

Chapter – 08

Muslim

(مسلمان)

❖ أَلَا لِلَّهِ الدِّينُ الْخَالِصُ -

Beware; sincere submission (obedience) is only for Allah. (39:03)

Muslim's slogan, and the main goal of his life, is solely devoted to this verse, that is, **لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ**.

میں تو مسلمان ہوں صاحبِ ایمان ہوں

میرا خدا ایک ہے، میرا نبی نیک ہے

ان کا محمد ہے نام، ان پہ درود و سلام

(I am a Muslim, I am a believer; My God is one, My Prophet is Noble; his name is Muhammad, Peace be upon him)

Today's Muslims are of three conducts:

1. **Religious Muslims:** These Muslims have the belief on Allah and His Noble Messenger. They are regular in performing Salath, Fast and other obligations specified by Allah. They give importance and priority to Allah's commands.
2. **National Muslims:** These people do not care much for Allah's given obligations (Salath, Fast Etc.), but they think about Muslims prosperity and status. They are of the opinion that poverty not only destroys the normal life but also damages to -

the religion. They arrange funds for Muslim and they always remain in front for the Muslim cause. They wish that Muslims should be in politics and gain power as well.

3. **International Muslims:** For these people, calling ‘Muslim’ is only an identity, similar to a national identity. For them, believing in Prophets is not essential. To have a religious belief is also not important for them. Salath and Fast etc. are not obligatory. Still, they keep Muslim names and place themselves as Muslim in the Country’s Censes Register.

Who are True Muslims? What are their characters and how they behave? How they act and react? The following verse of Quran describes all about “a Muslim”, and gives its broad definition.

التَّائِبُونَ الْعَابِدُونَ الْحَامِدُونَ السَّائِحُونَ الرَّاكِعُونَ السَّاجِدُونَ
الْآمِرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَالنَّاهُونَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَالْحَافِظُونَ
لِحُدُودِ اللَّهِ وَيَبْشِرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ-

{(Muslims are) Those who regret, who worship and praise (Allah سبحانه و تعالی), who fast, who kneel down, who bow with face down, who show right and forbid wrong and those who keep the limits of Allah in sight; and give glad tidings to the Muslims. (09:112)}

Dear People! Some other identities of a good Muslim are: On listening the name of Allah سبحانه و تعالی his heart should shiver with His fear. When listen Verses of Quran, his doubts should be removed and should go for believing more on God, and should become more confident about Allah’s existence. He should believe that all his success is in the hands of Allah سبحانه و تعالی. He should worship God regularly. He should never hesitate to spend his money in charity. He should be sincere inwardly and outwardly. He should always be ready to offer himself, for the cause of God, in person and with his wealth.

Unfortunately, some ill-informed critics, without going into the truth, start calling sincere Muslims as “مشرک” (Polytheist). For this, they also refer few Verses of Quran with their own meanings and interpretations. ---- Be careful! One should know that:

إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ

{Indeed, ascribing associate to Him is a terrible injustice. (31:13)}

It is a great sin. It is so big sin that Allah سبحانه و تعالیٰ can forgive all the sins but not the Polytheism, “شُرک”, at any cost.

This is for sure that if anybody is really involved in associating to God he will face extreme punishment from God. But any person who unnecessary labels out to a poor Muslim as polytheist, “مشرک”, he should realize that there can be two kinds of consequences for making such declarations:

- a) If the person being accused is indeed a مشرک then that person will face anyway the consequences of his شرک.
- b) But if the blamed person openly declares himself as Muslim and never associates anyone with Allah سبحانه و تعالیٰ, then the person, who blamed and insisted, will face the consequences.

Therefore, one should stay away of taking the risk of wrongly accusing anyone as polytheist.

See! There is difference between worship and respect. Islam teaches all Muslims to respect their elders. Disrespect is the act of Shaytan.

بے ادب بے نصیب، با ادب بالنصیب

(Those who do not respect others will see a bad fate;
those who value others will have a good destiny).
