

## LESSONS FROM KARBALA INCIDENT

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ  
يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ  
صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and avoiding all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this world and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters

Alhamdulillah we have come to the middle of Muharram. Several events that took place during this month can be useful lessons for all of us . Among them, is the incident whereby Saiyyidina Husain Radhiallahuanhu was murdered at Karbala, Iraq.

Indeed the aqidah of *Ahlussunah wal Jama'ah* requires its followers to love the entire *Ahlul Bait of the Prophet* (pbuh) for as long as it holds true. Allah the Almighty mentioned this when He said in chapter 33(Surah al-Ahzab) verse 33:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ تَطْهِيرًا ﴿٣٣﴾

Which means: *Allah intends only to remove from you the impurity [of sin], O people of the [Prophet's] household, and to purify you with [extensive] purification.*

Respecting the family of the Prophet (pbuh) is also the attitude of the Prophet's close companions. Sayyidina Abu Bakr Radhiallahuanhu loved the family of the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) deeply, and bethrothed his daughter Aisyah to the Prophet(pbuh). Although Sayyidna Umar was hated by the Syiah, he loved and respected the Prophet's (pbuh) family and married Ummu Kalthum binti Sayyidina Ali RA, the daughter of Fatimah binti Muhammad Rasulullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam.

Sayyidina Husain Radhiallahuanhu like his brother Sayyidina Hasan Radhiallahuanhu are the two most beloved grandsons of the Prophet (pbuh). The prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Tirmizi

حُسَيْنٌ مِنِّي وَأَنَا مِنْ حُسَيْنٍ أَحَبَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ أَحَبَّ حُسَيْنًا حُسَيْنٌ سَبِطٌ مِنَ الْأَسْبَاطِ

Which means: *Husain is from me and I am from Husain. May Allah love those who love Husain.*

Dear brothers and sisters

Although it is clear that the prophet (pbuh) encouraged us to love Hasan and Husain Radhiallahuanhu, nevertheless some people who are submissive to lust and power ignore this. The highlight was the murder of Sayyidina Husin Radhiallahuanhu on 10<sup>th</sup> Muharam in Karbala, Iraq.

History has recorded that Sayyidina Hasan and Husain RA have their own credentials as leaders. At the beginning of the liberation and division after the era of Khulafa 'Rasyidun, Sayyidina Hasan RA was willing to make sacrifice by appointing caliphs paid by some Muslims and then handed over to Mu'awiyah bin Abi Sufian, based in Damshiq. The events that took place in the year known as 'Am Al-Jama'ah, the year of unity, had been predicted by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) himself. The intelligence and personality of the Prophet's upbringing is inherent in Hasan RA; prioritizing the interests of the ummah, and willing to sacrifice self-interest for the sake of harmony and unity.

After the demise of Mu'awiyah bin Abi Sufian, the muslims communities were even more divided. With the the appointment of Yazid as Caliph, the Muslims observed the response of the living companions at that

time. Among them was Abdullah bin Umar, who gave his allegiance to Yazid, though he disagreed with Yazid's frequent actions of shedding blood. Meanwhile, Sayyidina Husain RA and Abdullah bin Zubair were against the appointment.

Their stand, however, was used by a group of munafiqs (*hypocrites*) in Kufah for political mileage. They sent provocative and false support letters, supposedly to assist opposition of Husain. At the same time, Yazid had sent a disloyal young man named Ubaidillah bin Ziyad to deal with opposition in Kufa.

Despite being advised by many of the Prophet's (pbuh) companions not to go to Kufah, Husain was adamant to go there because of pressure from his supporters. However, when Husain reached Kufah, all those who claimed to be his supporters deserted him and left Husain's entourage from Hijjaz to be slaughtered by the Ubaidillah army.

This incident was recorded in a book by Imam al-Bukhari which means:

*“Anas bin Malik Radhiallahuanhu,said: "Anas bin Malik Radhiallahuanhu, said: The head of Husain (who was beheaded) was brought to 'Ubaidullah bin Ziyad. The head was placed in a vessel. Then 'Ubaidullah bin Ziyad pierced (with his sword) and mentioned about Husain's good looks. Anas ra rebuked 'Ubaidullah saying, "Among the Ahlul bait, Husain was the most similar to the Messenger of Allah Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam." At that time, Husain RA dyed his hair with wasmah (ie a type of leaf dye)*

Dear brothers and sisters

Let us learn from the incident of the assassination of Sayyidina Husain Radhiallahuanhu in Karbala by working together to preserve the unity among Muslims. Despite having different political ideologies, let us unite so that this country remains under the power of Islamic rule. Avoid controversies and actions that can lead to violence. Muslims need to be wise in dealing with rumours, in order to avoid provocation that invites enmity.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 59 (surah a-Hasyr) verse 10:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَالَّذِينَ جَاءُوا مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا الَّذِينَ

سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيمَانِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلًّا لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٠﴾

Which means: *And [there is a share for] those who came after them, saying, "Our Lord, forgive us and our brothers who preceded us in faith and put not in our hearts [any] resentment toward those who have believed. Our Lord, indeed You are Kind and Merciful."*

بَارِكْ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعْنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ،  
وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ  
وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِيْنَ وَيَا  
نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِيْنَ.