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Sermon 1 : Self-carved good acts is not Taqwa

Sermon 2: Yaum Al Qods is first for Pakistan today

I invite you all and myself towards divine Taqwa and preach, invite you to live your lives in accordance with Taqwa and establish the system of life on the basis of Taqwa. It is the divine security plan for the protection of human life and without Taqwa human life leaves humanity. The current generation whether they are believers or not they are practically seen without humanity. The situation of world is such that humanity is seen abandoned and if man leaves humanity then he becomes more dangerous than beasts.

يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْأَهْلِ قُلْ هِيَ مَوَاقِيتُ لِلنَّاسِ وَالْحَجِّ ۚ وَلَيْسَ الْبِرُّ بِأَنْ تَأْتُوا الْبُيُوتَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهَا وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنِ اتَّقَى ۚ وَأْتُوا الْبُيُوتَ مِنْ أَبْوَابِهَا ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ {189}

They ask you concerning the new moon. Say: They are times appointed for (the benefit of) men, and (for) the pilgrimage; and it is not righteousness that you should enter the houses at their backs, but righteousness is this that one should guard (against evil); and go into the houses by their doors and be careful (of your duty) to Allah, that you may be successful

The first part of the verse is important which is related to Hilal which is the birth of new moon. It is the crescent which is just born and does not spread light. Hilal in Arabic means to publicly announce something. That moon which is visible is not announced, but the one which is very slim needs to be announced that the crescent is seen. Hence that face of moon which need to be informed to the people through announcement because not many can see it or they can see after announcement. But if the moon becomes bigger than this , then there is no need to announce because anyone who looks at the sky at night can be seen. Then also there are various names for the different phases.

People would ask the Prophet about this. The Muffassirin generally get away from the actual subject of Quran and present footnotes discussion. In this verse the people were not asking what is a moon and difference between sun. The Prophet has ordered the people to organize their affairs in accordance with the new moon. It was not that this was started by the Prophet but from past itself in Arabs it was common to establish the twelve months according to Moon. These twelve months were common before Islam and all their affairs. The Arabs had a council who would alter the months. Since at times Moharram , Safar does not come in a fixed weather and since in Zilhajj they had to do Hajj, they would alter the months. The Quran says that they had this act of altering dates. Even in now in Baltistan there is a program of Ashura e Asad. The elders announce when this Asad will start, at times they do it by looking at other factors. The Arabs also would change the dates as per weather season.

The Prophet was questioned about the order of Allah related to new moon. From Allah this order comes to the Prophet that when they ask you related to moon then tell them to organize their affairs in accordance with the moon. In Pakistan as well in the past there were three calendars in practical use. The farmers would use the Hindi months for their agricultural activities. The Hindi calendar is in accordance with the movement of Sun. The English and Iranian calendar is also as per

Sun. In Arabs most affairs were according to Moon and one reason was they could alter the days and events as per moon. The Prophet would be asked related to this.

There are many arguments necessary about Hilal because still in Pakistan this is an unresolved issue specifically when the time for Eid and Ramadan comes. There is no group that can present intellectual opinion on this as well. We will discuss about this in more details later the etiquettes for crescent sighting, its laws and use of technology is permissible or not.

The second part of the verse is related to Taqwa.

وَلَيْسَ الْبِرُّ بِأَنْ تَأْتُوا الْبُيُوتَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهَا

The Birr is not that you enter the house from the backdoor. The Birr is that you acquire Taqwa.

As we discussed last time that people have made alternatives for Taqwa, whereby they would use recommendation, intercession, compensation to protect from Allah on the day of judgement. On this Quran says there is no alternative to Taqwa and no soul will take burden of others, no compensation, intercession or support would be given to anyone. It is only Taqwa that would come to use for you.

In this verse also similar discussion. Here the alternative of Taqwa is a self-carved goodness which people have adopted. At the time of Prophet one Birr (goodness) which people had carved themselves was related to the resident of Mecca who would put on Ihram for Hajj and also had to visit their homes. So they made this law that if a Haji had to go home, he should make a door from the back of the house to visit his home. They would consider this person as sacred and a spiritual act that this person does not enter the home from the front door. People were doing this and there were some elite persons who were not doing this and instead would enter their homes from the main door. For others it was not permissible and was only allowed for the elites. One person did not like to enter his own house from the backdoor, so he went from the main door into his home for some work. He was Muslim and people were redoing Hajj in accordance to Islamic laws. When people saw this they complained to Prophet, that this is not permissible for a common man except elites. They got this person in front of Prophet as a criminal. The Prophet asked if he has done this, he said yes I have done this and when asked why? He said I am your follower, if you are breaking the back walls to enter the home I will do that only, but if you are entering from the front door then I will follow you as my Prophet. For me these people do not carry worth.

Here this verse got revealed. People were thinking that he has violated the sanctity of Hajj, he should have broken the wall of the house to enter home. They were thinking that this person has ruined his religion. The verse came to reform the people that they have carved their own religion instead of taking guidance from Allah and his Prophet. The verse says this is not Birr. So who has told you that Birr is the name of putting on Ihram to come from the back door?

Today there are many objective reference for these self-carved goodness's which Allah has not ordered, were not narrated by Prophets and neither did the Ahlulbayt (a) do or order. But in people these things are common as rewards. Our ex-PM sat in the aircraft that was flying over Mecca and Medina, he removed his shoes. The sanctity of city of Medina is not that you remove your shoes and walk in Medina, the Prophet was not walking in Medina without shoes. Similarly the other places which we have given the status of mosque and we apply the same protocol of mosques. Some people visit the shrines of sages and they don't show their back to their graves. This is not

religion. If we write the Tauzeehul Masael of religion which people have carved for themselves, it would be volumes. The damage of this is that people forsake the actual religion of Allah.

For Birr, we generally translate it as goodness. But goodness is not explained anywhere. In Arabic, Khair, Birr, Hasana, Amale Saleh are all different realities and have separate attributes. The Birr is a good act but for what reason it is called Birr? Birr is from Barr which means dry land but not of small area but having vastness like an ocean. The Arab would call Barr to that land which is spread so vast that the end cannot be seen. The same word is used for human acts as well by Quran. Thus Birr is that good act which has vastness and the possibility of creating more vastness. The way man is ordered to do Birr with parents, means such an act where there is vastness and facilitation where they can live a comfortable life. In every community there are self-carved goodness's. In Iran there are multitudes of such self-carved good acts. Similarly in Pakistan, India such self-carved Birr have been invented. The Quran says there is no goodness in this, and its waste of time and in fact taking people away from actual goodness. The thing which Quran has kept as the means of salvation is Taqwa. If we adopt self-carved goodness's then you will get distanced from Taqwa.

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Acquire Taqwa and you don't need any other self-carved deeds as Taqwa will fulfill all your needs and you will acquire Falah. The believers should know what is Falah and many acts whose results, objective has been placed as Falah.

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The most painful tragedy on Muslims is Qods and the second old pain on Muslims is of Kashmir. These wounds were inflicted at the same time and today there are other topics of Yemen, Afghanistan which has become part of it. It is a very painful story that due to downfall of Muslims, the worshippers of desires they destroyed the Muslim ummah for the sake of their family power and a name's sake worth which was present they even destroyed that as well.

These Arab Bedouins who have become leaders of various Arab states were mostly dacoits. They were treacherous people and British aroused them for power. That you are Arab and Turks are ruling, hence they gathered their tribes and started rebellion against Turks. As a result the entire Muslim land got divided into small parts and then in World war they finished the Ottoman Empire and established small states. During this period the British took advantage to hand over Palestine to Israel.

The Ottoman Empire had only one beauty that they were all united. The Arabs got the Muslim lands divided and made it possible for Israel for infiltration. It is the Arab who are first responsible for the formation of Israel due to their lust for power.

When Israel was made, they took the standard of opposition but behind the back they were strengthening Israel and today they have formally accepted and disgracefully submitted to Israel just for the sake of saving their own power. They are doing treacheries till date, they played strong role in making of Israel and for protection of Israel they played more disgraceful role. This continued till Allah sent a bounty of Imam Khomeini (r.a) who was an awakened leader, who presented the tragedy of Qods to people. He said they are treacherous Arabs would never solve the problem of

Qods. The people should fight for independence of Qods and made people attentive. Then Imam announced that the last Friday of Ramadan, through the world Muslims should become awakened and come out as Day of Qods. Muslim should become attentive and defend every Muslim land because same can happen with any land. Those who are blind for desires and lust they can prepare the lands for any Zionist. The Muslims should get freedom for Palestine, Qods and do not allow the tragedy of Qods repeated in some other land.

This day is the day of awakening and independence for the entire Muslims Ummah and all lands. This day has independence of Kashmir, Yemen, Afghanistan as well. But what happened before was that those who were hungry for power divided a big sultanate of Islam into small states, and did treachery. Then Imam took the issue of Qods from rulers and placed into hands of people. Now the enemies turned the direction of hatred which Muslims had with Israel, Hindus within themselves.

On one hand Imam announced Yaum Al Qods, and at the same time in Pakistan and outside sectarian movements started. Imam changed the direction of hatred towards Zionists, America and at the same time sectarian rifts started. The outcome was that the passionate Muslims sentiments were turned towards each other. The Shia Sunni hatred and we can see the example that every Pakistani has become a complete inflammable tanker of hatred. This hatred has taken a new direction and all this has been done with a planning. To divert people's hatred from enemies this chapter of sectarianism was opened. The Muslims hate Muslims. The Shias hate Shias, there were groups made to spread hatred amongst them and Ulama. The Sunnis hate Sunnis which you can see from the clips on media. This hatred worked and today Israel is dominating all Arab states and they have done allegiance to Israel.

The same act is being repeated in Pakistan. In Pakistan the satanic politics has been done from beginning, that is treachery, deception, lies which is the truth of democracy. When in the 80s, the hatred was started in Pakistan, the enemies took full advantage. In this Ramadan, every day the Zionists were torturing Muslims. Every day was hard on them, but they did not step back. One day they are killed and next day again they reach Masjid al Aqsa and in wounded state as well they come the next day. They have learnt this resistance from Imam Khomeini (r.a).

The same act is being repeated. The hatred started from Pakistan and spread globally which was benefited by Zionists and India. Now the new thing that has started in Pakistan is political hatred. The same has been done through power hungry persons. In Arabs the lust of power was raised by Lawrence of Arabia from England. They aroused the power vein and if the passion for power comes inside man then in the religion of Ahlulbayt (a), that most corrupt person is one who has love for power, fame. The Prophet also says that the roots of corruption are in love of power and leadership. Banu Umayyah destroyed the progeny of Prophet for the sake of power. Any community which has this kind of beastly power-hungry group is present they destroy the nation. This calamity is on Pakistan today. Why Pakistan had distanced from Qods and Kashmir, because the power-hungry people have changed their direction of hatred amongst themselves. The hatred now is in the political arena. For the sake of power they are sacrificing the nation, they are dividing the community. The political hatred is now being spread against Army and if the same happens that was done for Shias, then India will get a free Pakistan. Why Kashmir was easily usurped by India because Muslims were entangled with each other. Whatever has happening in Palestine, Kashmir I happening in Pakistan as well. This act which has started now in Pakistan is to give ground to enemies of Pakistan.

At one time , we had complained that why army is interfering in politics. But now the army is saying we are neutral. So we are not happy? If the army becomes a supporter of any party you are pleased?

For whom are you preparing the ground? You have already praised India a lot. India has announced that this is the last year for Muslims in India. So the ground which you have given is to cleanse Muslims.

Do not remain negligent from Palestine, Kashmir lese Pakistan will also not remain secure. Modi has said on these dates Gilgit Baltistan will become ours. Today is the day of awakening for all, and today is the day for Pakistan first and every one should participate, but since this announcement was made by Imam Khomeini (r.a) they do not come. Today is the day of support of Kashmir, Afghanistan, Yemen where enemies are killing Muslims and this is the day of awakening from all and awakening becomes freedom.

The way Imam has said Palestine will get freedom by communities and not rulers. The hatred which was spread in 80s, there should have been communal reaction to stop this but that did not happen. Today the hatred which is being started a big communal reaction should come to stop this now. This is my suggestion to all sincere persons of Pakistan for the sake of stopping this destructive politics you should demonstrate a communal intention to reply to these evil eyed persons in all cities, districts. This is the reply given by Imam, that when Ummahs come out in filed the enemies will become weak. These people will sell the entire nation. Those hungry for power can destroy anything. These power-hungry persons can destroy Pakistan as well but God willing this will not happen because the followers of Imam Khomeini are present and they will not allow. The way Nasrullah is present for Palestine today, the same Ummah in Pakistan will not allow them to destroy Pakistan.

Today there is summer, heat as well and you have to dominate this heat with faith and intention. You have to do this symbolic uprising for the sake of Palestine, Kashmir and when the time comes with a real uprising as well we will give salvation to Pakistan.