

Chapter – 33

Fighting and Martyr

(جہاد اور شہادت)

❖ وَقَاتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا -

And fight in Allah's cause against those who fight you, and do not exceed the limits. (02:190)

❖ وَأَقْتُلُوهُمْ حَيْثُ تَقِفْتُمُوهُمْ وَأَخْرِجُوهُمْ مِّنْ حَيْثُ أَخْرَجُوكُمْ -

And fight against wherever they confront you in combat and drive them out from where they drove you out. (02:191)

❖ وَقَاتِلُوهُمْ حَتَّىٰ لَا تَكُونَ فِتْنَةٌ وَيَكُونَ الدِّينُ لِلَّهِ -

And go on fighting with them till no mischief remains and instead Allah's way is established. (03:193)

❖ وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنْ يُقْتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتٌ بَلْ أَمْوَاتٌ وَلَكِن لَّا تَشْعُرُونَ -

And do not say regarding those who are slain (killed) in the cause of Allah as "dead", in fact they are alive, but it is you who are unaware. (02:154)

A Muslim is always brave. A Muslim desires to live with dignity and die with dignity. It is his motto that:

با آبرو ہو زندگی

بے آبرو، بے کار ہے

(Life should be honorable
Without honor it is of no use)

Look! It is not the way of a Muslim to kill anyone without any genuine reason. He kills to that fellow who wants to kill him. Only in the way of God (فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ) ---! Islam teaches that when you fight with your enemy your main objective should be Allah سبحانه و تعالی and not a display of your bravery or booty. Only fight with those people who combat with you and kill offensively. ---- But do not exceed to the limits and do not over-react. Do not kill any women, children, religious monks, and animals. Never do **مثلة** - means never cut anybody's legs, nose or ears.

Dear People! The people who claim themselves as cultured! These so called civilized people! Look at them what they are doing today ---? No sympathy for children, no kindness for women, no respect for religious leaders! Houses are burnt. Mosques, Temples and Churches are being destroyed. Good or bad people both are being slaughtered. All are under the target of guns and ammunition. Houses are demolished and cities are ruined. These days, humanity is not considered as civilization but bombing and firing is recognized as real evolution. A cultured man is that person who kills anyone without reason and do not feel any sort of kindness. اللَّهُمَّ احْفَظْنَا مِنْ كُلِّ بَلَاءٍ

Dear People! Jihad (fighting in the way of God) is being treated as illegitimate and inhuman by those people whose horses used to swim under the blood of Muslims.

Who are not aware of the war of Kurus and Pandus (*the Indian Mahabharata War between Kaurava and Pandavas army*)? ---- Who do not know about the Crusade Wars (*wars between Christians and Muslims*)? ---- Who are not conscious of the brutal and cruel acts in these clashes?

These Christians! They are not the sheep of Jesus Christ but they are wolf! They can be referred to as “cottonseed”, which is apparently white and soft but its inner one is black and hard ----! In these Crusade wars, the difference of behaviours and justice between Sultan Salahuddin and the Christians may easily be compared. Everybody knows that for the sake of implementing their religion how brutal and cruel these Protestants were ----!

John Colvin (*an influential French theologian – 1509 to 1564*) had suggested King of France to kill all those who do not accept the religion of Christianity. In Spain the Christian Priests had done great injustice and tyranny with Muslims. In Hinduism, lot of killings continued between Vedas and Buddhists and for years together. --- Even today, these so called “liberals”, make slaves to free persons in the name of “rights” and for

this they go for killings as well. --- They name their hypocrisy cheating and fraud as 'Politics'. They call 'Propaganda' for spreading false news, they term as 'Strategy' for not fulfilling their promises, and they consider as 'Necessity' for doing cruel acts.

Few Muslims, who are coward and impotent, they also show all their politeness with these cruel and consider Jihad, which is basically striving in the way of God, as depraved thing. And the humble Muslims become victim of these delusions.

Do you know what the result of dejection with Jihad was --? Humiliation in this world and embarrassment in Hereafter. Man's power is founded on moral elements. Person who does not have moral power, he has no dignity. Muslims live with honor and if there is no self-respect then they prefer to die. If compared with 100 years life of a fox; the life of a loin for short moments has preference. Fear for death is foolishness, because nobody dies before time.

Dear People! Any nation who is not prepared for Jihad they are always degraded and often killed as well. When in a nation cheerfulness and courage is generated then they are respected and they achieve admiration. There are brave nations as well as dead nations. But after a period of time nations once again become fully alive.

زندگی زندہ دلی کا نام ہے

مردہ دل کیا خاک جیا کرتے ہیں

(Life is a name of cheerfulness
Deadly hearts can never flourish)

It is the sayings of Abu Bakar Siddique رضی اللہ عنہ :

مَا تَرَكَ قَوْمٌ نِ الْجِهَادِ إِلَّا ضَرَبَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِالذُّلِّ

(Nations who give up fights in the way of God,
they are humiliated by Allah سبحانه و تعالیٰ)

Just look at your condition whether you are alive or dead! The difference between the two is; the living one display actions and the dead one does not. If you are in the unmoved state means you are dead. Your life is useless. If you are in the moving and striving condition means you are alive. Your life is useful and beneficial. Remember! God never keeps any dead one in this world.

Dear Muslims ---! God and His Noble Prophet were the favorites of our ancestors. They were always prepared to meet their favorites. They

used to offer their heads and in return get a “Permanent Life”. So, they are still alive. Their respectful names are alive. ---- You have no connections with God and His Noble Prophet. You do not have strong bonding with them. And you do not have any willingness to meet with them. You are very much involved in this world. Your favorites are silver, gold, money and wealth. You are always in fear of losing these materials.

You do not believe in the life of the Hereafter. For you the death means losing your companions and dears. That is why you try to run away with your death. Your ancestors had strong belief on “Death is for once”. But you consider the “Life is for once”. You are afraid of dying. You do not have the spirit of self-respect, dignity and freedom. You always remained humiliated and disgusted. Slavery is your dress. You live low-minded and have no realization for it. You do not have any right to be proud for the good names of your ancestors. In fact, your link gives a sort of disgrace to them. For you, religion is a useless thing. The only motto of your life is just “eat and drink”.

Dear People! The excuse for not having enough knowledge of weapons is the attitude of hypocrites. God says:

وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِّنْ قُوَّةٍ

{And keep ready for them the maximum of forces. (08:60)}

A Muslim acts on the above Verse of Quran. Every Muslim is always prepared for any war. He has no excuses for this. In Islam everyone is a soldier. In Islam getting full knowledge of weapons and the art of war is compulsory. Our Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم never had the common education but he had full knowledge of various arms, like sword and dart and other weapons, and all about its use. He was having expertise in horse riding. ---- Anyways, a Muslim is not born for any sort of fear.

As per few narrations, the chain of educating the art of fighting with swords reaches up to Asadullah Ghalib Ali ibn Abi Talib رضى الله عنه. Rather, it reaches up to the Noble Prophet. In that period swords, darts and arrows were in use as weapons for fighting. Now these are replaced by guns, tanks, missiles and aircrafts. So getting the knowledge and how to use these arms is inevitable. Excuse for the ignorance is the habit of hypocrites. O God! Save all Muslims from lack of knowledge, lack of skill and their fearfulness. They may

be warned for their disgrace and humility. They should be shaken up so as to come forward for the dignified actions.

نا مرد مرتا روز ہے
مردوں کی موت اک بار ہے
ہرگز نہیں مرتا ہے وہ
مرنے کو جو تیار ہے

(The coward person dies every day; wherein brave's death is for one time only; that fellow never dies; who is ready to die any moment)

This must be remembered that the martyrs leave this life in the way of God. So, their names live in this world. Their passing is virtually a lifting up to the heaven. God gives them life over there and keep them alive and provide food etc. compatible to that environment. They are allowed to move freely. ---- It is likely that any of the martyrs is physically seen by a person of this world; but this must be noted that this is not possible to those who are bonded in the network of materialism of this world.

This is the situation of those who are killed by the sword of enemies. But how they be called as dead who are virtually slayed by the action of the “sword of love”. ---- All live closed to the beloved. The venturesome lover has to live with his beloved.

اے حسرتِ شیدا فکر نہ کر، ہیں ساتھ ہمارے پیغمبر
جب اَنْتَ مَعَ مَنْ اَحْبَبْتَ، فرمادیا کملی والے نے

(O loving Hasrat! Do not worry; our Noble Prophet is with us;

“*You are with the beloved*” are the words of

Prophet Muddassir (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم)
