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# The Struggle Between Truth and Falsehood

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All praise is due to Allaah who decreed that honour, strength, and victory will be attained by those who defend the truth until the Day of Reckoning. I praise Allaah as He is most perfect. He grants clear victory to the mu'mineen who remain true and persevere. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah alone, without any partner. He causes some to prevail, others to be defeated, and He is the Almighty and Most Powerful. I further testify that our Prophet Muhammad is Allaah's worshipping servant and Messenger. Up until the time he passed away, he struggled for Allaah as He rightfully deserves. O Allaah, send salaah and abundant salaam upon Your worshipping servant and Messenger, Muhammad, and upon his family, Companions, and all who follow their path until the Day of Reckoning.

Servants of Allaah, observe taqwaa of Allaah, remember that He always sees you, and repent to Him. The truly prosperous person is the one who has taqwaa and takes from his worldly life in preparation for his hereafter. "Protect yourselves from a Day when no soul can avail another in any way, none can ransom itself from punishment, no intercession can be of benefit to it, and none of them will be helped." [al-Baqarah:123].

Dear Muslims, there is a battle which Allaah decreed that will continue to blaze and its flames will not recede or be extinguished until Allaah takes back this earth and everyone upon it. That is the battle between truth and falsehood, guidance and misguidance, kufr and eemaan. It is a battle where good stands up against all manifestations of wrongdoing no matter how prevalent or dangerous they may be, and no matter how large their armies are. Thus, it is not a battle that was born today. On the contrary, it is one that has taken place continuously for ages. The aayaat of the Qur'aan recount them as Our Lord tells us about what took place; as a lesson and reminder to those who take heed, and guidance and admonition to the people of taqwaa.

The Prophet Ibraaheem, the Khaleel of Allaah, stood up against the worship of idols to which his people directed all their devotion. He did this to save them from clear misguidance, and so that all worship would be directed to Allaah and none else. Thereafter, falsehood retaliated against this truth using its most brutal schemes and harms, to the extent that it led to Ibraaheem being thrown alive into fire. However, that plot failed to achieve its goal, and Allaah made permanent record of that in the Qur'aan which continues to be recited. By it, He gives us a continuous reminder that the truth will prevail and falsehood will be defeated. Allaah recounted to us, "They said, 'Burn him and defend your gods if you really mean to defend them.' We [Allaah] said to the fire, 'Be cool and safe for Ibraaheem.' They plotted against him, so We made them the ones who lost and We saved him and Loot and brought them to the land which We blessed for all people. We granted him [Ibraaheem] Ishaq, and also Ya'qoob in addition to him, and We made all of them righteous." [al-Anbiyaa':68-72].

Another instance of this battle was where Moosaa raised the banner of truth against Fir'awn who raised the banner of falsehood. Fir'awn reached such a deplorable extreme that he went as far as telling his people, "I didn't know you had a god besides me," and he also said, "I am your lord, the most high." He even challenged the truth and threatened to punish its adherents by saying, "We shall kill their sons and leave their women to live. And we shall most surely overpower and subjugate them." [al-A'raaf:127]. However, Allaah willed for the truth to be victorious and falsehood to be defeated, and this led to the demise of Fir'awn and his army, and it also led to the safety of Moosaa and those with him. Allaah said, "So We revealed to Moosaa, 'Strike your staff against the sea,' and when he did so it split and each part was like a tremendous mountain. We brought the others [Fir'awn and his army] near that area, and We saved Moosaa and all who were with him, and then We drowned the others. Indeed, that contains a tremendous sign, but most of them were not mu'mineen. And your Lord is certainly the Almighty, Most Merciful." [ash-Shu'araa':63]

As for the downtrodden among Moosaa's people, Allaah blessed them tremendously by granting them leadership, authority upon the earth, and victory over the arrogantly oppressive.

Allaah said, “And We wanted to bestow Our blessings upon those who were downtrodden in the land and make them leaders and make them the inheritors. And [also] grant them authority in the land, and show Fir‘awn, Haamaan and their army what they feared from them [Moosaa and those with him].” [al-Qasas:5-6].

The struggle of truth against falsehood also ignited and placed the final Prophet ﷺ against Abou Jahl and the nobles of Quraysh, who suffered the worst loss of their deeds. Their misguided minds and miserable state led them to believe they could extinguish the light of Allaah with their mouths and stop the spread of the truth which had penetrated all the way into their own homes. However, the final outcome was what Allaah decreed: His religion and troops prevailed while His enemies were defeated and annihilated. That became manifest in the end when the Messenger of guidance ﷺ stood in this blessed Haram, in front of this sacred House, and destroyed the idols upon it while reciting the aayah, “And say: the truth has come and falsehood has vanished. Indeed, falsehood shall always eventually disappear.” [al-Israa’:81].

The struggle of Muslims today in Palestine, Syria, and Yemen is yet another episode of this battle. It is an ongoing living display of the truth standing up to defend its religion, freedom, honour, dignity, and all it holds sacred against falsehood and its oppressive occupation which violates dignity, defiles the sacred, and causes the earth and the heavens to cry out against such aggression. Servants of Allaah, although this struggle may endure for a long time, wounding many and requiring tremendous sacrifices, it still remains what it always was: upholding the truth, subduing falsehood, raising the people of eemaan, and humiliating and defeating oppressive transgressors. Today, if Allaah wills, it shall also produce strength and victory for Islaam and its people, raise the banner of truth, and lead to the humiliation and sorrow of spiteful oppressive criminals. This would be a blessing and favour from Allaah which he grants to whoever he wills among His worshipping servants. It would also be in accordance with the decree of the Almighty and Most Wise, as well as guidance and admonition to those who take heed.

One of the blessings Allaah has granted this country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as well as its brothers in the Muslim Arab coalition who came together to save Yemen is that the Decisive Storm operation was successful in accomplishing its objectives and securing clear victory. This has been followed by the Restoring Hope operation which has spread hope far and wide, restoring life and vigour. This has taken place by the generous relief efforts and strong support initiated and implemented by the leadership of this blessed country, the land of the Two Sacred Mosques, may Allaah increase its strength and honour, and may Allaah reward its leader, the Custodian of the Two Sacred Mosques, King Salmaan ibn ‘Abdil-‘Azeez. We ask Allaah to grant the best and most complete of rewards to him and his brothers, the heads of the nations who were part of the Muslim Arab coalition. We ask Allaah to graciously accept what they have done and continue to bless them with victory, grant them His kindness, and allow them to do the things that please Him. We further ask Allaah to grant them immense blessings and utilize them to uphold His religion, raise His word, and bring victory to His troops. Indeed, Allaah is Most Kind, Generous, Gentle, and Merciful.

May Allaah allow us all to glean benefit from His Book and the Sunnah of His Prophet ﷺ. I say this much, and I ask Allaah, the Most Great and Majestic, to forgive me, you, and all Muslims for every misdeed. He is indeed the Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

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All praise is due to Allaah. All dominion and praise belong to Him, and He is able to do all things. I praise Him, as He is most perfect. He is the Most Just Ruler, and He is completely

acquainted with all things. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah alone, without any partner, and I testify that our Prophet Muhammad is Allaah's worshipping servant and Messenger. He bore good news as well as warning, and he was a shining lamp. O Allaah, send salaah and salaam upon Your worshipping servant and Messenger, Muhammad, and upon his family, Companions, and all who follow their path until the Day of Reckoning.

Servants of Allaah, the innumerable lessons gleaned from the triumph of truth over falsehood in any battle inevitably strengthen the willpower of the people of eemaan. This allows them to remain firm upon the truth which they follow, and to beware of doing anything that contravenes or distorts the truth. In this way, Allaah would make His promise to grant them victory a reality, just as He did for the Salaf (early generations) of this Ummah. It is a promise of truth which is not revoked or changed. Allaah said, "It is an obligation upon Us to assist and grant victory to the people of eemaan." [ar-Room:47].

The lessons of history show that any time oppression and wrongdoing became prevalent and intense, that was an indication of its impending decline and the retreat of its troops.

Having full certainty and trust in Allaah, genuinely taking recourse to Him for assistance, patiently persevering, hoping for His rewards, and assisting one's brothers in all Muslim lands in every possible way are all factors which produce strong hope in preventing hostility, defeating aggression, and rejoicing over the victory Allaah grants His servants, and He is the Almighty, Most Merciful.

Servants of Allaah, the best final result will always be for the people of taqwaa. Victory, authority, and strength will be for those who patiently persevere and remain resilient. They are the ones who have full certainty that victory comes with perseverance, relief comes with distress, and hardship is accompanied by ease.

In addition, the attempts made by the hostile rebel forces in Yemen to compromise the safety of this country's southern borders are among the clearest indicators of their despair which has come about after they suffered repeated defeats, great losses, and utter failure in attaining what they sought. This is why all such efforts of theirs are futile and cannot yield any benefit, provide them with any hope, give them any significance, or build them any foundation. The end result of plots to do wrong will only return to the plotters themselves, and their transgression will only increase their demise and humiliation. When people unsheathe swords of oppression, they will eventually be killed with them as punishment. This is affirmed in the Book of Allaah where He said, "But when He rescued them, they rebelled upon the earth wrongfully. People, the consequences of your rebellion will be against your own selves. It is only brief enjoyment in the life of this world, then you shall return to Us and We will inform you about what you had done [and take you to account for it]." [Yoonus:23].

We seek refuge in Allaah from such oppressive rebellion, those who perpetrate it, and its detrimental consequences. We praise Allaah that the land of the Two Sacred Mosques remains a place of eemaan and safety. By Allaah's permission, it will prevail in the face of enemies in spite of their hostility. Its strength and honour will not be weakened by the aggression of aggressors, and its decisiveness will not be shaken by the oppression of oppressors.

Thus, servants of Allaah, observe taqwaa of Allaah, and always remember that Allaah has commanded you to invoke salaah and salaam upon the best of creation. Allaah stated in the best and most truthful of speech, "Indeed, Allaah and His angels send salaah upon the Prophet. People of eemaan, invoke salaah and abundant salaam upon him."

[followed by du'aa'...]