

Chapter – 57

Slaughter of Animals

(ذبيحہ)

❖ فَكُلُوا مِمَّا ذُكِرَ اسْمُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ بِآيَاتِهِ مُؤْمِنِينَ -
❖ وَمَا لَكُمْ أَلَّا تَأْكُلُوا مِمَّا ----- إِنْ رَّبُّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُعْتَدِينَ -

Eat only those (flesh) over which the name of Allah has been pronounced; if you believe in His commands. (06:118)

And why you should not eat of that over which the name of Allah has been declared; when He has made it distinctly clear what is forbidden unless you are constrained to do so; surely many mislead others into following their pointless desires through lack of knowledge; certainly, your Lord knows the transgressors. (06:119)

❖ إِنَّمَا حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةَ وَالدَّمَ وَلَحْمَ الْخِنزِيرِ وَمَا أُهْلَ بِهِ لِغَيْرِ
اللَّهِ فَمَنْ اضْطُرَّ غَيْرَ بَاغٍ وَلَا عَادٍ فَلَا إِثْمَ عَلَيْهِ -

He has forbidden you only the carrion (dead animal) and blood, and the flesh of swine (pig); but there is no sin if you are forced by absolute necessity and eat these forbidden things, provided there is no intension of disobedience. (02:173)

People have different opinions regarding flesh-eating. Some say that flesh should not be eaten at all, as human being is not a carnivorous animal by nature. Some say that if the followers of Holy Books offer to eat flesh of pig, chicken, duck and other birds without proper slaughtering even then these may be taken. Some say that if any eatable thing (whether it is flesh, rice, or bread etc.) is given any relation other than God, all these items will become impure, and those persons who relate are atheist and blasphemous. Some say that this matter of becoming impure is specific with animals only, and other things should not be included in this matter. Anyhow, there is turmoil

and chaos all over the world. These people consider that the old Islamic scholars were foolish and ignorant. Even they call them as ‘blasphemous’ and have concurrence on this point as well.

Dear People! Shaytan and his pupil have spread a thought that ‘dead animal’ may be eaten because its death is from God. On the other hand, they said that any animal slaughtered by man should not be eaten because it is brutality on animals.

These ignorant people say that slaughtering of animals and eating them is hard-heartedness, but they do not know what would be the effect on these animals if they are slaughtered in the name of Allah سبحانه و تعالی. These people consider that taking the name of God is an ordinary thing. They cannot conceive what the value of obedience of God is.

They are not aware of it that trees eat earth and make it as food for them and the earth become part of it. Animals, which are more superior, eat trees. And human beings, who are most superior, eat animals. They should know that trees have life in them. In fact, is there any single thing in this universe that does not have life in them?

وَإِنْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا يُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِهِ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَفْقَهُونَ تَسْبِيحَهُمْ

{And there is not a thing that does not proclaim His purity and praise, but you do not understand their proclamation. (17:44)}

Non-living things (like earth, rock and metal etc.) become food for one of the living things (like plants, vegetables, bushes, herbs weeds and shrubs etc.). These living things become food for other living things, i.e., animals. --- Look at the nature of animals. Some of them eat plants and vegetables etc. but some of them eat animals too. Human Beings eat all. But first they make them eatable according to their suitability and desire.

What is Human Being? He is a magical individual. He rules on animals, birds and all creatures through his wisdom. He can differentiate between appropriate and inappropriate. --- He says; it is better not to eat ferocious animals and insects. Do not eat any animal when you are in cloths of Makkah pilgrimage. Do not eat during day time when you are fasting. Look! Never be soft-hearted unnecessarily and do not become harsh for more than its requirement.

If you eat ferocious animals, your nature will also become brutal. If you never eat flesh, your nature will become funky and coward. You know that tiger eats flesh and bullock eats grass. You just

tell us among the two who is brave and who is cool-hearted ---? This thing must be in your knowledge that when any animal attains its death by nature or killed by closing its breathing system it becomes somewhat toxic. And if an animal is properly slaughtered, then due to correct outflow of blood its toxic property gets vanished. That is why slaughtering of animal is called Zakath as well. Meaning of Zakath is 'to Purify'.

I would like to say something about those people whose assertion is flesh-eating by human being is unnatural. Among them some are Hindus and some belong to the west. They say that wild animals have claws and special teeth and human being doesn't have. The intestine of the quadruped animals (whose food is grass or grains) is similar to the human being. But this thinking is hypothetical. It is nothing but seeing just one thing and applying on all.

Look! Everything has its specific properties. Giving no considerations to these properties is not correct. The human body consists of flesh. As compared to other food items, flesh is closer to him. Therefore, flesh is easily digested and his body quickly responds to it as well. When man eats fleshy food more often, then he attains good health and physical fitness, otherwise become weak and unfit.

In fact, human being, by nature, does not eat simple flesh or grass or grains. God has given him wisdom, so treating him among animals is not justified. He takes all things and uses his brain and then makes them according to his requirements. Afterward he uses it. --- He takes rice and boils it. To wheat, he grinds it into flour, and then he mixes it with water so much so that it achieves shape of bread. Then he cooks this bread on a metal pan. From coconut, almond, and walnut he takes out its hard shell first then eats. He takes flesh and cuts it into suitable small pieces and adds pepper and salt etc. on it. Then he puts all this mixture into a pot and cooks until the flesh pieces become soft, and then he eats.

We poor Indo-Pak people! We do not get rice and bread to our need. How we can become flesh-eater! Flesh in a house comes around one quarter kilo or half kilo and then the whole family eats it. Everybody gets two or three pieces each and this is good luck! --- However, the western people can be called as Flesh-eater whose major part of food consists of flesh. So the disadvantages of flesh-eating can be described in front of them and not to Indo-Pak people.

Food offered by the Holy-Books holders can be accepted if all the conditions prescribed by Islam are fulfilled. And not like this that they eat dead animals and you start eating it! If they eat pigs and you also start eating pigs! ---- Beware of God and do not refrain from God's orders.

حُرِّمَتْ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةُ وَالِدَّمُ وَلَحْمُ الْخِنْزِيرِ وَمَا أُهْلِيَ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ بِهِ
وَالْمُنْحَنِقَةُ وَالْمَوْفُوذَةُ وَالْمُتَرَدِّيَةُ وَالنَّطِيحَةُ وَمَا أَكَلَ السَّبُعُ
إِلَّا مَا ذَكَّيْتُمْ وَمَا ذُبِحَ عَلَى النُّصُبِ

{Forbidden for you are dead animals, and blood, and flesh of swine, and that which has been slaughtered while proclaiming the name of any other than Allah, and one killed by strangling, and one killed with blunt weapons, and one which died by falling, and that which was gored by the horns of some animals, and one eaten by a wild beast, except those whom you slaughter, and which is slaughtered at the stone altars. (05:03)}

وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا مِمَّا لَمْ يُذَكَّرِ اسْمُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

{And do not eat on which Allah's name has not been mentioned. (06:121)}

Now let us consider and understand what the actual meaning of the above Quranic Verse is:

وَمَا أُهْلِيَ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ بِهِ

(And that which has been slaughtered while proclaiming the name of any other than Allah)

Nowadays, this part of “*Proclaiming the name of any other than Allah*” is widespread and has attained much importance. To understand this problem some principles should be noted. In order to give any relation, it is not very essential that it should be a ‘divine worshiped’. ---- We say: our God, our Prophet, our horse, our house, my wife, goat of Aqiqah (hair of a new born) etc. Whether all these relations are offense and forbidden? اَسْتَغْفِرُ الله. If this is atheism, then in this whole world there will be no any Muslim.

Dear People! Sometimes it happens that if you do not relate towards yourself it becomes atheism. For example, in place of “my wife” if I say “God's wife”, it will be atheism. Similarly, if someone

says that “this house is not mine, it belongs to God”, then it will become ‘*dedicated to God*’. Look! It will be unlawful if a forbidden thing is considered as permissible; similarly it will also be unlawful if a permissible thing is considered as forbidden. This is Polytheism in Orders (شرك في الحكم).

The real permissibility is **إِنِ الْحُكْمُ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ**. Until the prohibition is proved, considering as forbidden is not allowed.

With these ignorant people, the proclamation of any name and giving a relation with it becomes so filthy that even God’s name cannot clean it. Although as mentioned earlier, the slaughtering of animal is called Zakath, which means ‘to Purify’.

Some unlucky people have also exaggerated this matter that if somebody says that I distribute this meal in the name of my ‘elder’ to the poor for the purpose of his blessings. Immediately the food becomes ‘filthy’. Some people use the word **حرام** (forbidden) very frequently. But when they are invited on Chicken Fried Rice of **فاتحة**, they eat so much that they do not leave any space even for the medicine of digestion.

Look! At the time of slaughtering you need to say the following sentence by the order of the Noble Prophet:

اللَّهُمَّ هَذَا مِنْ فُلَانٍ فَتَقَبَّلْهُ مِنِّي

(O Our God! this is from this person, pl. grant its acceptance for me)

Our noble Prophet used to say the followings:

اللَّهُمَّ هَذَا مِنْ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

(O Our God! This is from Muhammad and his family)

So, in this situation what would be the status when we sacrifice animals? Remember! The order is “*Slaughtering should be made in the name of Allah*”. But the affiliation of any further name has not been forbidden. --- They are brave people that they do not hesitate to make ‘forbidden’ to the ‘permissible’ items! Do they not know that action and reaction is always equal? If they make Muslim as polytheist, they would themselves become polytheist.