

Chapter – 63

Intercession

(شفاعت)

❖ وَأَنْذِرْ بِهِ الَّذِينَ يَخَافُونَ أَنْ يُحْشَرُوا إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ لَيْسَ لَهُمْ مَن دُونَهُ
وَلِيٌّ وَلَا شَفِيعٌ لَّعَلَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ .

And with this (Quran), warn those who fear, that they will be raised towards their Lord in a state when there will be no protector for them, except Allah, nor any mediator, so that they may be dutiful. (06:51)

Dear People! Although it looks like that the words of **وَلَا شَفِيعٌ** mentioned in the above quoted Verse give an impression that there is no mediator. But look! In the following Verse it is written that:

مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ

{Who is he that can intercede with Him except His permission?
(02:255)}

At one more place it is written that:

مَنْ يَشْفَعُ شَفَاعَةً حَسَنَةً يَكُنْ لَهُ نَصِيبٌ مِّنْهَا

{He who intercedes in a good cause shall share in its good result.
(04:85)}

Always remember that any saying at one place can be independent and at another place it may be restricted. In this case, the independent should be applied on the restricted one. Therefore the meanings of **وَلَا شَفِيعٌ** would be, “and no one can intercede without the permission of Allah تعالیٰ و سبحانه”. One thing needs attention that in this world if there could be any mediator to whom permission is given then who could be better than Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم?

God says:

وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ الرَّسُولُ لَوْجَدُوا اللَّهَ تَوَّابًا رَحِيمًا

{And the Noble Messenger intercedes for them; they will certainly find Allah as the Most Acceptor of Repentance, the Most Merciful.

(04:64)}

Whether praying for repentance is not included in mediation?
The Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام says:

سَأَسْتَغْفِرُ لَكَ رَبِّي

{I shall seek forgiveness for you from my Lord. (19:47)}

All these are the ways of intercessions. Who says that God is compelled to accept these recommendations? He was neither bound on our creation or breeding, nor accepting recommendations, and nor forgiving. This is all His generosity. Giving permission for intercessions is also His kindness and accepting it, is also His benevolence and magnanimity.

Some mindless persons say that whether he is God's Prophet or God's friend, he is not so much eminent and distinguished that his intercession could be acceptable in front of God. --- Gentleman! For the Prophet Isa عليه السلام God says:

عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ وَجِيهًا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَمِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ

{Isa the son of Maryam, he will be honorable in this world and in the Hereafter and among the close ones (to Allah). (03:45)}

Then one can imagine that how high and eminent would be the status of our Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. --- Those ill-fated persons who consider that God's friends are not the persons of distinction are themselves unworthy. Using such rubbish words for the friends of God simply create exploitation. These aggressors did not understand God and His kindness. They did not appreciate the mediations of God's friends. These people are sick enough. God prolongs their sickness. الْعَيَاذُ بِاللَّهِ

What is the difference between intercession and the so called Expiation of Jesus (كفارة مسيح)? --- In the Expiation, Christians think that Isa عليه السلام took the whole pile of sins of his followers with him and (God forbid) gone to hell. He was burnt and saved all his followers. Now Christians can do whatever sin they like. They can be cruel with

poor. They can torture to any Non-Christian. These are not sins for them. --- Can this be a correct attitude? Of course, not!

Look! In Islam such thinking is absolutely wrong that one man commits a sin and other would face punishment in his place. When we talk of recommendation or intercessions, actually it is a sort of request and appeal. When God wants to bestow honor to any person He accepts that pray and mediation.

This should be remembered that:

الْحُبُّ فِي اللَّهِ

(Love is for God)

The intercession itself is an act and a decent act. No act goes in vain then how come this act will go without success. God will definitely listen to His friends. And He will exhibit their honors on everyone in this world. ---- With this, any compulsion on God is not proved nor has any punishment of one's sin given to others substantiated.

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