

# Golden Principle of Salaahuddeen Ayyubi Rahimahullah

During the reign of Sultan Salahuddin Ayyubi Rahimahullah, his ministers wanted him to enforce stricter laws for the Christian subjects living under his rule.

They claimed that Islam's laws were too lenient and that the corruption of these Christians could only be controlled by enforcing a stricter form of law.

Salaahuddeen Rahimahullah told them: "The Quran and Hadith are sufficient; no new law is needed. Allah Ta'aala knew in advance that the Muslims would conquer these lands and what kind of subjects would come under the rule of the Muslims. This law, revealed through the knowledge of Allah, will suffice for every type of subject. Even if we assume that these laws were insufficient, then too our purpose is to attain the pleasure of Allah, not to preserve our empire. If the empire (outwardly) declines due to the implementation of Islamic law, Allah Ta'aala will still be pleased. But if we enforce a new law and the empire happens to remain intact, Allah Ta'aala will be displeased. And we didn't conquer these lands to end up ruling in the displeasure of Allah."

(Malfoozaat of Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Ashraf Ali Thanwi  
Rahmatullah alaihi)

(Asl al-Ibadah 9: 245)



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