

PALESTINE

“And we have taken it upon Ourselves to assist the believers.” [Ar-Rūm, 47]

The history of Islām is filled with examples of small, ill-equipped armies defeating the ‘superpowers’ of the time with the help of Allāh Ta’ālā. The Qur’ān Karīm says: “Many a small army has overcome a mighty one with the permission of Allāh. And Allāh is with those who persevere.” [Al-Baqarah : 249]

The help of Allāh Ta’ālā is proportionate to the obedience of Allāh and His Rasūl Ṣallallāhu 'alayhi wa Sallam.

O Ummah of Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alayhi wa Sallam! Do not ever lose sight of the help of Allāh Ta’ālā. If the help of Allāh Ta’ālā is with us, we will never be defeated.

Our fervent Du’ā goes out to the Muslims of Palestine, Syria, and other parts of the world. May Allāh Ta’ālā grant them freedom from oppression. May Allāh Ta’ālā free Al-Masjid al-Aqṣā and the Muslim lands from the clutches of the disbelievers!

Nabī Ṣallallāhu 'alayhi wa Sallam said: “Jannah becomes incumbent for a Muslim who fights in the path of Allāh for (a short while). The wound or bruise suffered in the path of Allāh will appear on the Day of Resurrection as fresh, its color will be the color of saffron, and its fragrance will be that of musk.” [Tirmidhī, 1657]

No person can passively tolerate continued oppression. He is bound to stand up and protect his Dīn, life, and possessions. Islām teaches us to defend ourselves in whichever way possible.

A Muslim who is killed while protecting his Dīn, life, family, and wealth acquires the lofty status of Shahādah (martyrdom).

“The Disbelievers are One”

The Kuffār are a single “nation” who will always support one another. It is foolish for Muslims to look at them to provide a solution to the oppression of our brothers and sisters worldwide. Looking at the UN and Western countries to implement their resolutions to “liberate” Palestine is akin to asking a thief to guard the treasury.

Palestine: The land of the Ambiyā' 'Alayhim us Salām

Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm, Sayyidunā Dāwūd, Sayyidunā Sulaymān, Sayyidunā Zakariyya, Sayyidunā Yahyā, and Sayyidunā 'Isā 'Alayhimus Salām are some of the Ambiyā' whose mention is synonymous with the blessed lands of Palestine.

Our Nabī Muhammad Ṣallallāhu 'alayhi wa Sallam led all the Ambiyā' 'Alayhimus Salām in Ṣalāh at Al-Masjid Al-Aqṣā on the night of Mi'rāj. This was the first Qiblah of the Muslims and is the third holiest site in Islām.

The fight in Palestine should not be in the form of a liberal struggle for freedom. “Liberating” Palestine and then subjecting its Muslims to Western values like democracy cannot be the aspiration of any Muslim. The help of Allāh Ta’ālā can only be anticipated when the purpose is the elevation of the Dīn of Allāh.

While the safety of every believer is inviolable, the fight in

Palestine has a loftier purpose attached. This fight is one of Dīn and preserving one of the sacred hallmarks of Islām. The heart of every Muslim is attached to Al-Masjid Al-Aqṣā and the blessed lands surrounding it. Nabī Ṣallallāhu 'alayhi wa Sallam made Du’ā for these lands and praised the īmān of its people.

The atrocities being meted out to Muslims in these blessed lands reflect our weakness as an Ummah. As we moved further away from the lifestyle shown by Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alayhi wa Sallam, we have become the subject of utter disgrace.

The system of Allāh Ta’ālā regarding Al-Masjid Al-Aqṣā

Allāh Ta’ālā has a divine system for Al-Masjid Al-Harām in Makkah Mukarramah and Al-Masjid Al-Aqṣā in Palestine. However, the procedure relating to each of them is different. The Haram of Makkah shall be divinely protected, and the disbelievers shall never take it over. The event of the army of the Elephants mentioned in Sūrah al-Fīl (105) of the Noble Qur’ān testifies to this fact. When the Christian king of Yemen (Abrahah) tried to invade the Baytullāh, Allāh Ta’ālā destroyed him, his army, and the contingent of elephants he had brought. However, this law does not apply in the case of Al-Masjid Al-Aqṣā. Instead, as the verses (6,7,8 of Sūrah Banī Isrā'il) tell us, when the believers go astray and start indulging in disobedience and sin, Al-Masjid Al-Aqṣā will be snatched away from them and will pass into the control of the disbelievers. [adapted from Ma'ārif-ul- Qur’ān vol. 5, p. 469]

What should we do?

- ▶ Drawing Allāh Ta’ālā's help is the only way to assist the Muslims of Palestine, Syria, and other parts of the world. Following the commands of Allah Ta’āla and staying away from every type of sin is crucial in this effort.
- ▶ Endeavor to assist them in whichever way possible.
- ▶ All bāligh males should endeavor to perform their five times daily salāh with Jamā'ah in the Masjid.
- ▶ Make Duā that Allāh Ta’āla assists the Muslims and alleviates their suffering.
- ▶ Take out some ṣadaqah and thereby cool the wrath of Allāh Ta’ālā.

May Allāh Ta’ālā free Al-Masjid Al-Aqṣā from the clutches of the oppressive Jews and restore the Ummah of Rasūlullāh Ṣallallāhu 'alayhi wa Sallam to the honour it enjoyed during the times of Nabī Ṣallallāhu 'alayhi wa Sallam, the Ṣahābah and Tābi'īn Raḍiyallāhu 'Anhum. Āmīn

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