

Attributes of Holy Fighters

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Oh brethren, in the Holy Book of the Exalted Allah, there are two verses whose meanings are interconnected. Thus, the meaning of one depends on the other. In the first, the Exalted Allah presents a bargain the people of faith desire. In the second, He presents details of the conditions of being accepted for this bargain. The first is an attractive bid to which the people of faith are attracted, while the second presents details of the conditions according to which the bidders for this bargain are accepted.

It is astonishing to see our Ummah read these two verses and separate each in meaning!

Separating them means presenting a bid and a bargain without presenting declaration of their conditions.

The Ummah read them and quote each of them frequently, but most of the Ummah are completely ignorant of the fact that the two verses are closely connected and that they can never be separated.

Oh brethren, the two verses are mentioned in Surat At Tawbah, that most of you must have memorized, but today, let us read them together to meditate upon the declaration of these two verses through which we shall be acquainted with the bargain and its conditions.

"Allah hath purchased of the Believers their persons and their wealth in return for the Garden {of Paradise}; they fight in His Cause, and slay and are slain; a promise binding on Him in Truth, through the Law, the Gospel, and the Qur'an: and who is

more faithful to his Covenant than Allah? Then rejoice in the bargain which ye have concluded; that is the achievement supreme. Those that turn {to Allah} in repentance; that serve him, and praise him; that wander in devotion to the cause of Allah; that bow down and prostrate themselves in prayer; that enjoin good and forbid evil; and observe the limits set by Allah-(these do rejoice). So proclaim the glad tidings to the Believers." (At Tawbah, 11-112).

Oh brethren, certainly "**Allah hath purchased**", and buying is a process of exchange. It is He, Exalted He is, who is the Owner, but He presents figurative evidence to the slave, after which He asks him to sell.

"**Allah hath purchased**", but where are those who sell?

It is a bid presented by the King of kings, the One Who has the authority of running all the universe, the One Who gives sovereignty to whoever He desires, and strips it off from whoever He desires. He honors whoever He wills and humiliates whoever He wills.

It is a bid from the One in whose hands there is all goodness, the One Who has control over every soul and knows all that it does. He is the One Who is the Lord of earth and heaven and is worshipped on earth and heaven. He is the only One Who deserves to be worshipped. Nobody else is worthy of praise for the truth but He. He is the One whose Hand holds the control of our affairs and to Him is our destiny, "**Allah hath purchased**".

A Bedouin passed by the Prophet (PBUH) while the latter was reading the above mentioned verse. The Bedouin asked: "Whose words are those?"

It was said to him: "The words of Allah".

He said: "By Allah, it is a profitable selling that I shall neither dispose of nor belittle ". Consequently, he went out for Jihad, and returned carried as martyr.

"Allah hath purchased", the slave has to surrender self and wealth to Allah, and in return, he receives from the Exalted Allah a reward, blessings, and he will enter Paradise that is as wide as the earth and heavens, in addition to a greater reward that is the Exalted Allah's satisfaction.

"Allah hath purchased of the Believers", because other than the believer values nothing but material exchange.

The non-believer sells himself and his wealth to get ephemeral property and benefit, or material or abstract gain.

How many those who sell themselves and their wealth are today!

They sell everything not for the sake of Allah. They sell them to slaves who are unable to benefit or harm even themselves because of their whims that have spread and blinded them.

"Allah hath purchased of the Believers". The bargain will not be accepted from those whose hearts are not verified by faith and belief unless they become sure that what is with Allah is more certain than what is in their hands, and when they become attached to the invisible and believe in it, and be more certain of it than what their senses see and feel.

"Allah hath purchased of the Believers their persons and their wealth in return for the Garden {of Paradise}; they fight in His Cause, and slay and are slain".

Al Mustafa (PBUH) used to say to his Companions: "Whoever is wounded in Allah's Cause...and Allah knows well who gets wounded in His Cause", for not all that is wounded is wounded in the cause of Allah, and not all that is killed is killed in the cause of Allah, "He who fights so that Allah's Word {Islam} should be superior, then he fights in Allah's cause." This Hadith cannot be interpreted to agree with whims and moods, because it is detailed, defined, specified and clear: "

"They fight in His Cause". Thus, the Holy Qur'an makes us have a prospective of fighting since the revelation of

this verse till Allah inherits the earth and whoever lives on it. Fighting in the cause of Allah is inevitable, and the word 'fight' includes the idea of two contesting parties. It is said that the first verse sent for the legislation of fighting was "To those against whom War is made, permission Is given {to fight}, because They are wronged" (Al Haj, 39).

Our destiny, our fate ... is that we have to fight. It is the fate of the people of truth, the people of the straightway, the fate of those who do not sell themselves to this transient life, the fate of those who fight to make the word of Allah superior, fearing nobody's blame They are fighting.

Why doesn't this group that assumes authority fight on the blessed land, Palestine?

It is because it belongs to the law of the Jungle, adopted by what is called Security Council that is nothing but a Fear Council and a council that frightens the weak. It is a council of alignment to the chosen nation; chosen by the devil for the realization of whatever the devil desires on this earth.

How many the decisions whose numbers are so and so have been issued by what is called international legitimacy, legitimacy that has no law, while this international legitimacy is mute and dumb, in addition to the fact that the Zionist entity realize none of these decisions!!

Why is war not waged against what is called 'authority' while it is waged against those who have gathered in this narrow place?

What is the secret of all that?

The reason is that one group sell themselves and wealth to Allah, while the others sell themselves and wealth to other than Allah.

There is international fear. A true group of people have gathered aiming at Allah only, but the ghost of Islamic Emirate is frightening to the others. They said: 'It might be changed into an

Islamic Emirate. It might be changed into a district of non-surrendering. It might not present concessions for what their whims call for'.

Oh youth, the believer is frightening to them, because he seeks one of the two glorious ways; because he has read this verse and has seen nothing in the bargain but "**and slay and are slain**". In this bargain, he does not see possession; he does not see gaining; he does not see increase in wealth and property; he does not see increase of luxuries... .

In this bargain, the believer sees only "**they fight in His Cause**". We are predestined to fight if we are right. The enemies of Allah will not accept us, wherever they are. Oh believer, you should have good understanding away from flattery, from compliments, from lying, and from double-dealing... we are greatly satiated and feel loathsome of lying and flattery.

The enemies of Allah do not feel ashamed of being wrong, while the people of truth bend their heads in humiliation and disgrace. By Allah, this state does not satisfy Allah.

Say the true word and fear nothing afterwards. How can you feel fear, and why do you feel fear !!? Listen to the words of our master, Ali (ABPWH), who teaches us a lesson on martyrdom:

Which of the two days of death do I run away from?

Is it the day which is not predestined, or the predestined day?

I do not fear the day that is not predestined,

And from the predestined day, nobody can be saved.

"They fight in His Cause, and slay and are slain"

While they were merchandising for peace and normalization, they presented us food we were about to swallow, and the nations of true innate nature were about to believe in all that was said to them, but the decree of the Exalted Allah preceded their

plans, and the world nations have opened their eyes to witness the massacre in which children, women and old people are killed.

We are fighting, and when we fight we commit ourselves more to human rights that are not even included in the Geneva Conventions, a covenant considered by them the original source to refer to.

Our Islamic culture in fighting is superior to the culture of this covenant. We never cut a tree, kill the old, nor do we kill a child or a woman.

What do the drawlers say when thousands of children and women are either killed or wounded?

After all, a school is bombed for which great walks are held, some of our fellow citizens held a sit-in in schools in anger for the bombardment of this school. We disagree on bombing a school or any other place, and we know that learning is sacred, but we would like to ask why walks and sits-in inside schools are held for the bombardment of one school, and see no sit-in in mosques when more than eight mosques are bombed !!? Why!!?

Why do you play on us. More than eight mosques are bombed and destroyed, but we do not see sits-in in mosques. When a school is bombed, there is a sit-in, and lights are shed on this matter because according to secular culture, the school is preferred to the mosque, while the mosque produces scholars, heroes, makers of life and decision makers.

When mosques are destroyed on the land of Gaza, the martyr, the world keeps silent.

"Allah hath purchased of the Believers their persons and their goods in return for the Garden {of Paradise}; they fight in His Cause, and slay and are slain". This is our fate. One day, we shall kill and be killed. Do you believe that the matter is restricted only to Gaza? By Allah, no.

The true believer who is faithful and raises the banner of truth is usually treated in this way. It is the Law of Allah on the

believers... the Prophets were killed. How sweet it is to meet Allah while one is on the truth.

Will you adhere to the world of distress with disgrace and submissiveness, or you like to meet Allah to be in an Assembly of truth in the presence of a Sovereign Omnipotent?

"they fight in His Cause, and slay and are slain; a promise binding on Him in Truth, through the Law, the Gospel, and the Qur'an"

As the Exalted Allah said concerning fasting, "O ye who believe! fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that ye may (learn) self restraint "(Al Baqarah, 183), so is the case with the legislation of Jihad in its fighting meaning that was one of the old legislations.

"and who is more faithful to his Covenant than Allah?" Do you believe that the Exalted Allah breaks a promise of His in His Qur'an made to His slaves, the believers? Do you believe that He, Exalted He is, breaks a promise?

"Then rejoice in the bargain which ye have concluded". If you are included in the list of those who sell themselves and wealth for the cause of Allah, then be delighted, that is, reveal happiness, because good news necessitates showing delight on the complexion. *Bisharah* (good news) is called also *Bushra* (good news) because delight appears on *Al Bashara* (the complexion of the face) at hearing it. So show your delight if you prepare yourself for martyrdom in the cause of Allah. Beware of showing sadness. Show delight in your face, because you are going to attend your wedding party.

"Then rejoice in the bargain which ye have concluded; that is the achievement supreme".

Then the Exalted Allah reveals the qualities of those who pledge allegiance. In this bargain, He mentions only the quality of faith. But in the second verse, He presents details to draw our attention to the fact that the believers cannot be nominated for

Jihad in the cause of Allah unless they are verified by the descriptions mentioned in the Holy Qur'an.

The first quality: "**Those that turn {to Allah} in repentance**". the repentant is the one who abandons sins and follows the way of obedience. He is the one who promises Allah not to commit any wrongdoing, and to follow the straightway of the Prophet's Shari'a (PBUH). He is the one who makes his Imam Muhammad (PBUH).

"**Those that turn {to Allah} in repentance**". You cannot pledge allegiance unless you announce clear, true and frank repentance..., otherwise you will be always within the sphere of pretension of wishing and hoping for.

First condition is repentance. Do not be driven by passion and have the illusion that everyone of you is liable to be nominated for Jihad, no... .

It is delightful to see the Prime Minister in Gaza, who was the Prime Minister of the Palestinian nation, standing in At Tarawih prayer (night prayer in Ramadan) leading the worshippers and shedding tears in the presence of the Exalted Allah.

Since a long time, we haven't seen a politician leading the Ummah in prayer raising his hands in Al Qunut prayer (prayer of devoutness), in humbleness before the Exalted Allah.

"**Those that turn {to Allah} in repentance**", those who are verified by purity in selves and behavior. They have repented from committing any type of sin, in dealings, in worship, in the prohibited..., and in every field of life.

"**that serve him**". The worship referred to in this verse is not restricted to prayer only, for this is mentioned in another verse connected with prayer, it rather refers to its general meaning. It aims at obeying Allah in every deed you do.

The concept of worship in its general meaning is when you understand the purport of succession :"**Behold, Thy Lord said to the angels: 'I shall create a vicegerent on earth'**"(Al Baqarah,

30). You are entrusted with the air, the water, the trees, the stone... .

Real worship is to do your work perfectly well. It is a worship in which every movement of your activity is intended for the satisfaction of the Exalted Allah.

And those who **"praise him"**, i.e., praise means laudation. Until when are we going to praise other than Allah? Until when are we going to play the hypocrite, praise the bribed, the thief, the cheater, and the liar?

Until when are we going to do that?

The true praisers know well who is worthy of praise.

Where are the free men? Where are the men who understand well the meaning of praise? We are the Ummah that is described in the previous books as the Ummah of praisers. We are the praisers who are always in praise of Allah. Where is this quality of us? Is it possible to praise Allah and praise other objects with Him?

Certainly not.... You praise Allah and praise His slaves by His praise. If somebody praises Allah, you praise him because he praises Allah, for you are disciplined in praise. You praise nobody but Allah and those whom Allah allows you to praise through clear measures according to which Allah praises His slaves. The Exalted Allah praises a king called Solomon (PBUH). He said: **"To David We gave Solomon {for a son}, how excellent in Our service ever did he turn {to Us}"** (Sad, 30). The Exalted Allah praises Solomon because he was verified by servitude and turning to Allah.

The Exalted Allah also praises another slave of Him, called Job. He said: **"How excellent in Our service Ever did he turn {to Us}"** (Sad, 44), because Job was patient at his adversity and did not turn his heart but to Allah. Moreover, he depended on Allah in all his affairs.

"that wander in devotion to the cause of Allah" (At Tawbah, 111-112).

I tend to believe that the interpretation of 'wandering in devotion' means Jihad in the cause of Allah. To interpret this statement as fasting is turning from the apparent meaning into the hidden one, especially that 'Ata' (MUBUH) said: 'The wanderers in devotion are the fighters for the cause of Allah. He depends on the Hadith related by Abu Umamah who said that a man asked the Prophet's permission (PBUH) for wandering.

Oh brethren, *Siyahah* (wandering) is derived from the stem *Sayyaha* (wander around on the earth).

Abu Umamah narrated that a man asked the permission of the Prophet (PBUH) to wander around. The Prophet (PBUH) said: "The wandering of my Ummah is Jihad in the cause of Allah". Consequently the word *Sa'ihin* (wanderers) cancels the borders of the Islamic Ummah.

They separated us, they cut us to pieces, they made fun of us and the rulers of the Islamic world have become guards for this cutting.

The Malaysian is other than the Indonesian, other than Pakistani, the Emirate, the Algerian, the Jordanian, the Palestinian, and we are one Ummah. we are the wanderers that move around the earth seeking knowledge, spreading it, or making the word of Allah superior.

The best understanding of the concept of wandering is travelling to seek knowledge or Jihad in the cause of Allah of the one Ummah that has no borders.

"that bow down and prostrate themselves in prayer", i.e., those who do not kneel nor prostrate themselves but to the Exalted Allah.

"that enjoin good and forbid evil", their tongues are not cut. They enjoin obedience to Allah and doing good, and forbid evil, i.e., whatever stirs Allah's resentment and anger. Doing good

does not depend on one's mood. It is rather a legal idiom defined by its dimensions and description.

"that enjoin good and forbid evil", i.e., those who recommend people to adhere to Islamic Shari'a in economics, in politics, in sociology, in worship... .

In our religion, there is legislation for every field of human behavior.

Let the seculars know that when we talk about religion, our discourse includes all levels of life. Our religious discourse does not deal with singing in a church, synagogue or a Buddhist temple in which some hymns are recited. Our religious discourse is based on our vision about our religion. Our religion leaves out nothing small or great but presents details thereof.

Consequently, when we present our religious discourse, we deal in it with everything. Our religion commands us to make the word of Islam superior, the fact that those who loath Islam wish us not to do.

"And forbid evil".

How many the ill deeds that enter our behavior are. We have become flatterers who present compliments so that we overlook these ill deeds.

"and observe the limits set by Allah", i.e., those who turn away from falling in what the Exalted Allah prohibits.

"So proclaim the glad tidings to the Believers". Give them glad tidings if they understand this lesson.

If our Sheikh, Al Qurdawi (May Allah support him) calls for the Day of Anger for Gaza, I'd like to say to him: "Oh our Sheikh, let it be a day of anger for the sake of Allah caused by the anger for Gaza.

Let it be a day of anger for Allah for it is high time this Ummah became angry for a day for the sake of Allah. Let the cause of this anger be anger for Gaza. We are in need for anger after it has

been forgotten and missing from our behavior. We smile bitterly while we feel torn apart from the inside.

Until when are we going to do that !!?

Until when, after discharging the four rockets from South Lebanon, it will be announced by formal sources in the news that "we were not involved"?

This statement seems to be like saying "I am not involved in prayer, I am not involved in fasting".

"Involved"??? have we reached this low level of subservience?

We have become in a disgracing state that each one of us says to people "I am not involved in becoming a fighter for the cause of Allah". How disgracing, how shameful it is...!!

If only one would say "I am not honored to be a fighter for the cause of Allah", if only the declaration would state: "I haven't been honored by this honor yet, and I wish to get it one day", it would have been the least the weak can do. But when one says: "I am not involved", it is a disgracing state said by the one who is able to strike or not.

The borders around Palestine are guarded and guns are directed to Gaza.

But Palestine will always exist, and we shall never recognize the Zionist entity whatever the East or West, the North or South, the inside or the outside want us to recognize it. We do not accept to let this criminal entity exist on our Islamic land. It should be eliminated from the world map... .

If this word leads to our killing, how sweet a killing it would be for the cause of Allah!

We shall not recognize this criminal entity about which the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: "The Jews will fight you, but you will be superior to them". Oh the Ummah of the billion and a half, the Messenger of Allah is true when he said: "the Jews will fight you". Don't you read in the Holy Qur'an: "Strongest among

men in enmity to the Believers wilt thou find the Jews and Pagans; and nearest among them in love to the Believers wilt thou find those who say, we are Christians" (Al Ma'idah, 82).

Talking about approximation of religions, it does not matter to talk about an Islamic-Christian dialogue, but do not include this criminal group. We have got enough of it.

Some of our own fellows would say: "Judaism, Christianity and Islam...", certainly not, for the Qur'an should not be equated with them. The Exalted Allah says to us that they are the most hostile people to Islam, while we accept 'approximation'! Do we accuse the Exalted .Allah of lying?

It is a Zionist game that spreads in the Islamic and Christian worlds played on the Sheikhs and priests. They are a little group of Jews who have been able to play on our own fellows.

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We feel that the Christian world is close to the true innate nature, as now, its people are trying to be acquainted with Islam and reconsider it, but the Jews are different people. Why should you lie to us and cheat us?

Even in the Enlightened Medina, the traces of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) are wiped off, while the traces of the Jews are preserved.

The house of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) in Medina is eliminated. It was said that the house of the Prophet (PBUH) might be the cause of polytheism, but the traces of the Jews should be preserved... .

I am unwilling to be involved in specific susceptibility , especially in this critical stage I feel its specialty. In this critical period, we should not stir traditional and non-traditional susceptibilities. Certainly, we are all traditionalists in following the Messenger (PBUH) and adhering to the method of his

Companions. We are all the people of *Ihsan* when we worship Allah as if we saw Him. We do not want internal struggle among us, for the struggle should be between Islam and non-Islam.

Oh brethren, the Book of the Exalted Allah calls us to support our people to enable them win victory, but if we are unable to do that, we have to offer money. Do help your brethren by supporting money, and if you can't, invoke the Exalted Allah to help them get victory. Do help them get victory by invocation. If you can, help them by cannons: "Allah puts no burden on any person beyond what He has given him" (At Talaq, 7), each from his own frontier.

Oh brethren, all that I aim at, at present, is that we do not go on playing, passing time and being heedless, indifferent and playful. We have to be committed to our identity. We have to understand the meaning of commitment, and be committed to commitment.

Allahum..., guide us to You favorably, and make us from those who listen to wisdom and follow the best of it.

I say my words and ask Allah's forgiveness.