surprise: what is that price that I have, my Lord? Allah says: forgive your brother. The man says: I have forgiven him. Allah says: take your brother's hand the two of you go into paradise} then the messenger ppbu said: {fear Allah and make peace and conciliation amongst you, for Allah makes peace amongst the faithful on the day of resurrection}.

The messenger ppbu also said: {Shall I tell you what is better than fasting and praying and giving charity?} They said: O yes messenger of Allah. He said: {making peace between two} and then he said: {and breaking up between two is the real scraper which scrapes away faith and religion}

Making peace and reconciliation between people is a great worship which Allah loves. This who spends his/her time in fixing up problems between people and creating peace amongst them is better than who spends the time humbled in prayers, or fasting or giving into charity. This who fixes matters Allah will fix his/her affairs. And this who goes on making problems Allah will never fix his/her affairs. The peace maker has the best heart in all people. His soul loves the good and seeks it. He or she spends money and time and puts him self at risk sometimes in order to reach peace. He carries the worries of his brothers or sisters. Many a home were nearly destroyed, and divorce nearly occurred because of a simple disagreement between a husband and a wife. And this peace maker with a good word and a valuable advice brings things

back to normal flow, and puts peace back in that home. Many a break up nearly happened between two brothers because of a slip of a tongue or a simple mistake. Again this peace maker patches up the cloth of conspiracy and reconciles between them. Congratulations to those who have been helped by Allah to be peace makers between two in a dispute or a conflict, or between a husband and a wife or between two business partners. The messenger pbu said: **{Shall I tell you about a charity which is better to you than red camels? (the most valuable of riches with Arabs at the time) Make peace between people if they go sour, and bring them closer if they become far apart}**. The messenger pbu also said: **{the best charity is making peace between conflicting parties}**.

The messenger pbu said: **{All peaceful acts are rewarded charities. Every day the sun comes out, making justice between two is a charity, and helping a man get on his ride or load his belongings on to it is a charity, a good word spoken is a charity, and every step you take towards doing a prayer is a charity, and taking what can be a danger off the road is a charity}**

Let us take the opportunity of this goodness and let us make peace amongst those in disputes. Let us be keys which open the doors to goodness and lock close doors to evil. Reconciliation, and forgiving are better than suing and going to courts. Omar ebn Al-Khattab wrote to Abey Musa saying: “send back the parties on dispute until they work it out. Court judgements generate resentments and grudges”. Muhammed Ebn Al-Monkader (محمد ابن المنقدر) said: Two men at one end of the mosque had a dispute. I went to them and kept at them until they made

peace. Abo Horairah saw me and said: I heard the messenger of Allah ppbu saying: **{Who ever makes peace between two deserves the reward of a martyr}**.

Slaves of Allah, disputes are a normal occurrence between people. No human will be spared some dispute or disagreement. Even the first generation of Muslims who had the messenger ppbu as their companion still had their fair share of disputes. The wrong is not to make a mistake, for all sons of Adam make mistakes, but the wrong is to insist and continue on the mistake. Slaves of Allah we must have the morals and principles of reconciliation and concession, and we should love and waive and relinquish, and we should have the feelings of brotherhood. The messenger ppbu said: **{the doors of paradise open every Monday and Thursday and the sins are forgiven for every slave who does not associate anyone or anything with Allah, except for a man who has a grudge against a brother of his. It is said: look at those two until they reconcile, look at those two until they reconcile, look at those two until they reconcile}**. Let us, slaves of Allah, be God fearing, and let us make peace amongst us, and let us all together hold tight to the line of Allah as He commanded us to do.

O Allah, purify our hearts from grudges, hatred, envy, cheat and deviousness.

O Allah, make peace between us and our relatives,

O Allah, make peace between us and our loved ones, and our brothers and sisters,

O Allah, make life brings more of what is better for us

O Allah, make death brings us peace and rest from all evil

All that with your grace and mercy and blessings,

You are the Most Gracious the Most Merciful.