

Chapter – 13

The Right Path

(صراط مستقيم)

❖ اِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ -

(O Allah!) Guide us on the right path. (01:06)

❖ مَن اهْتَدَىٰ فَإِنَّمَا يَهْتَدِي لِنَفْسِهِ وَمَن ضَلَّ فَإِنَّمَا يَضِلُّ عَلَيْهَا وَلَا تَزِرُ وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَىٰ -

Whosoever is guided, it is for himself and for his own good; and whosoever went off track, it is for his own damage; and no burdened soul will bear another's burden. (17:15)

O People! Christians think that Isa عليه السلام, who was an innocent Prophet, took the whole pile of sins of his followers with him and (God forbid) gone to hell, where he was burnt in place of all his followers. ---- Just think over it that Religion's main task is to keep away from sins and not to encourage for sins. When a man will come to know that he can do whatever he likes and there will be no any punishments for him, then why he will keep himself away from sins? Principally, would it be justified if “one does and other pays” (کے کوئی اور بھرے کوئی) and innocent and clean-handed Prophet is punished due to these culprits ----?

There is one more doctrine that is worse than above. They say that God has realized it that if everybody does good or all does evil, then how this world would look colorful ----? Therefore, God has first mixed white soil of Innocents with black soil of Sinners, and then made bodies. Each body did perform good and bad too. Good works

were the result of white soil and bad works were due to black soil. --- In Hereafter, all clean soils will be gathered with clean one, and all bad soils will be joined with bad one. People who claimed as faithful will transfer all their bad deeds to ‘other people’ whom they considered nonbelievers. No matter how many sins these believers do, others will be punished. And whatsoever good deeds the ‘others’ will do, its reward will be given to the (so called) ‘believers’. Wow! What a decent explanation is given for this Quranic Verse ----!

وَلَا تَزِرُ وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَىٰ

{And no one will bear another’s burden.
(06:164, 17:15, 35:18, 39:07, and 53:38)}

What good meanings are taken out for atrocity and justice ----! What best proof is given for the proverb, “one does and other pays”----! Remember! Do whatever you want to do today, but tomorrow you will definitely know that the person who did mistake will remain mistaken, and he will surely be burnt in the hell.

Look! Having realistic thoughts and right conception is a gift of God. This is a kind of ‘messenger’, who gives true reflections about ‘Good’ and ‘Evil’. It provides distinction between ‘Right’ and ‘Wrong’. This is like a ‘God’s messenger’, and remains all the time with man. ---- A man accepts even Prophet’s teachings when he has conscience in his heart, and has the ability to accept, and does not have stubborn nature. ---- But it does not mean that there is no need of any Prophet. Prophet is very much required and his Caliphates too. Simultaneously, this is essential that man has wisdom and deep thinking

صِرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمِ means straight path. This means all those correct things on which man intends to go ahead. In this, addition or subtraction is not appropriate. Look! The peak of ‘freedom’ is ‘atheism’ (دهریت). In atheism, man hates even to hear the name of God. He never swears God. Rather, he swears for his own honor. On the other hand, peak of the ‘personal respect’ is Idol worship. They consider for their elders as if a divine spirit has inherited in them.

Remember! “Moderation” is virtually the true understanding of God and loving the “Favorites of God” (Prophets). Be careful! At one side there are خارجی, -- (The term al-Khariji was used for a group of

people when they left the army of the 4th Caliph Ali Murtaza رضى الله عنه . Later, these people generated their own extreme philosophy of Islam), and the other side there are رافضى (The term Rafida refers to those who rejected the legitimate Islamic authority and leadership. Rafida also referred to those Kufan Shi'ites who expelled and banned an eminent companion of the Prophet, Zaid رضى الله عنه, when he refused to reject and condemn the first three Caliphs,).

Midway, there is a path of **Sunnah**. Look! Here is neither any compulsion nor any persuasion; truth exists in the middle. Those who go on straight path they live as one and united. In them, there is no clash and no battle. Unnecessary enthusiasm is detrimental and less keenness is also harmful. The following Verse of Quran teaches us for 'Moderation'.

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{(O Lord!) Guide us to the straight path. (01:06)}

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