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Translators Introduction

All Praises belongs to Allaah Lord of all that exist may the prayers and the peace be upon the most noblest of Prophets Muhammad ﷺ his family, his companion and all those who follow in their foot step until the Day of Judgment; To proceed:

Without doubt Islam is the Religion of truth and the path of salvation in the life of this world and in the hereafter. It is the religion that Allaah legislated for all mankind to follow and was the religion of all the Prophets and Messengers. In every time and place were those who did not accept the religion of Allaah and they disbelieved in it and fought against it with everything they had.

Since the time of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ those who disbelieved in his message have always diligently tried to put out the light of Allaah and to this day they have not ceased in trying to destroy Islam with every means, whether it be through the media, through war, occupation of Muslim countries and much more. We also witness how many Muslims fall subject to the traps of the disbelievers even at the hands of the Muslims themselves. One of the most prominent scholars of our time by the name of Shaykh Saalih bin Fawzan

addresses these issues in a Friday sermon entitled; *“The Response of the Muslims during trials”*.

He addresses how the Muslims should counter the plots and objectives of the disbelievers during these times. Recently the kuffaar have produced movies, illustrations and evil ideas about Prophet Muhammad and the religion of Islaam. They have plotted cleverly against the Muslims in ways that are not apparent to many. Along with this they continue to spread western ideologies amongst the Muslims which shaykh Fawzan may Allaah preserve him has shed light on. I ask Allaah that He makes this a benefit for the Muslims and that He guides us to and keep us upon what He loves and is pleased with.

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All Praises belongs to Allaah Lord of all that exist He who sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth (so) that it may prevail over all other religions and Allaah is sufficient as a witness (over that) I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah without partners (showing) recognition to that and His Oneness.

I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger (the one) who Allaah sent to all mankind as a giver of glad tidings and a warner. Allaah opened his chest (to guidance) and He elevated his mentioning and He made lowliness and belittlement upon those who oppose His command (may) the prayers and peace be upon him, his family and companions (who) were from those who strived in the cause of Allaah a true striving to proceed;

O people Have taqwa¹ of Allaah and thank Him for the blessing of Islam and for sending this generous Prophet ﷺ . During these days and even before (now) there has appeared from the polytheist, disbeliever and hypocrites statements and actions in relation to the

¹ Translators note: Taqwa is to place a protection between oneself and the Anger of Allaah by obeying Him in what He ordered and avoiding what He .

messenger of Allaah and mocking him with (these statements and actions).

They degrade him and depict him with evil images and they do much (in this regard) and this is not anything strange (or surprising) from the disbelievers or the hypocrite (as this) is something (that occurred) in the past. The Messenger ﷺ faced much in his life from the likes of these things (including) their ridiculing and speaking evil of him and his call and their standing in opposition to him with everything they possessed, just as Allaah mentioned in the Quran al Kareem.

So this is not anything surprising from them today, that they continue with these evil actions, because of what they have in their hearts of enmity and hatred for the Messenger ﷺ and for this religion. So it is an obligation upon the Muslim that he bears patience just as the prophet did in that which he encountered from the disbelievers.

Allaah commanded him with patience and commanded him with steadfastness in treading that which he was upon and his path in calling to Allaah.

Allaah says;

فَأَصْدَعْ بِمَا تُؤْمَرُ وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٩٤﴾
إِنَّا كَفَيْنَاكَ الْمُسْتَهْزِئِينَ ﴿٩٥﴾

“Then declare what you are commanded and turn away from the polytheists. Indeed, We are sufficient for you against the mockers” (15:94-95)

Like this Allaah promised his prophet and like this He ordered him, so (the Prophet) burdened harm from the polytheist by statement and action with (a burden) that no one carried other than him. This also saddened the prophet that they would not accept the truth as he wanted them to be guided and that they enter into Islam and be saved from the fire.

The Prophet was saddened by the actions of the disbelievers, not fearing them but fearing for them (their destruction) and this was from his sincerity as Allaah says;

لَعَلَّكَ بَئِيعٌ نَفْسَكَ إِلَّا يَكُونُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٣﴾

“Perhaps, [O Muhammad], you would kill yourself with grief that they will not be believers.” (26:3)

Meaning: Destroy yourself out of grief for them (not accepting guidance) and not believing.

And He says;

فَلَعَلَّكَ بَئِيعٌ نَفْسَكَ عَلَىٰ آثَرِهِمْ إِنْ لَمْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِهِذَا الْحَدِيثِ أَسَفًا ﴿٦﴾

“Then perhaps you would kill yourself through grief over them, [O Muhammad], if they do not believe in this message, [and] out of sorrow.” (18:6)

But Allaah gave him serenity and made him firm and ordered him with treading his path and not having sorrow and grief for the disbelievers, as Allaah mentions;

فَلَا تَأْسَ عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٦٨﴾

“So do not grieve over the disbelieving people.”(5:68)

(And this means) he does not grieve over them because they are the ones who destroys themselves and because guidance is in the hands of Allaah and He is more knowledgeable about where the guidance should be placed (who it should be given to) as He says;

إِنَّكَ لَا تَهْدِي مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ
بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾

“Indeed, [O Muhammad], you do not guide whom you love, but Allaah guides whom He wills. And He is most knowing of the [rightly] guided.”(28:56) and He says;

إِنَّ عَلَيْكَ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ... ﴿٤٨﴾

“Upon you is only [the duty of] conveyance...”(42:48)

The messenger's duty is conveying (the message) but as for the guidance, then it is in the Hands of Allaah, as He mentioned;

فَاتِمَّا عَلَيْكَ الْبَلَّغُ وَعَلَيْنَا الْحِسَابُ ﴿٤٠﴾

“Upon you is only the [duty of] conveyance, and upon Us is the account.”(13:40) and He also says;

إِنَّ إِلَيْنَا إِيَابَهُمْ ﴿٢٥﴾ ثُمَّ إِنَّ عَلَيْنَا حِسَابَهُمْ ﴿٢٦﴾

“Indeed, to Us is their return, Then indeed, upon Us is their account.”(88:25-26)

The Messenger is not responsible for them if they are not guided and if they do not accept the truth but his responsibility is limited to the conveyance of the truth, clarifying and directing (to it) and this is what the Prophet ﷺ did. Yes! It is an obligation to defend the messenger and to refute the one who transgresses bounds regarding the Prophet ﷺ

It is an obligation upon the Muslims that they refute, but with evidences and with knowledge. Refuting is not to be done by arrogant boasting or with cruelty and heartlessness/harshness or even with demonstrations (protesting). Certainly these are from the actions which please the disbelievers and they want to arouse the Muslims to be uncivilized people. They will (begin) to say (look) these Muslims are savages (look) these

Muslims murder (look) these Muslims destroy buildings and embassies.

This is what they desire by their actions; while they are aware (at the same time) they do not suspect that they are harming the Prophet ﷺ or Islam. They only want to arouse the Muslims to behave as uncivilized people and also that they change to becoming the most unruly people. It is not permissible to respond to evil with evil, but we only respond to evil with the truth, we only respond to evil with inviting and calling to that which is better, with wisdom and good exhortation and debating in a manner which is best.

This is how the Muslim responds to the actions (of the disbelievers) up until their plots are defeated and their arguments and claims are disproved. (As mentioned before) as for as responding to them with haughtiness, recklessness and harshness, this is what they desire and love (for us to do) so that they may make the Muslim appear as someone he isn't in front of the people and they will say the Muslims are like wild animals. So this action (responding to evil with evil) is not permissible, but we only respond with the truth as Allaah says;

بَلْ نَقْذِفُ بِالْحَقِّ عَلَى الْبَاطِلِ فَيَدْمَغُهُ، فَإِذَا هُوَ زَاهِقٌ وَلَكُمْ الْوَيْلُ
مِمَّا نَصِفُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

“Rather, We land the truth upon falsehood, and it destroys it, and thereupon it departs. And for you is destruction from that which you describe.” (21:18)

It is upon us to clarify this religion, that we present it with a correct presentation and that we convey it to the people. It does not harm us that one turns away or mocks (us) as this is something that occurred with all of the prophets. All of the prophets and messengers were harmed and all of them faced from their nations many things, Allaah says;

مَا يُقَالُ لَكَ إِلَّا مَا قَدْ قِيلَ لِلرُّسُلِ مِن قَبْلِكَ ... ﴿٤٣﴾

“Nothing is said to you, [O Muhammad], except what was already said to the messengers before you.”(41:43)
and He says;

فَاصْبِرْ كَمَا صَبَرْنَا أَوْلُوا الْعَزْمِ مِنَ الرُّسُلِ وَلَا تَسْتَعْجِلْ لَهُمْ ... ﴿٣٥﴾

“So be patient, [O Muhammad], as were those of determination among the messengers and do not be hasty regarding them”(46:35)

The Prophet ﷺ adhered to what he was commanded with and he continued on his path in calling to Allaah and he experienced harm and he never left victory to himself, but rather he left the affair to Allaah, The One who will take the people to account and reward them (for their actions). So it is imperative for the Muslim that he pays attention to this and that he is aware of the

objectives of the disbelievers regarding these (plots) that they openly make apparent and Allaah praises belong to Allaah (He says;)

وَعَسَىٰ أَنْ تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ
 وَعَسَىٰ أَنْ تُحِبُّوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ شَرٌّ لَّكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ
 وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢١٦﴾

“But perhaps you hate a thing and it is good for you; and perhaps you love a thing and it is bad for you. And Allah Knows, while you know not.”(2:216)

So their actions are what they are in relation to the Messenger ﷺ and All praises are for Allaah for what has been shown of the *ghayrah*² of the Muslims. And that certainly the earth is filled with Muslims who are not pleased that any harm is brought to the Prophet. Including what has been shown from the Muslims is their need of the prophet and need for adhering to his sunnah.

But (also) what has been shown to the Muslims, (are) the enemies (of Islam) those who outwardly flatter and compliment us. They are the people who say; let us have conversation with you in a discussion or a negotiation and so on. These people are only liars they only want that we follow them and that they are acknowledged by

² The religious zeal and jealousy

their religion. They say that our religion is the truth and your religion is the truth and this is not permissible. There is not any other true religion except the religion of Islam whether they are pleased (with this) or not. There is no truth to the other religions after the sending of the Prophet ﷺ.

What remains from the other religions are either paganism, Buddhism, polytheism, atheism, Darwinism or the divine religions that have been abrogated with the sending of the Prophet ﷺ. Surely Allaah sent this prophet to all mankind as a giver of glad tidings and a warner. He was sent as a mercy to all mankind in general, not to the Arabs only but to all mankind. So whoever wants mercy and salvation them let him enter into this religion and if he doesn't, then there is nothing for him except the fire. It will not benefit him what he adheres to from the false or abrogated religions.

It is an obligation upon everyone Arab and non-Arab that if they desire salvation to enter Islam. But as I mentioned it is a must that the Muslims remain patient and that they invite in a manner that is best and that they clarify the falsehood of the disbelievers regarding the prophet with evidence and clarity (and) that they entrust this to the people of knowledge. This is what angers the disbelievers, but as for responding with arrogance and recklessness, killing and demonstrating then this is not legislated in responding to falsehood.

What is prescribed (in our religion) is countering falsehood with clarifying the truth, while (also) disproving the falsehood which the Quran disproves in so many verses.

So what's binding upon us is that we make apparent what is in our religion, what is in our Book and what is in the sunnah of our Prophetﷺ from clear truth so that the people will not have an argument against us on the Day of Judgment (for) the truth not being clear to the people. All praise belongs to Allaah (that) Islam is mighty! Hundreds of thousands of disbelievers enter into (Islam) daily. They are entering into Islam by their own free will.

There is not a land in the world and under the sky except that within them are Muslims. The Muslims are spread out all over the surfaces of the earth and to Allaah belongs all praise. Just as the religion of Islam during the time of the Righteous Predecessors (of the Prophet) and those who fought in Allaah's cause spread in the east to the west and was victorious over all other religions. It has prevailed and the people entered into it in crowds.

This (all) was because of the patience of the Messenger with the harm of his people and his bearing it brought about a good result. From the people were those who Allaah destroyed and the Muslims were safe from their

evil and also were those whom Allaah guided and they treaded upon the guidance of the Prophet. From the leaders (head) of the kuffaar (before they accepted Islaam) they were those who perfected their Islaam and established Jihaad in the cause of Allaah and were the bravest of those who fought in the cause of Allaah.

The likes of Khaalid ibn al-waleed, Amr ibn Aas and other than them were from those who Allaah favored with Islaam and strove in this religion. Those most hating (this religion and Prophet) (but) they were the ones who entered it, loved it and spread it and all praises belongs to Allaah. This is something known in the history and biographies. It is a must for the Muslim to not let the actions of the kuffaar provoke them with what they continue to do between one time period to another. They must know the objectives (plots) of the kuffaar. The (Muslim) must remedy these (issues) in the legislative manner, the way in which the Prophet remedied (the issues) with his enemies and opponents.

From them were those who the evidence was established against them and were stubbornly obstinate and they died (being amongst the people) in the fire. Also there were those who accepted the truth, were guided and perfected their Islaam. Allaah spread Islaam by way of them and benefited the Muslims by way of them. This is the good result from (correctly) countering and responding to the plots of the kuffaar.

Fear Allaah, O servants of Allaah, know this and act upon it, spread it amongst the people, and calm the people from this disorder, haughtiness and evil behavior which has no connection to the religion. Verily our religion forbids destruction and killing of the innocent. Allaah says:

﴿١٨﴾ وَلَا تَزِرُ وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَىٰ ..

“And no bearer of burdens will bear the burden of another” (35:18)

The innocent is not killed with the crime of the criminal. This is what the kuffaar desire so that they may say, look at the Muslims, they kill the one who has not done wrong nor has committed a crime. They say this is from the ignorance of the Muslims and their unruliness. No! Our religion forbids this. Allaah says:

﴿٨﴾ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَاٰنُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰٓ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوٓا۟ أَعْدِلُوٓا۟ هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ ..

“And do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness” (5:8)

And Allaah says:

وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَاٰنُ قَوْمٍ اَنْ صَدُّوْكُمْ عَنِ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ
 اَنْ تَعْتَدُوْا وَتَعَاوَنُوْا عَلٰى الْاِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ
 وَاتَّقُوا اللّٰهَ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ شَدِيْدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٢﴾

“And do not let the hatred of a people for having obstructed you from al-Masjid al-Haram lead you to transgress. And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah ; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty.” (5:2)

May Allaah bless me and you regarding the Great Quran and benefit us with what is in from clarity and the Wise Reminder, I ask Allaah to forgive me and all of the Muslims from every sin, so seek His forgiveness surely he is often Forgiving Most Merciful.

Second Khutbah

All Praises belongs to Allaah for His Blessing and Goodness. I thank Him for His giving success (to us) and His thankfulness. I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah alone without any partners, while magnifying His affair. I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. May the prayers and peace be upon him, his family and companions; to proceed:

O People have taqwa of Allaah ta'aala. (They the kuffaar) are saying now that it is a must that (the

people) have absolute freedom of speech and that freedom of speech is a right of every individual as they say. (Which means) the freedom of speech with disbelief and atheism, the freedom of speech with falsehood, the freedom of speech with lying, but none of this is freedom. The freedom of speech is with the truth, but they don't accept the truth.

If an individual expresses himself with the truth, they will silence him or (even) kill him, but if an individual speaks with falsehood (then) they will honor him and raise him. So where is the freedom of speech.

Allaah has warned us about the evils of the tongue, as the Prophet said:

"Whoever believes in Allaah and the Last Day let him say good or remain silent"

And as he said to Mu'aadh when he asked:

*"O Prophet of Allah, will what we say be held against us?"
He said: "May your mother be bereaved of you, Muadh! Is there anything that topples people on their faces - or he said on their noses into Hell-fire other than the harvest of their tongues?"*

So freedom of speech is only by the legislative guidelines³ and not by animalistic guidelines, wasteful speech or speech not taken into consideration before spoken. Freedom of speech is only with the truth, but they don't want this, rather they hold their breath. They did not become enemies to the Messenger of Allaah except because of this. He said the truth, he called to Allaah and he rejected shirk.⁴ He called to tawheed and to the worship of Allaah alone. This is what carried them to the hatred of the Messenger and becoming his enemy, until this day up until the Day of Judgment.

Where is this freedom of speech that they speak of? It is upon us that we are not deceived by these affairs and that we are aware of the objectives (plots) of the kuffaar. We must know what is intended by freedom of speech in which they invite to. They do not want that we express the truth and they speak with falsehood. If a munaafiq⁵ speaks with the truth, then they honor him and raise him. They say (about him) he is one who is an open minded free thinker, and he has understanding; so on and so forth.

³ Translators note: بضوابط شرعية: These guidelines have details as it relates to different subject matters. This is an extremely important point, particularly when it relates to the Muslim rulers.

⁴ Associating partners with Allaah in worship

⁵ Is the one who outwardly expresses and represents Islam, but inwardly disbelieves.

Let us fear Allaah regarding our affairs and rationally think about what our enemies say. Allaah subhaanahu wa ta'ala clarifies for us the truth and makes clear to us the correct (way of) expression from the false. It is upon us to adhere to the truth and to speak with it if we have the ability to do so. This is from jihad in the path of Allaah with the tongue and clarifying (the truth). This is an obligation upon the Muslims, if they speak they do not express themselves with what pleases the kuffaar or what pleases the eyes of the kuffaar.

Now has occurred from what they call twitter, from some of the munaafiqeen, those who affiliate themselves to Islaam. They insult the religion, the messenger and Islaam on their twitter (pages). The kuffaar they pry these issues and note these issues amongst themselves. This is freedom of speech with them, expression with falsehood. So let us fear Allaah regarding our affairs and guard our tongues except with that which is a benefit for our religious and worldly affairs.

So fear Allaah O servants of Allaah and know that the best speech is the Book of Allaah and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad (peace be upon him) and the most evil of all affairs are newly invented and every innovation is a misguidance. Upon you is to hold firm to

the jamaa'ah⁶, because the Hand of Allaah is over the jamaa'ah and whoever deviates does so towards the fire.

"Indeed, Allaah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace." (33:56)

O Allaah send Salat and Salam upon Your Servant, Messenger and Prophet Muhammad and be pleased with his rightly guided successors and imams, Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali and all of his companions, and with the successors of the companions and with those who follow them (all) in goodness until the Day of Judgment.

The Shaykh continued with supplications. We ask Allaah that
He makes this a benefit

⁶ Translator's note: الجماعة Means the body of the Muslims as a whole. It also refers to the group upon the truth even if they are small in number or an individual. The companion Abdullaah ibn Masud said: *"the jamaa'ah is that which is in compliance with the truth even if you are alone"*

