

Chapter – 34

Preaching

(تبليغ)

❖ **وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ -**

And there should be a group among you that invites to goodness, and enjoins good deeds and forbids immorality; it is they who attain true success. (03:104)

❖ **أُدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَجَادِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ ضَلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ -**

(O Noble Prophet!) Call towards the path of your Lord with sound planning and good advice, and debate them in the best possible way; indeed your Lord knows best who has strayed away from His path, and He knows well who are guided to the right path. (16:125)

Dear People! Look at the history of world. Its every page will testify and all the events of this world will prove that any solid objective cannot be achieved until a person do not have firm belief, confidence and correct faith. But only 'belief' is not enough, simultaneously good deeds are essential. Moreover commendable performance is also inevitable. Sole one man's upright enactment would also not be enough. It is very much essential that others are also properly led and guided.

Look! In a boat few people are sitting. If one man wants to make a hole in that boat and nobody is stopping him to do such work then all will die. ---- One more example is that, at one place there are

hundreds of people sitting with smelly baskets in their hands. Only one person has a perfume bottle in his hand. So, how that single bottle can make the area fragrant. Therefore, it is not only necessary to be decent yourself but make others to be good as well.

That is why God's Messengers were sent who used to educate people for just things. Muslims are directed to guide others for right and prevent them from wrong. Islam is a religion of preaching. Telling for good and stopping from bad is the duty of every Muslim.

Look! You preach others, but if anytime any other preaches you, then it also becomes your duty to listen to him and accept. Mind it that, if the scuba diver is not much skilled it does not mean that the pearl is of a lower quality.

If knowledge is available in China you must travel to get it. Moreover, your good work for short period is not fruitful. Be patient! Do good works and keep it continued. If a heavy pot is put on a stone for a longer period the stone get affected and a small pit below the pot is formed. So, patience and determination always give success.

Look! Whatever you do, do with confidence. Sole efforts never give good results. Therefore, share with others. Get advice from them. Those who do collective works God helps them. When many fine strings are joined and interlocked a rope is formed. When few persons join at one platform then it is called group, team and committee. Neither solitary work is beneficial nor does one man's opinion have any weight. Do collective works. In our committees there is no any shortage of propositions. You will find many best propositions but no actions! Even if any action is taken, it is only for few days, like a boil in milk. No persistence, no perseverance.

In this world, self-centeredness is harmful. Take action with correct knowledge. Leave your self-centeredness. If you take any action with persistence you will achieve success in it. This world is yours and Hereafter as well.

Dear People! Since that time when Muslims have stopped guiding for good (أَمَرَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ) and preventing from bad (نَهَى عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ) they are falling into to the ditch of disaster. This is to be noted with great regret that the people of false creeds are preaching their thoughts and religions. But Muslims, who are on just, are away from preaching. The result is, the strength of false religions is increasing day by day. Every next day a new religion is being introduced & few silly persons

are following them. Look! Due to your flattering attitude, now you fear from telling the truth. People with baseless religions are campaigning for their thoughts and you do not feel any reaction for it. Enemies are attacking on your religion by their false propaganda but you are least bothered with this! For your modesty, you consider it as courtesy. In this way your enemy is becoming stronger for his misrepresentation.

Look! When falsehood spreads as a common feature then its bad feelings do not remain. Your innersole becomes habitual of it and you lose your honor. The roots of religion become weak and strong faith does not remain which should be there. For this, do you know what the results are? Blasphemy, Polytheism, Immorality, and Adultery!

Very Sad! We do not have the old strong desires. Moreover, for preaching the habit of going far apart also does not exist. Muslims have lost their moral strength so much so that now they fear or hesitate to say the truth. --- look! Do not become so sweet that someone may eat you. Simultaneously, do not become so bitter that anyone would spit. Do not be like a sweet dish nor be like an Aloes (a bitter medicine). Your tone should be soft; your language should be sweet; your speech should be based on solid arguments. Never say anything beyond truth. Lie does not have feet so can never stand. When you tell something it should be in simple and clear words. Talk sincerely. Listen calmly. Look! Words told with sincerity would reach to the hearts of the people. People will laugh at you if your talks are haphazard. Keep on preaching. Steadiness affects a lot.

Just think over it that why always talk of Blasphemy (كفر), and Polytheism (شرك). When you can express your views with politeness then why you should adopt stiff and hard attitude? Remember! In your preaching, there should be temptation as well as art of beatification. ---- Look! Take lesson from the people of other religions. They make hospitals, serve them, financially assist them, provide loans to them, and create means to nourish them:

الْإِنْسَانَ عَيْدُ الْإِحْسَانِ

(Benevolence greatly affects the hearts)

So you must be ready for:

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحِكْمَةِ

{Invite toward the path of your Lord with wisdom. (16:125)}

Your religion is true. Do you have any fear from it? Our ancestors have striven hard. They have faced lot of difficulties. After that, Islam was spread. The numbers of Muslims enhanced. Then they gained power. --- You are sitting idle, what is this? Come forward as a decent model with your actions in front of Non-Muslims. Do something. Actions give sanctifications:

إِنْ تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ

{If you help the religion of Allah, He will help you. (47:07)}

Dear People! This is our experience that those who display their cleanliness and fear of God, they quickly become angry and start fighting with other people. They do not see their own weaknesses but they are active in bringing shortcomings of others. They are masters of backbiting. They can see very tiny things in other's eyes but they cannot see big mess of their own eyes. They do not forgive others and then expect that God will forgive him.

Look! You give adverse comments for others, give harsh replies for those who question, and tell bad words for the elders of other religions, how all such things could be fair? Whereas God says you do not use ruthless words even for the idols. Fair people elucidate and talk politely. --- Near God, you are not honorable than Moosa and Haroon عليهم السلام, and the person to whom you are talking is not incorrect than Firaun. For Firaun, God says to Moosa & Haroon:

فَقُولَا لَهُ قَوْلًا لَّيِّنًا

{And speak to him courteously (20:44)}

But these apparently God fearing Islamic scholars ---! They preach very rudely and think that they are virtually God's representatives. Heaven and Hell is in their hands and as if God is not going to pardon but they excuse. They make people desperate from God's blessings. At one more place God says in Quran:

فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَانصَبْ

{So when you finish (the prayers) then stand up (for spreading Islam).

(94:07)}

But, remember! Preaching demands sincerity and there is no place for hypocrisy or to become eminent. This is very important that see what Allah سبحانه و تعالی says and then forget all. He is the Adequate (الكافي). He is the One In-Charge (الوكيل). اللَّهُ رَبِّي وَهُوَ حَسْبِي.

Remember! God has balance in his hands. He is the only one who can properly discriminate the good and the evil. ---- At one side there are good deeds, and on the other side there is love with firm belief on God and His Messenger. ---- Whether ‘exterior’ is all that is apparent or ‘ulterior’ is also something ---? If you say Allah سبحانه و تعالیٰ with all your sincerity, it will outweigh over all your bad deeds. Fear is medicine, ---- Love is food; do Love with God and His Messenger; it will remain well dominated on all.

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