

Steadfastness Upon the Truth...

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Amidst tribulations and trials, and in times when injustice prevails and the voice of truth is silenced, people of ideology emerge, bearing the noblest and most radiant image of Iman.

Persevering steadfastness on the truth does not occur in times of comfort. Instead, it occurs when adherence to it becomes costly, either in life or suffering. There, the truthful are tested, the ranks are separated, and the resolute are distinguished from the vain.

Truth is not an opinion to be merely discussed, or a deal to be concluded. Instead, it is a light from Allah (swt), unchanging with the passage of time and unaltered by pressure from authority. Those who persevere in the truth do so because they know that this life is fleeting and that Allah (swt) is more deserving of obedience. In the Book of Allah (swt), we have many lessons and morals. Our master Ibraheem (as) confronted Nimrod, the tyrant who claimed divinity. He did not hesitate to argue with him, nor was he afraid to declare his belief despite the threat of fire. Instead, he said «حسبي الله ونعم الوكيل» "Allah is sufficient for me, and He is the best Disposer of affairs." He did not see the fire as a punishment, but instead as a test, so Allah, the Most High, made it cool and peaceful for him.

Likewise, the Ashaab ul Ukhlood (People of the Trenches) were an entire people that refused to bow down and faced the brutality of a king who wanted them to return to kufr or be burned in the fire. They chose Iman and death over humiliation and submission. Women, children, men, and the elderly chose the fire of this world over the Fire of the Hereafter. They were not Prophets (as). Instead, they were ordinary believers, but their steadfastness made mention of them immortal in the Book of Allah (swt).

Life is not rigid stagnancy. Instead, it is awareness and steadfastness in the truth, based on a deep understanding that what one believes is the truth that pleases Allah (swt). One will not compromise on the Truth, even if the world conspires against it. It is a stance generated by the heart and mind together; it is not merely rebellion, but a refusal to submit to what contradicts one's fitrah (created nature).

In our time, tyranny is rampant, and there are many attempts to distort awareness, dilute the truth, and distort the truth. Today, we are in dire need of steadfastness and taking a stand against tyrants. Steadfastness is in speaking a word of truth to an unjust ruler, or in defending the oppressed, or in being patient in the face of harm, because you do not want to surrender or compromise your principles. Truth in the face of tyranny is the legacy of the Prophets (as), the stance of the believers, and the secret of the survival of free peoples. Whoever is steadfast in the truth writes his history with his blood, his patience, or his word.

No matter how strong injustice seems, only truth remains because Allah (swt) is with truth, ﴿وَقُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَزَهَقَ الْبُطْلُ إِنَّ الْبُطْلَ كَانَ زَهُوفًا﴾ **“And declare, “The truth has come and falsehood has vanished. Indeed, falsehood is bound to vanish.”** [TMQ Surah Al-Isra: 81].

People of ideology are those who continue on the path, not because it is easy, but because they carry certainty in their hearts, steadfastness in their depths, and awareness in their minds. What is built on truth cannot be destroyed by injustice or shaken by false emotions.

When we say that people of ideology, the Deen, are those who complete the path, Gaza is the living definition of this saying. Gaza is where the battle between truth and tyranny is decided. Gaza is not just a besieged city, but an open conscience in the face of a closed world where a person is not measured by merely the number of breaths they take, but by the number of times they say “no” to the most brutal tyrants of evil. In Gaza, people have nothing to lose but their Deen, and they have decided not to give it up, even if they lose everything. In every destroyed home, and in every glance of a child looking up at the sky from his destroyed home, there is a renewed meaning of sayings such as, “Principles are more precious than the body,” and “Dignity cannot be traded for a loaf of bread.” Gaza is not just under bombardment; It is under a huge test of Iman. They watch the bodies of their loved ones being pulled from under the rubble, and they are patient and content, steadfast in their Iman, believing that the Promise of Allah (swt) is true and that His Promise does not fail. Allah (swt) said, ﴿مَنْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَجَالٌ صَدَقُوا﴾ **“Among the believers are men who have confirmed true to what they pledged to Allah. Some of them have fulfilled their pledge with their lives, others are waiting their turn. They have never changed their commitment in the least.”** [TMQ Surah Al-Ahzab: 23].

Gaza is the image of this Ummah. Gaza does not need anyone to mourn it. Instead, Gaza needs someone to understand its secret: it will not die, because its cause is its Iman, and because its Iman remains alive in the hearts of its children.

In Gaza, where pain rages, mothers shroud their slain sons with their own hands, then raise their heads and say, “O Allah, accept.” What kind of certainty in Iman is this? It is an Iman that is more precious than one’s life, and for which one sacrifices the most precious and valuable matters.

Every destroyed home in Gaza is a lesson to the world that tyranny, no matter how powerful, cannot triumph over those whose hearts are filled with Iman in its ‘Aqeedah (doctrine), no matter how weak they may appear. Gaza may be burdened by defeats, beset by sedition, and be suppressed by the forces of evil, but it will not die, for at its core lies an unbreakable divine promise. Allah (swt) said, ﴿وَكَانَ حَقًّا عَلَيْنَا نَصْرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾ **“For it is Our duty to help the believers”** [TMQ Surah Ar-Rum: 47].

We can say that the Islamic Ummah becomes ill when it strays from the truth, when it forgets its message, and when it neglects its Shariah obligation. However, it quickly regains its health when it sees the path of salvation with which Allah (swt) has crowned it with — this trust that will save humanity and rescue it from the rotteness of Western civilization. This is so that the Islamic Ummah may once again become the best of all nations, ascending to the heights of glory, and rise again, a promise that Allah (swt) has made to it of succession in authority (istikhlaaf) and empowerment within authority (tamkeen). Allah (swt) said, ﴿وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا﴾ **“Allah has promised those of you who believe and do good that He will certainly make them successors to authority in the land.”** [TMQ Surah An-Nur 55].

Every pain the Ummah is experiencing today, and every drop of blood shed for the sake of Allah (swt), is part of the labor pains of an Ummah that will return to its rightful place, in shaa Allah... and that is not difficult for Allah (swt).