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### The victory of the people of Gaza

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ، وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ، وَنُؤْمِنُ بِهِ وَنَتَوَكَّلُ عَلَيْهِ، وَنَعُوذُ  
بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ، وَمَنْ يُضِلَّهُ  
فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ وَلِيًّا مُرْشِدًا، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ  
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ  
أَجْمَعِينَ، وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ: فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ: اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ تَعَالَى وَاحْشَوْهُ، فَقَدْ قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى فِي

كِتَابِهِ الْعَزِيزِ: ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ﴾<sup>1</sup>

Indeed, all praise and thanks are due to Allah, the Almighty. We glorify Him and seek His forgiveness for our sins, as well as His help and guidance in our affairs. In Him, we place our trust. I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah, and that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger. May Allah send salutations, peace, and blessings upon the Noble Prophet Muhammad! May these salutations, peace, and blessings also encompass his family, his companions, and all



those who follow him with righteousness until the Day of Judgment! Amen.

Then know, O servants of Allah! I advise you to fear Allah and cultivate Taqwa. In the words of a verse revealed by Allah, He said: "O you who have believed, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims [in submission to Him]."<sup>2</sup>

O Muslim brothers! Today, the voice of Palestine resonates around the world, marking the conclusion of a brutal war of genocide that has persisted for many days. For this, we praise Allah, the Almighty, and we celebrate our brothers and sisters for this victory. The brutal conflict against our dear brothers and sisters was unprecedented in human history. The Zionist regime had no choice but to cease hostilities. This is indeed a significant victory for the people of Gaza.

The Maldives has also demonstrated Islamic brotherhood in response to the aggression perpetrated by the Zionist regime against the Palestinian people. The people of this nation have united with the brothers and sisters of Gaza, spending their wealth. Furthermore, the Maldives has raised its voice in defense of the people of Gaza within the international community. The victory of the people of Gaza is a triumph

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2- Ibid.





in which our dear brothers and sisters in the Maldives participate.

O Muslim brothers! The victory of the people of Gaza resulted from faith, courage, patience, brotherhood, and fighting in the way of Allah with steadfastness and unwavering determination. Approximately fifty thousand people were martyred in the war, including children, the elderly, scholars, and many leaders striving for Palestinian independence. The entirety of Gaza has been devastated.

O Muslim brothers! Victory in wars is not determined by the number of troops or the superiority of weapons. Rather, it is founded on faith and patience. Allah has revealed:

﴿كَمْ مِنْ فِئَةٍ قَلِيلَةٍ غَلَبَتْ فِئَةً كَثِيرَةً بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ﴾<sup>3</sup>

“How many a small company has overcome a large company by permission of Allah. And Allah is with the patient.”

And Allah has also revealed: “But they never lost assurance due to what afflicted them in the cause of Allah, nor did they weaken or submit. And Allah loves the steadfast.”<sup>4</sup> These verses imply that the key to victory is faith and patience.

O Muslim brothers! With the conclusion of the war, the prisoners were exchanged. The sight of enemy prisoners in

3- Surah al-Baqarah: 249

4 - Surah Al Imran: 146 - 148



the hands of the Muslims was a moment of joy. Indeed, showing kindness to prisoners of war is a fundamental principle of Islam and a trait of true believers. Allah has revealed:

﴿وَيُطْعَمُونَ الطَّعَامَ عَلَىٰ حُبِّهِ مِسْكِينًا وَيَتِيمًا وَأَسِيرًا﴾<sup>5</sup>

“And they give food in spite of love for it to the needy, the orphan, and the captive.”

O Muslim brothers! Although the war lasted for many days and devastated the entire Gaza Strip, it teaches us many valuable lessons. The first lesson is that Allah will support those who support Him. Allah has revealed:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن نَّصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ﴾<sup>6</sup>

“O you who have believed, if you support Allah, He will support you and plant firmly your feet.”

O Muslim brothers! Lessons to be learned from these events include the way the people of Gaza reacted during times of war. The Muslims (of Gaza) acted with morality and without injustice. In Islam, injustice is forbidden. It prohibits wronging anyone, regardless of their religion. Even in times of war, Islam forbids the killing of children, the elderly, and women; the cutting down of trees; and the killing of animals.

5 - Surah al-Insan: 8

6 - Surah Muhammad: 7





It also forbids the destruction of places of worship of other religions and the harming of those who worship there. This reflects Islamic morality, even in the state of war. Islam protects animals and the environment as it does humanity. These principles demonstrate the tolerance and nobility of Islam, as well as its humility. The people of Gaza have exemplified Islamic morality in this war.

O Muslim brothers! When we speak of Palestine, Bayt al-Maqdis, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, every Muslim recalls the miracle of Isra and Mi'raj. This great miracle was bestowed upon the Prophet (peace be upon him) to affirm the truth of his words and to strengthen his heart. The journey of Isra and Mi'raj illustrates that the Islamic Ummah and Palestine will never be separated. Isra was the journey with the Prophet from Al-Masjid al-Haram to Al-Aqsa during part of the night. Mi'raj was the journey from Al-Masjid al-Aqsa to the realm of the heavens. Mecca and Bayt al-Maqdis are intertwined, serving as two beacons of the message of monotheism. Allah has revealed:

﴿سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا الَّذِي بَنَيْنَا

حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ﴾



“Exalted is He who took His Servant by night from al-Masjid al-Haram to al-Masjid al-Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Seeing”

This verse indicates that there is a strong bond between the Masjid al-Haram and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, a bond that will endure as long as the world lasts. Al-Aqsa is surrounded by blessed places. The Al-Aqsa Mosque is the second mosque ever built for the worship of Allah, and it was also the first Qibla for Muslims. The greatest sorrow of this Ummah is that the Al-Aqsa Mosque has fallen under Zionist occupation. It is a religious duty for the entire Islamic Ummah to strive for the liberation of Al-Aqsa Mosque.

O Muslim brothers! The Noble Prophet (peace be upon him) said that there will always be people who stand firm in defending the truth in Bayt al-Maqdis:

لَا تَزَالُ طَائِفَةٌ مِنْ أُمَّتِي عَلَى الْحَقِّ ظَاهِرِينَ، لِعَدُوِّهِمْ قَاهِرِينَ، لَا يَضُرُّهُمْ مَنْ خَالَفَهُمْ،  
إِلَّا مَا أَصَابَهُمْ مِنْ لَأُوءَاءٍ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَهُمْ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ وَهُمْ كَذَلِكَ، قَالُوا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، وَأَيْنَ  
هُمْ؟ قَالَ: بَيْتِ الْمَقْدِسِ وَأَكْنَافِ بَيْتِ الْمَقْدِسِ<sup>8</sup>

“A group from my ummah will remain adherent to their faith prevailing over their adversaries. Those who oppose them will not harm them, except for [occasional] hardships, until the command of Allah comes while they are in that state.” They asked, “O Messenger of Allah, where will they be?” He replied, “In Bayt al-Maqdis and its surroundings.”

8 – Narrated by Ahmed (22320). Shuai'b al-Arnaut Said: Authentic by corroborating evidence except for the wording: “The companions said: O messenger of Allah...”



O Muslim brothers! As Muslims, we have moral obligations to the Palestinian people. We must unite to raise our voices in defense of Palestine, pray for its people, and provide humanitarian assistance. It is our moral and religious duty to support the Palestinian people in the face of this humanitarian disaster. Allah has revealed:

﴿وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَهُوَ يُخْلِفُهُ﴾<sup>9</sup>

“But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it.”

O Muslim brothers! The Maldives is playing an exemplary role in supporting Palestine and its people. May Allah grant success to the leaders and the people of this country in these efforts! Amen!

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ  
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ. وَادْعُوهُ يَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْبَرُّ الْكَرِيمُ.

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## Second sermon

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا طَيِّبًا مُبَارَكًا فِيهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَيْهِ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ: فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، وَقَدْ قَالَ اللَّهُ فِي كِتَابِهِ الْعَزِيزِ: ﴿وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا تُرْجَعُونَ فِيهِ إِلَى اللَّهِ ثُمَّ تُوَفَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ﴾<sup>10</sup>

All praise and thanks be to Allah, the Almighty. I bear witness that there is no god but He, the One and Only, and that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger. May Allah send salutations, peace, and blessings upon the Noble Prophet Muhammad and his companions! Amen!

And then Know! Fear Allah, the Almighty.

O Muslim brothers! The uprisings across the Islamic Ummah, the wars against Muslims, and the ideological battles waged to undermine the Islamic culture and civilization have led to the weakening of our community. The humiliation we face stems from our lack of commitment to the principles of Islam. This is a result of prioritizing worldly desires and materialism over our religious duties. Regardless of how numerous or wealthy Muslims may be, if worldly desires dominate and a fear of death arises from the longing to live





forever in this world, we will remain weak. True victory for Muslims lies in strengthening our faith, believing in Allah sincerely, and holding fast to the Qur'an and Sunnah. It is found in fostering friendship, unity, and freedom from jealousy and anger, and in establishing Islam in our lives. Allah has revealed:

﴿ وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَىٰ لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا ۗ يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَن كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ۗ ﴾<sup>11</sup>

“Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession [to authority] upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves after that - then those are the defiantly disobedient.” And the Noble Prophet (peace be upon him) said:



(تَرَكْتُ فِيكُمْ أَمْرَيْنِ لَنْ تَضِلُّوا مَا تَمَسَّكْتُمُ بِهِمَا : كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَسُنَّةَ نَبِيِّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)<sup>12</sup>

“I have left two matters with you. As long as you hold to them, you will not go the wrong way. They are the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Prophet.”

Therefore, pay attention to these matters and commit yourselves to pursue meaningful reforms within the Ummah! May Allah grant us all success! Amen!

O Muslim brothers! Send salutations, blessings, and peace upon our Noble Prophet (peace be upon him)! Allah has revealed:

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا﴾<sup>13</sup> اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ، اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ. وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمَهْدِيِّينَ، أَبِي بَكْرٍ، وَعُمَرَ، وَعُثْمَانَ، وَعَلِيٍّ، وَعَنْ سَائِرِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ أَجْمَعِينَ. وَعَنَّا مَعَهُمْ بِكَرَمِكَ وَجُودِكَ يَا أَكْرَمَ الْأَكْرَمِينَ.

O Our Creator and Sustainer! Keep this beloved country safe and secure! Save this country from the darkness of ignorance and bring it to the radiant shore of guidance!

12 – Narrated by Imam Malik in *Muwatta'* (2618), It is a broken chain and al-Albaani has graded it as “good” due to corroborating evidence. See: *Mishkat al-Masabih* with the commentary of al-Albaani (186).

13 - Surah al-Ahzab: 56





Destroy immoral acts and corruption! May you grant peace and tranquility to the Maldives and the rest of the world! Have mercy on the Muslim brothers and sisters who are being persecuted and save them from the persecution!

O our Creator and Sustainer! Remove from us all diseases and illnesses! Heal the sick and grant them the blessings of good health and wellness.

O our Creator and Sustainer! Flourish our country, bless fisheries and agricultural industry and increase prosperity! May you strengthen the economic industries of the country and grant it prosperity and abundance!

O our Creator and Sustainer! Grant guidance, victory and strength to the leaders whom You have chosen to guide the affairs of Islam and the world in the path of reform. Forgive and have mercy on the dead and the living among us. Give us goodness in this world and goodness in the Hereafter and save us from the torment of Hellfire.

اللَّهُمَّ انصُرِ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَذِلَّ الشِّرْكَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ، وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْلِمِينَ الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي فَلَسْطِينَ وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ. اللَّهُمَّ كُنْ لَهُمْ عَوْنًا وَنَصِيرًا. اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ! ﴿رَبَّنَا



ءَاِنَّا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةٌ وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿١٤﴾ ﴿١٤﴾ وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ  
إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا

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