

## Who are captives in the way of God?

إِنَّ اللّٰهَ لَا یَغۡیۡرُ مَا یَقۡوۡمُ حَتّٰی یُغۡیۡرُوۡا مَا بِأَنۡفُسِهِمۡ ط وَإِذَا أَرَادَ اللّٰهُ بِقَوۡمٍ سُوۡءًاۤ اَفۡلَا مَرَدَّ لَہٗ وَمَا لَہُمۡ مِّنۡ دُوۡنِہٖ مِنْ وَّٰلٍ (الرعد ۱۲)

“Surely, Allah changes not the condition of a people until they change that which is in their hearts. And when Allah wishes to punish a people, there is no repelling it, nor have they any helper beside Him.” [Al-Ra’d 12]

In a very long period of human history, the attainment of knowledge was the monopoly of a certain class of society. And this class was that group of religious leaders who were remembered by the names of Priest, Pundit or Soothsayer. These people impede their followers from attaining knowledge by scaring them from various sorts of punishments and punishment in hereafter, so that their authorities over poor and illiterate people remain secure. Similarly, Allah the Most High had the knowledge that some people from Hadhrat Moses' nation by frightening their followers from the punishments (exile, boycott, prevention from speaking and title of disbeliever etc.) will make them captive on the name of religion. And then for the liberation of these captives and oppressed people, in the Mosaic succession Allah the Most High had given the news of a liberator. Such as Hadhrat Massih of Nazarat says;

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.” (Luke chapter 4 verse 18)

This liberator for Jews came on its time. He not only sown the seeds of truth, nevertheless he discloses the deceitful acts of the Jewish system and their theologians and Rabbis. Afterward by being the victim of violence of unfortunate Jews, this innocent person not only had to put on his head, the crown of thorns but after being hung on the wooden cross he calls his glorious Lord as! ایلی- ایلی- لما شقیقی؟ i.e. O my Lord! O my Lord! Why have you forsaken me? (Mathew chapter 27 verse number 47) Eventually, Allah the Most High by saving His chosen man from the accursed death on the cross manifested his truth and by protecting him, taken him away to some safe place.

From now, fourteen hundred years ago a magnificent book Holy Quran was descended on the heart of our glorious and merciful prophet Hadhrat Muhammad Mustafa Ahmad Mujtiba. Holy Quran proclaimed that everyone has right to know and recognize his Master and the Creator and his created universe. Allah the Most High says;

إِنَّ فِیۡ خَلْقِ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ وَاٰخِیَاطِ الْیَلِیْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ اٰیٰتٍ لِّۤاُولِیۡ الْاَلْبَابِ ۝ الَّذِیۡنَ یَذۡكُرُوۡنَ اللّٰهَ قِیٰمًا وَّتُحُوۡدًا وَّعَلٰی جُنُوۡبِهِمۡ وَیَتَفَكَّرُوۡنَ فِیۡ خَلْقِ ۝ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هٰذَا بَاطِلًا

سُبْحٰنَكَ فَقِیۡمًا عَدَّآبِ النَّآرِ۔ (ال عمران۔ ۱۹۱-۱۹۲)

In the creation of the heavens and the earth and in the alternation of the night and the day there are indeed Signs for men of understanding; Those who remember Allah while standing, sitting, and *lying* on their sides, and ponder over the creation of the heavens and the earth: “Our Lord, Thou hast not created this in vain; *nay*, Holy art Thou; save us, then, from the punishment of the Fire.

Similarly Allah the Most High says in another place; قُلْ سِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ بَدَأَ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ اللَّهُ يُنشِئُ النَّشْأَةَ الْآخِرَةَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ (عنكبوت-٢١) Say, ‘Travel in the earth, and see how He originated the creation. Then will Allah provide the latter creation.’ Surely, Allah has power over all things.

But the strange thing is that the religion whose beginning was taken place with Iqra (read); today its standard bearers by frightening ordinary people from punishments have placed a guard over attainment of knowledge. Like Mosaic succession, also in Muhammadi succession, Hadhrat Bani-e-Jama’at Ahmadiyya i.e. Muhammadi Maryam was given a glad tidings of a Messianic being Zaki Ghulam, so that he set free those who become captive and those who are oppressed. Such as Allah says in His Holy Words;

“His advent will be greatly blessed and will be a source of manifestation of Divine Majesty. Behold a light cometh, a light anointed by God with the perfume of His pleasure. We shall pour Our spirit into him and he will be sheltered under the shadow of God. He will grow rapidly in stature and will be the means of procuring the release of those held in bondage.” (Tadhkirah page 109-111, Majmua Ishtaharat vol. 1, pp. 100-102)

To block the way of this forthcoming liberator, some people have high jacked the Jama’at of Hadhrat Mahdi and Massih Maud<sup>u</sup> with a system, and then by dividing people of the Jama’at in this system in various classes and groups, began their strict monitoring. By snatching the right of freedom of thought from every Ahmadi, he is made hostage from his birth till his death and in this way even in his Jama’at, he unfortunate became a captive on the way of God. But every such system whose teaching are against Holy Quran, even if their administrator at every step to tell the bead of honourable Hadhur<sup>u</sup> and Hadhrat Mahdi and Massih<sup>u</sup> even then such system has no authority. Because it is not any spiritual system rather it is a religious mafia, who in the cover of religion by snatching the right of freedom of thought from their followers made them dump. And in this way people of Jama’at not only dumped rather indeed have been blackmailed. And all this toil and bustle is done to block the way of the liberator of the captives so that his appearance does not spoil the plan of some people.

Although our beloved Hadhur<sup>u</sup> said اختلاف امتي رحمة i.e. difference in my people will cause blessing, but despite of it in our jama’ati setup every new thought and every new opinion is prohibited. Those people who accepted Hadhrat Madhi and Massih<sup>u</sup>, what did they know that locks of compulsion will be put on their thoughts and they despite being physically free will become mentally enslave. This behavior of our administrators is absolutely against Allah the Most High, His prophet<sup>u</sup> and His Mahdi and Massih<sup>u</sup> teaching. The religion that honorable Hadhur<sup>u</sup> brought i.e. Islam and in his representation, the Jama’at that

Hadhrat Mahdi and Massih Maud' established its objective other than victory of Islam was to free human beings from physical and mental slaveries. But in our Jama'at it has been happened totally against it. In the impediment of religion free people were tied in the torment of mental imprisonment. If in our system anyone expresses new thoughts or a new opinion then hastily his mouth is shut up by saying that this person is spreading mischief and it is well propagated. With such person his parents and his brothers and sisters relationship is brought to end. And if despite of this, such person claim for freedom of thought then he is expelled from the Jama'at. And this is the very same old tactic that was used by Christian pops of dark ages (from 4<sup>th</sup> to till 14<sup>th</sup> century after Christ) on their believers. How much difference is in our words and deeds? And in 21<sup>st</sup> century i.e. in modern age, on Ahmadis, what could be more brutality than it?

Therefore, Allah the Most High says repeatedly to believers in His Quran that you do consider thoughtfully but our religious administrators have kept closed all the ways of consideration and opinion, in fact on the name of God. Be clear that in the religious world, the use of word mischief was greatly misused earlier and also misuse now. To support our baseless and false beliefs, we have also misused word mischief and are still using till today? In the world of religion or science if any thought, opinion or claim is without proof then it can be called mischief but such thought or opinion or claim that is with proof what does it mean to call it mischief? If in our setup, in the opinion of our administrators every new thought, opinion or claim is mischief, so then all those people that Allah the Most High have sent from time to time in the world or those people who by making new discoveries increased human knowledge, they all become mischievous. Whereas they all were not mischievous rather wisdom cherisher because they light up the candles of guidance and wisdom by taking out human from the devastations of the deviation from the right path and from the brutalities of ignorance. I ask my religious administrators that in their sight these people of the past were mischievous or wisdom cherisher? And if not then nowadays why have you prohibited fresh thoughts? Today why you call to every reasonable thought, opinion or claim mischievous? And what reason do you have for this offence? If you would have been in the age of these past Holy people, you must deny them too.

آئین نو سے ڈرنا طرز کہن پہ اڑنا منزل یہی کٹھن ہے قوموں کی زندگی میں

(To fear from new formation to stuck on old style Difficult is this very journey in the life of nations)

In the revealed prophecy of 20<sup>th</sup> February 1886, people of the Jama'at were given clear news of their captivity. Khalifa Sani by holding the people of Jama'at in captivity has testified the truthfulness of the revealed prophecy. If now the wording of being held in captivity has been fulfilled then Insha-Allah the most High the event of procuring the release of those held in captivity must also is about to appear. People of Jama'at are appealed that today Hadhrat Bani-e-Jama'at علیہ السلام's promised Zaki Ghulam is present among you and he is successively busy in making every effort for your salvation. He is calling upon you. You have given enough sacrifices to be held in captiv-

ity; now wakeup and make sacrifices for your liberation. Remember that the verdict of Allah the most High is very true that He does not change the condition of a people until the time they try to change their condition themselves. It is my prayer for you that Allah the Most High grant you the understanding and also very soon give you liberation form captivity. (آمین)

Humbly

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