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### Khutbah: Laying the foundation for The Ummah

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

And We have not sent you (O Muhammad SAW) except as a giver of glad tidings and a warner to all mankind, but most of men know not. (34:28)

#### Laying the groundwork

- Allah SWT has sent about 124,000 Prophets and Messengers throughout the history of mankind but there is something special about Rasoolullah SAS.
- All previous Prophets came only to preach to their nation primarily or to their specific tribe but Rasoolullah SAS came to all of mankind till the end of time.
- Allah SWT says:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

<sup>28</sup>We have not sent you (O Muhammad PBUH), except as a messenger of good news and a warner to all people, but most people do not recognize. (34:28)

- And in a Hadith reported by Al-Bukhari from the narration of Jabir bin Abdullah (RA) who said that Rasoolullah SAS said:

أَعْطَيْتُ خَمْسًا لَمْ يُعْطَهُنَّ أَحَدٌ قَبْلِي نُصِرْتُ بِالرُّعْبِ مَسِيرَةَ شَهْرٍ، وَجُعِلَتْ لِي الْأَرْضُ مَسْجِدًا وَطَهْرًا، فَأَيُّمَا رَجُلٍ مِنْ أُمَّتِي أَدْرَكَتْهُ الصَّلَاةُ فَلْيُصَلِّ، وَأَجَلْتُ لِي الْمَغَانِمَ وَلَمْ

تَحَلَّ لِأَحَدٍ قَبْلِي، وَأُعْطِيتُ الشَّفَاعَةَ، وَكَانَ النَّبِيُّ يُبْعَثُ إِلَى قَوْمِهِ خَاصَّةً، وَبُعِثْتُ إِلَى النَّاسِ عَامَّةً ."

"I have been given five things which were not given to anyone else before me.

1. Allah made me victorious by awe, (by His frightening my enemies) for a distance of one month's journey.
  2. The earth has been made for me (and for my followers) a place for praying and a thing to perform Tayammum, therefore anyone of my followers can pray wherever the time of a prayer is due.
  3. The booty has been made Halal (lawful) for me yet it was not lawful for anyone else before me.
  4. I have been given the right of intercession (on the Day of Resurrection).
  5. Every Prophet used to be sent to his nation only but I have been sent to all mankind. (Al-Bukhari)
- Because of this, Rasoolullah SAS laid the foundation for this message to be done by human effort, by all who are his true followers
    - because no more Prophets or Messengers will be coming after him and this message must be delivered
  - Yes! As *Ahlu Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*, we do believe that in the end times, Prophet Jesus (AS) will be coming back, but he will not be coming with anything new.
    - In fact, he will be following the Shari'ah of Muhammad SAS.

## Not judged by results

- **Ibaadallah!** Let us be clear that we will not be judged on the results in delivering this message but on our efforts;
  - result is in The Hands of Allah SWT
- Today it seems that Da'wah is about numbers and speakers but in Hadith reported in Imaam Al-Bukhari and Imaam Muslim, Rasoolullah SAS said:

عُرِضَتْ عَلَى الْأُمَّمِ ، فَجَعَلَ النَّبِيُّ وَالنَّبِيَّانِ يَمْرُونَ مَعَهُمُ الرَّهْطُ ، وَالنَّبِيُّ لَيْسَ مَعَهُ أَحَدٌ

“The nations were shown to me and one or two Prophets would pass by me with a group (of followers), and a Prophet who had no one with him.” Narrated by al-Bukhaari and Muslim.

- It is also narrated by at-Tirmidhi and an-Nasaa’i from Ibn ‘Abbaas, who said:

لَمَّا أُسْرِيَ بِالنَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ جَعَلَ يَمُرُّ بِالنَّبِيِّ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ وَمَعَهُمُ الْقَوْمُ وَالنَّبِيُّ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ وَمَعَهُمُ الرَّهْطُ وَالنَّبِيُّ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ وَلَيْسَ مَعَهُمُ أَحَدٌ حَتَّى مَرَّ بِسَوَادٍ عَظِيمٍ

When the Prophet (SAS) was taken on the Night Journey (Isra’ and Me’raj), one or two Prophets would pass by him who had a community with them, and one or two Prophets who had a small group with them, and one or two Prophets who had no one with them, until he passed by a great multitude...

- Yet, all these Prophets carried out their responsibilities in delivering the message of Tawheed to their people and preached against anything their people worshipped besides Allah.

- So we have to go out and deliver the message of the Deen and organize those who are on the same path
- And we do so with the wisdom and methodology shown to us by Rasoolullah SAS.
- Allah SWT commands:

ادْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ ۗ وَجَادِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ ۚ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَن ضَلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ ۗ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٢٥﴾

<sup>125</sup>Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good advice, and reason with them in a way that is best. Indeed, your Lord knows best who has strayed from His path, and He knows best who is (rightly) guided. (16:125)

- **Dear brothers and sisters!** Living as minorities here in the USA, we have this responsibility to deliver the true message to both Muslims and non-Muslims
- The freedom we have may not last for long, and we will be held accountable for the opportunities Allah SWT gives us to share this message
- The question we should constantly ask ourselves: Did we fulfill our responsibility in delivering this message as commanded by Allah SWT and His Messenger?
- We should deliver to the extent of our ability as Rasoolullah SAS said in a Hadith narrated by ‘Abd-Allaah ibn ‘Amr (RA) who said that Rasoolullah SAS said:

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

“Convey from me, even if it is one verse.”

- Al-Haafiz ibn Hajar (RHM) said in Fath al-Baari: about this Hadith:

“Even if it is one verse” means that everyone who heard him (SAS) would hasten to convey whatever he heard of the verses, even if it was very little, so that in this manner everything that he (SAS) brought would be conveyed.

- Some other scholars explained this Hadith saying

If a person understands what he is calling people to, it makes no difference whether he is a great and prominent scholar or a seeker of knowledge who is serious in his pursuit thereof, or a regular person who has certain knowledge of the issue in question. The Messenger (SAS) said: “Convey from me, even if it is one verse,” and he did not stipulate that the Daa’iyah (caller) should have reached a high level of knowledge, but it is essential that he should have knowledge of that to which he is calling people. But calling out of ignorance or calling based on emotion is not permissible

### How do we deliver this message of Islam to people

**First:** It is important **to connect with the people** as Rasoolullah SAS did for 40 years of his life before getting revelation.

- If we are just to give talks and speeches to the people and they don’t know who you are very likely they will not give full attention.

**Secondly:** We should stand **for justice** for everyone in society.

- We know when Rasoolullah SAS was given the news of his Prophethood by Angel Jibreel (AS), he went home and told Khadija (RA) what just happened she answered:

كَلَّا وَاللَّهِ مَا يُخْزِيكَ اللَّهُ أَبَدًا إِنَّكَ لَتَتَّصِلُ الرِّجْمَ وَتَحْمِلُ الْكَلَّ وَتَكْسِبُ الْمَعْدُومَ وَتَقْرِي  
الضَّيْفَ وَتُعِينُ عَلَى نَوَائِبِ الْحَقِّ

"Never! By Allah, Allah will never disgrace you.

- You keep good relations with your Kith and kin,
  - Help the poor and
  - Help the destitute,
  - Serve your guests generously and
  - Assist the deserving calamity-afflicted ones."
- Note that of this happened before he was a Prophet
  - So if we help them in their social life it is the door to their spiritual life.
  - Isn't this the way missionaries go to Muslim countries helping them with their material needs then present to them the bible and convert masses to Christianity?
    - And here it is we take our freedoms to argue endlessly on Fiqhi matters.

### What are some Challenges

**First:** The purpose of Shaitaan is to let Muslims feel content with the minimum

- He makes us busy with Zhikr and Salaah etc. and make us care only about ourselves in self-purification
- While Zhikr and Salaah are part of Islam they are not the whole Islam.

- How can Zhikr and Salaah alone change the Munkar (evil) in society?

**The second challenge** is semantics of Quran:

- Sometimes lectures are about the speaker's eloquence and ability to play around with words in The Quran
- This kind of Da'wah acts as a pacifier to the Ummah, often diverting attention from real issues.
- The Qur'an has not been revealed for semantics and just its linguistic beauty albeit important but a Book of explaining
  - The correct Aqeedah, actions, laws
  - A guide for humanity to submit to Allah SWT, leaving off Taghut or false idols, injustices, exploitation, corrupt systems

**Third:** A victim mentality

- Often times Muslims live a life of a victim.
  - This has happened to us and that has happened to us and we complain
- Such a mentality can make us live a life of passiveness
- Rasoolullah SAS never lived the life of a victim because the life of a victim is a defeated life
  - even though for the most part of his Prophethood, he was victimized in so many ways.

- Just read the Seerah and see what he SAS endured and yet never complained but continued his mission to the end
- **Dear brothers and sisters!** We have to be courageous, if we have doubts or act with a defeated mentality **our future generation will not survive**
  - If all we can do is to complain about situation despite the freedoms we enjoy, then when will we convey the message that Rasoolullah SAS came with?
- In conclusion, let us reflect on what Allah SWT says:

لِذَلِكَ فَادْعُ ۖ وَاسْتَقِمْ كَمَا أُمِرْتَ ۖ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ ۖ وَقُلْ آمَنْتُ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنْ  
كِتَابٍ ۖ وَأُمِرْتُ لِأَعْدِلَ بَيْنَكُمْ ۖ اللَّهُ رَبُّنَا وَرَبُّكُمْ ۖ لَنَا أَعْمَالُنَا وَلَكُمْ أَعْمَالُكُمْ ۖ لَا  
حُجَّةَ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ ۖ اللَّهُ يَجْمَعُ بَيْنَنَا ۖ وَإِلَيْهِ الْمَصِيرُ (١٥)

So unto this (religion of Islam, alone and this Quran) then invite (people) (O Muhammad SAW), and Istaqim (steadfast) as you are commanded, and follow not their desires but say: "I believe in whatsoever Allah has sent down of the Book and I am commanded to do justice among you, Allah is our Lord and your Lord. For us our deeds and for you your deeds. There is no dispute between us and you. Allah will assemble us (all), and to Him is the final return. (42:15)