

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن تَتَصْرُّوْ أَلَّهُ يَنْصُرُكُمْ وَيُثْبِتُ أَفْدَامَكُمْ﴾

**“O you who have believed, if you support Allah, He will support you and make your feet firm.”** [TMQ Surah Muhammad: 7]

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Allah (swt) said, ﴿وَالَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَلَن يُضْلَلُ أَعْمَلُهُمْ وَسَيَهُدِيهِمْ وَيُصْلِحُ بَالَّهُمْ وَيُدْخِلُهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ﴾ “عَرَفَهَا لَهُمْ ۝ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن تَتَصْرُّوْ أَلَّهُ يَنْصُرُكُمْ وَيُثْبِتُ أَفْدَامَكُمْ” And those who are killed in the cause of Allah - never will He let their deeds go wasted. He will guide them and amend their condition and admit them to Paradise, which He has made known to them. O you who have believed if you support Allah, He will support you and make your foothold firm.” [TMQ Surah Muhammad: 4-7].

Those who spread falsehood, transgress, and oppress believe they can harm whomever they please and do whatever they want to people without accountability. They display arrogance, brutality, torture, and murder to terrorize people, and recruit some as henchmen and collaborators, who use instruments to inflict harm. They consider themselves an invincible force, beyond reproach or questioning. It is incumbent upon the believers to stand against them, restrain them, and prevent their harm. However, this is not achieved through mere emotion. Instead, it is achieved through obedience to Allah (swt), upholding His Deen, implementing His Shariah Law, and adhering to His methodology in governance and judiciary, coupled with sincere reliance (tawwakul) upon Him and steadfastness. The believer is not deceived by the power of falsehood, no matter how strong its dominion, nor is he misled by its allure; for falsehood is destined to perish, however long it may last, if the believers confront it with Iman, righteous deeds, and adherence to the Shariah Law of Allah (swt).

Then, Allah (swt) clarifies the honor bestowed upon those who are killed in His cause saying, ﴿وَالَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَلَن يُضْلَلُ أَعْمَلُهُمْ﴾ “And those who are killed in the cause of Allah (swt) - never will He let their deeds go to waste.” [TMQ Surah Muhammad: 4]. Their deeds are preserved and not lost. Indeed, they are deeds of obedience and for pleasing Allah (swt). And Allah (swt) promises them guidance and the righting of their affairs, ﴿سَيَهُدِيهِمْ وَيُصْلِحُ بَالَّهُمْ﴾ “He will guide them and set their affairs right,” [TMQ Surah Muhammad:5] then He rewards them with Paradise, ﴿وَيُدْخِلُهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ عَرَفَهَا لَهُمْ﴾ “And He will admit them to Paradise, which He has made known to them.” [TMQ Surah Muhammad:6]. That is, Allah (swt) will admit them to a Paradise He promised them, as if they had already experienced its bliss and tasted its glad tidings when they believed in the promise of Allah (swt) and engaged in Jihad for His pleasure.

And Allah (swt) said, ﴿وَلَا تَحْسِبَنَّ الَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتًا بَلْ أَحْيَاهُ اللَّهُمَّ يُرْزَقُونَ﴾ “And never think that those who have been killed in the Path of Allah are dead. Rather, they are alive with their Lord, receiving provision.” [TMQ Surah Aali

Imran:169]. With this honor, pleasure, and caring, Allah (swt) urges the believers to obey Him, to be devoted to Him, and to establish His Deen in their daily lives. The martyrs are among the noblest of hearts and the purest of souls; they are the most abstinent from worldly possessions and adornments, and the most eager to protect Muslims and their homes, sacrificing their lives in support of the Deen of Allah (swt).

بِإِيمَانِهِ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن تَصْرُّوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَنْصُرُكُمْ ۝  
Hence comes the call of promise and condition, **“O you who have believed, if you support Allah, He will support you and make your foothold firm.”** [TMQ Surah Muhammad: 7]. Supporting Allah is achieved by dedicating oneself to His obedience, without associating anything with Him by making Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw) more beloved to the believer's heart than oneself, one's wealth, and one's children, and by ensuring that the Word of Allah is the highest. This support is manifested in adhering to the Shariah Law of Allah (swt) and way in upholding justice and fairness in all aspects of life, and by not allowing fear or hesitation to deter the believer from supporting his Deen, nor letting the blame of any critic deter him for the sake of Allah (swt).

As for His saying (swt) **“And He will make your foothold firm,”** this firmness is achieved before the battle through thorough preparation, exerting maximum effort, and having sincere intentions. It is achieved during the battle when the hardship intensifies. And it is achieved after victory through steadfastness in obedience, establishing justice, and acting with wisdom and kindness, lest the victory turn into discord.

فَلَيَقْتَلَنَّ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ شَرُونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا بِالْآخِرَةِ وَمَن يَقْتَلَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَيُقْتَلُ ۝  
And Allah (swt) said, **“أَوْ يَغْلِبَ فَسَوْفَ نُؤْتِهِ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ۝ وَمَا لَكُمْ لَا تُقْتَلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ ۝**  
**“Let those who have sold the life of this world for the Hereafter, fight in the Path of Allah. And whoever fights in the Path of Allah and is killed or achieves victory - We will bestow upon him a great reward. And what is the matter with you that you do not fight in the cause of Allah and [for] the oppressed...”** up to His Saying, **إِنَّ كَيْدَ الشَّيْطَنِ كَانَ ضَعِيفًا ۝**  
**“Indeed, the plot of Shaytan is ever weak.”** [TMQ Surah An-Nisa: 74–76].

The believers fight Jihad in the Path of Allah (swt) to support His Deen, protect Muslims, break the power of the oppressors, and aid the vulnerable among men, women, and children; those who raise their hands in supplication, **بِرَبِّنَا أَخْرَجْنَا مِنْ هَذِهِ الْفَرِيَةِ ۝**  
**“Our Lord, deliver us from this city whose people are oppressors...”** [TMQ Surah An-Nisa: 74]. This is a call to rouse the Ummah of Islam: What prevents it from supporting its brothers and sisters and repelling aggression against them?! The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, **“مَا مِنْ امْرِيٍ يَخْلُلُ امْرًا مُسْلِمًا فِي مَوْضِعٍ شَتَّهُكَ فِيهِ حُرْمَتُهُ وَيُنْتَقَصُ فِيهِ مِنْ عَرْضِهِ إِلَّا خَذَلَهُ اللَّهُ فِي مَوْطِنٍ يُحِبُّ فِيهِ نُصْرَتَهُ وَمَا مِنْ امْرِيٍ يَنْصُرُ مُسْلِمًا فِي مَوْضِعٍ يُنْتَقَصُ فِيهِ مِنْ عَرْضِهِ إِلَّا خَذَلَهُ اللَّهُ فِي مَوْطِنٍ يُحِبُّ نُصْرَتَهُ ۝**  
**“There is no person who abandons a Muslim in a place where his sanctity is violated and his honor is attacked, except that Allah will abandon him in a place where he desires His support. And there is no person who supports a Muslim in a place where his honor is attacked and his sanctity is violated, except that Allah will support him in a place where he desires His support.”** (Narrated by Abu Dawud)

The reality in which nations are conspiring against Muslims must be a motivation to resume Islamic life based on the Islamic Aqeedah (doctrine) and Shariah Law, not

a reason for inaction and submission to the oppressors. Then, Allah (swt) establishes the difference between the two groups, **﴿الَّذِينَ ظَاهَرَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْإِيمَانُ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَيُّقْتَلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يُقْتَلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ الْطَّغُوتِ﴾** “**Those who believe fight in the Path of Allah (swt), and those who disbelieve fight in the cause of taghut (false deities and authorities).**” [TMQ Surah An-Nisaa 76]. The path of the believers is worship, obedience, and a clear methodology, while the path of the people of taghut is based on whims, systems, and laws that contradict Shariah Law of Allah (swt). A taghut is anything that is not based on Islam and that Allah (swt) has not commanded. Then Allah (swt) says, **﴿فَقَاتُلُوا أَوْلِيَاءَ الْكُفَّارِ إِنَّ كَيْدَ الشَّيْطَنِ كَانَ ضَعِيفًا﴾** “**Fight the allies of Shaytan. Indeed, the plot of Shaytan has ever been weak.**” [TMQ Surah An-Nisaa: 76]. Do not let falsehood frighten you, even if its voice is loud, for its schemes are weak in the face of true Iman and steadfastness.

And Allah (swt) said, **﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَشْرَى مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنفُسَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالُهُمْ بِأَنَّ لَهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ﴾** “**Indeed, Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and their wealth in exchange for Paradise...**” [TMQ Surah At-Tawbah: 111].

So, Allah (swt), the Creator and Owner, bestows upon His believing servants a great bargain: they sacrifice their lives and wealth in obedience to Him, and He rewards them with Paradise, a true promise in the scriptures and the Quran. And the believers fulfill their covenant with Allah (swt), **﴿فَيُقْتَلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَيُقْتَلُونَ وَيُقْتَلُونَ﴾** “**They fight in the Path of Allah (swt), so they kill and are killed.**” [TMQ Surah At-Tawbah: 111]. Nothing deters them from fulfilling it once the truth is clear and the path is evident. Then Allah (swt) concludes with glad tidings, **﴿أَسْتَبَشِّرُوكُمْ بِبَيْعِكُمُ الَّذِي بَأْيَّعْمَ بِهِ وَذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ﴾** “**So rejoice in your transaction which you have contracted. And that is the great triumph.**” [TMQ Surah At-Tawbah: 111].

And Allah (swt) is the One who guides to the right path.

Our Dua is **﴿رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَإِسْرَافَنَا فِي أَمْرَنَا وَثَبَّتْ أَفْدَامَنَا وَأَنْصَرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ﴾** “**Our Lord, forgive us our sins and our transgressions, make our foothold firm, and grant us victory over the oppressors.**”

Allah (swt) said, **﴿وَاللَّهُ غَالِبٌ عَلَى أَمْرِهِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾** “**And Allah is predominant over His affair, but most of the people do not know.**” [TMQ Surah Yusuf:21].