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Al - Wala and Al - Bara

One of the major aspects of Islamic Creed is that every Muslim must have love and loyalty to all Muslims (this is called al - Wala) and dislike/hate every non-believer (this is called Al-Bara). This is the religion of Prophet Ibrahim and his followers whom we were ordered to have as an example for us. The Almighty Allah said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"Indeed there has been an excellent example for you in Ibrahim and those with him, when they said to their people: 'Verily, we are free from you and whatever you worship besides Allah, we have rejected you, and there has started between us and you, hostility and hatred forever until you believe in Allah alone.'" [60:4].

And it is the religion of Mohammed . The Almighty Allah said in the Qur'an which meaning

is translated as:

"O you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians as 'Auliya' (friends, protectors, helpers, etc.). They are but 'Auliya' to one another. And if any amongst you takes them as 'Auliya', then surely he is one of them. Verily, Allah guides not those people who are the 'Zalimun' (polytheists and wrong-doers)."[5:51].

This verse is to forbid and prohibit making the people of the Book (Christians and Jews) friends or protectors. But in this coming verse, Allah made it forbidden to make all of the non-believers as friends. The Almighty Allah said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"O you who believe! Take not My enemies and your enemies (disbelievers and polytheists) as friends." [60:1].

Allah made it forbidden on the believers to have the non-believers as friends even if they are

very close relatives to them. The Almighty Allah said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"O you who believe! Take not as 'Auliya' (supporters and helpers and friends) your fathers and your brothers if they prefer disbelief to belief. And whoever of you does so, then he is one of the 'Zalimun' (wrongdoers, etc.)." [9:23].

Also the Almighty Allah said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"You (O Mohammed) will not find any people who believe in Allah and the Last Day, making friendship with those who oppose Allah and His Messenger (Mohammed), even though they were their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers or their kindred (people)." [58:22].

A lot of people do not know about this major concept. You even hear lot of people, who are counted as preachers for Islam, call the non-believers brothers ... a very dangerous word.

As Allah made it forbidden to like and make friendship with non-believers, He made it obligatory to love and make friendship with all believers. The Almighty Allah said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"Verily, your 'Wali' (protector or helper) is Allah, His Messenger, and the believers those who perform 'As-Salat' (prayer) and give 'Zakat' (obligatory charity), and they who bow down (submit themselves with obedience to Allah in prayer). And whosoever takes Allah, His Messenger, and those who have believed, as protectors, then the party of Allah will be the victorious". [5:55-56]. Also the Almighty Allah (SWT) said in the

Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"Mohammed is the Messenger of Allah, and those who are with him are severe against disbelievers. and merciful among themselves .." [48-29].

Also the Almighty Allah said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"The believers are nothing else than brothers (in Islamic religion)." [49:10].

So believers are brothers in the Islamic religion and in the right creed even if they are not related to each other and they live in different countries and in different times. The Almighty Allah said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"And those who came after them say: 'O Lord! Forgive us and our brethren who have preceded us in Faith, and put not in our hearts any hatred against those who have believed. Our Lord! You are indeed full of Kindness, Most Merciful.'" [59:10].

So believers from the beginning of creation until the end of it, regardless of the distance between their land or time, are brothers. They love each other and the latter generation follows the

earlier generation and they supplicate Allah for each other.

The following are signs which point out Al-Wala and Al-Bara (like and dislike):

First:- Signs (indications) of loving the non-believers

1- Imitating them in their clothes, speech and other things. Because imitating them in their clothes (the way they dress) and speech (the way they talk) means that the one imitating them likes them, so the Prophet ﷺ said which meaning is translated as:

"Whoever imitates a group (of people), then he is one of them." [Reported by Abu Dawoud]

So it is forbidden to imitate the non-believers in their specific traditions, their worshipping, their morals (such as shaving their beards), speaking their language except for necessary purposes, wearing their clothes and eating and

drinking like them or any other way of imitating them.

2- Living in their countries:- Migrating from the land of non-believers is obligatory on every Muslim if he or she can do so, the Almighty Allah (SWT) said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"Verily! As for those whom the angels take (in death) while wronging themselves (as they stayed among the disbelievers even though emigration was obligatory for them), they (angels) say (to them): 'In what (condition) were you?' They reply: 'We were weak and oppressed on earth.' They (angels) say: 'Was not the earth of Allah spacios enough for you to emigrate therein?' Such men will find their abode in Hell - what on evil destination! Except the weak ones among men, women and children who cannot devise a plan, nor are they able to direct their way." [4:97-98].

So Allah (SWT) does not excuse anyone to stay and live in the land of non-believers except the weak ones who are not capable of migrating from the land of non-believers, and also the ones who are staying for Da'wah (preaching Islam) purposes.

3- Traveling to their land for vacations and self pleasure :

Travelling to the land of non-believers is forbidden except for necessity such as seeking medical treatment, commerce, or seeking knowledge in subjects which can only be achieved by travelling to them. So it is permitted to travel to their land for these purposes, but as soon as the purpose is over, the person must leave their land. Also, one can only travel to the non-believers country if he or she can practice his or her Islamic duties with pride. Also, it is permitted and even obligatory sometimes to travel to their land for *Da'wh* (preaching Islam) purposes.

4- Helping them against Muslims, praising them and defending them:

This is a nullifier of Islam.

5- Seeking their help, taking them as consultants, trusting and assigning them to a high management position which will give them access to confidential matters of Muslims:-

The Almighty Allah said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"O you who believe! Take not as (your) 'Bitanah' (advisors, consultants, helpers, friends, etc.) those outside your religion (pagans, Jews, Christians, and hypocrites) since they will not fail to do their best to corrupt you. They desire to harm you severely, Hatred has already appeared from their mouths, but what their breasts conceal is for worse Indeed We have made plain to you the 'Ayat' (proofs) if you understand. Lo! You are the ones who love them but they love you not. and you believe in all the Scriptures

[i.e. you believe in the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel) while they disbelieve in your Book, the Qu'ran]. And when they meet you, they say, 'We believe.' But when they are alone, they bite the tips of their fingers at you in rage. Say: 'Perish in your rage. 'Certainly, Allah knows what is in the breasts (all the secrets). If a good befalls you, it grieves them, but if some evil overtakes you, they rejoice at it ... " [3:118-120].

So, these verses explain the feelings of non-believers toward Muslims and also their hate (dislike) of Muslims and their planning against them using deception and betrayal. Also their desire to harm the Muslims and hurt them in any way they can. They also take advantage of the Muslims trust in them, by planning to harm the Muslims. Imam Ahmed reported that Abu-Musa Al-Ashari said: "I told Omar Ibn-Al Kahattab, I have a Christian writer, so Omar said, 'Allah's curse be on you, did not you hear what Allah

said (which meaning is translated as:

"O you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians as auliya (friends, helpers) they are but auliya to one another"[5:51].

Why don't you hire a Hanif (one who believes the oneness of Allah). Abu-Musa said: 'O leader of the believers (Omar Ibn-Al Khattab) his writing is for me and his religion is for him 'Omar said, 'I don't honor them when Allah (SWT) disgraced them, nor I will honor them when Allah has humiliated them nor do I bring them close to me after Allah has kept them away."

Also Imam Ahmad and Muslim reported that the Prophet ﷺ was going for the battle of (Badr) and one non-believer was following him until he caught up with him at Al-Harrah and the man said: "I wanted to follow you and fight with you. So the Prophet ﷺ asked him which meaning is translated as:

"Do you believe in Allah and His Messenger?" The man said: "No", so the Prophet ﷺ said: "Go back I will not seek help from a non-believer."

So, from these verses and Ahadeeths we find it forbidden to let non-believers be in charge of the Muslim's duties where they have access to the secrets of Muslims as they could harm the Muslims. For example; bringing them to the holy land of the two holy Mosques, living with Muslims in their houses or working for a Muslim, which will give them a chance to harm the Muslims.

6- Using their calender as it represents their religion marking the birth of Jesus in remembrance of Jesus birthday:- This is not from the religion of Jesus but they innovated it. So using this date is joining them in their religion and belief. To avoid using this date (calendar), the companions of the Prophet ﷺ decided to have a

calendar for Muslims at the time of Omar Ibn Al-Khattab. They avoided the calendar of non-believers and established the Hijri calendar which starts at the time of the migration of the Prophet ﷺ from Makkah to Al-Madina. This shows us that we must always avoid following the way (path) of non-believers and we must contradict them.

7- Joining them in their holidays, helping them celebrate their holidays or greeting and congratulating them for their holidays:- Some scholars said that the meaning of this verse in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"And those who do not witness falsehood." [25:72] refers to the believers who do not attend the non-believers' holidays.

8- Praising them and talking about their civilisation and morals without looking at their wrong deeds and incorrect beliefs:-

The Almighty Allah (SWT) said in the

Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"And extend not your eyes in longing for the things We have given for enjoyment to various groups of them (polytheists and disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah), the splendour of the life of this world that We may test them thereby. But the provision (good reward in the Hereafter) of your Lord is better and more lasting." [20:131].

This does not mean that Muslims are not allowed to be strong by learning from them about commercial manufacturing or industrialisation and military planning. As a matter of fact, we should learn these strengthening factors.

The Almighty Allah (SWT) said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"And make ready against them all you can of power ... " [8:60].

These benefits and universal secrets were originally created for Muslims.

The Almighty Allah (SWT) said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"Say (O Mohammed): 'Who has forbidden the adornment with clothes given by Allah, which He has produced for His slaves, and 'At-Taiyibat' [all Kinds of 'Halal' (lawful) things] of food?' Say: 'They are, in the life of this world, for those who believe, and exclusively for them (believers) on the Day of Resurrection (the disbelievers will not share them)." [7:32].

Also the Almighty Allah (SWT) said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"And has subjected to you all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth; it is all as a favour and kindness from Him (Allah)..."[45:13]

Also the Almighty Allah (SWT) said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"He it is Who created for you all that is on Earth."[2:29].

So it is the Muslims duty to be the first to take advantage of these benefits and prevent non-believers from getting to it or benefitting from it.

9- Naming children by their names instead of the names of their Muslim fathers, grandfathers and the names used in the Muslim's communities:-

The Prophet ﷺ said which meaning is translated as: "The best names to Allah are Abdullah and AbdulRahman"[reported by Muslim] Because of changing names, new generations of Muslims have strange names, which led to the seperation of this generation and the previous generation, and seperates the acquaintance between families whom were known by their special names.

10- Seeking forgiveness and mercy from Allah for them as this is tantamount to loving them and agreeing with them in their belief:-

Allah has forbidden this by the verse in the Qur'an which the meaning is translated as: " It is not proper for the Prophet and those who believe to ask Allah's forgiveness for the 'Mushrikun' (polytheists, idolaters, pagans, and disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah) even though they be of kin, after it has become clear to them that they are the dwellers of the Fire (because they died in a state of disbelief)." [9:113]

11- The ruling of seeking the help of the disbelievers in jobs, wars and other such things:-

A - For employment; Allah has forbidden that by saying which meaning has been translated as: "O you who believe! Take not as (your) Bitanah (advisors, consultants, protectors, helpers, friends,etc.) those outside your religion (pagans, jews, christians and hypocrites) since they will not fail to do their best to corrupt you. They desire to harm you severely.

Hatred has already appeared from their

mouths, but what their breasts conceal is far worse.” [3:118]

Al-Baghwi said: “Take not as (your) Bitanah those outside your religion” means Aulia (Friends, helpers, etc) from other religions. The Bitanah of the man is his close friends, then Allah explained the reason of forbidden taking them Bitanah, He said which meaning has been translated as: “they will not fail to do their best to corrupt you” means they will not fail to do their best to do what ever will harm you .

Sheikh Al-Islam Ibn Taimiyah said : Those who have experience have learned that the people of Thimmah (those who have been given the permission to live in the Muslim community and pay dues) among the Jews, Christians and hypocrites, write to their people information about the Muslims and whatever secrets they have the ability to see. For this reason and other reasons, they were prevented from having leadership over the Muslims (in jobs) but

using those with less qualifications (among the Muslims) is more beneficial for the Muslims in their religion and life, and a few of the lawful will be blessed by Allah and a lot of the unlawful will go to waste and Allah will destroy it [summarized from Fatawa Sheikh Al Isalm, 28, 646].

It has been clarified from what has been said previously:

1- It is forbidden to assign a disbeliever the leadership over the Muslims or expose the secrets of the Muslims to the disbelievers such as taking them managers or consultants for Allah's saying which meaning has been translated as:

“ O you who believe! Take not as (your) bitanah (advisors, consultants, protectors, helpers, friends, etc) those outside your religion (Pagans, Jews, Christians, and hypocrites) since they will not fail to do their best to corrupt you.” [3 : 118] or hire them as employers in the Islamic government .

2- It is permissible to hire the disbelievers to perform side work which does not have any danger on the Islamic government such as road guidance and other such things such as building buildings, road works as long as there are no Muslims capable of doing these jobs.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ and Abu Baker رضي الله عنه hired a man from Bani Addeal to guide them to Madinah when they migrated from Makkah.

B: Seeking their help (the disbelievers) during wars: There is a dispute in this issue among the scholars, and the correct opinion is, that it is lawful to seek their help when it is necessary with a condition that the one to ask for help is trustful in Jihad. Ibn Al-Qayyim said regarding the advantages of Al-Hodaibiah peace agreement: Also, seeking the help of the trustful pagan in Jihad is lawful if necessary, also there is an advantage of him being close to the enemy and collect information. It is lawful if necessary

as it has been reported by Az- Zuhry that the Messenger ﷺ asked for the help of some Jews during the battle of Khaibar in the seventh year. Also Safwan witnessed the battle of Hunain when he was a disbeliever. The necessity meant here is for example, if the disbelievers are more in (manpower) than the Muslims with the condition that the disbeliever has good advice for the Muslims, but if there is no necessity, it is unlawful to seek their help because the disbelievers can't be trusted.

Second:- Signs (indications) of 'Mowalat' (loving) the believers.

1- Emigrating from the land of non-believers to the land of believers:- Emigration is moving from the land of non-believers to the land of believers to protect one's religion. So, emigration in this meaning and for this purpose will exist until the Last Day. The Prophet ﷺ declared his freedom of obligations from every Muslim who lives (between the backs of disbelievers) in the

land of disbelievers. So it is forbidden for any Muslim to live in the land of disbelievers unless he can not emigrate from it or there are benefits from his living in the land of disbelievers such as preaching for Islam. The Almighty Allah said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

"Verily! As for those whom the angels take (in death) while wronging themselves (as they stayed among the disbelievers even though emigration was obligatory for them) they (angels) say (to them): In what (condition) were you? They reply, we were weak and oppressed on Earth. They (angels) say: Was not the Earth of Allah spacious enough for you to emigrate therein? such men will find their abode in Hell. What an evil destination! Except the weak ones among men, women and children who cannot devise a plan, nor are they able to direct their way. "[4:97 - 98].

2- Helping the believers by wealth and word for whatever they need in their life and religion:-

The Almighty Allah said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

“ The believers, men and women are ‘Auliya’ (helpers, supporters, friends, and protectors) of one another ... “ [9:71].

The Almighty Allah (SWT) also said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

“ ... but if they seek your help in religion, it is your duty to help them except against a people with whom you have treaty of mutual alliance. “ [8:72].

3- If they (believers) are hurt, you should feel hurt also and if they are happy, you too should feel happy:- The Prophet ﷺ said which meaning is translated as:

“ You see the believers as regards their being

merciful among themselves, showing love among themselves, and being kind among themselves, resembling one body, so that if any part of the body is not well then the whole body share the sleeplessness and fever with it. “ [Reported by Al-Bukhari].

And He ﷺ also said which meaning is translated as: “ A believer to another believer is like a building whose different parts enforce each other.” The Prophet ﷺ then clasped his hands with the fingers interlocked. [Reported by Al-Bukhari].

4- Caring for them (the believers), looking for what is good for them and never cheating them:- The Prophet ﷺ said which meaning is translated as:

“ None of you will have complete faith unless he loves for his brothers (believers) what he loves for himself. “ [Reported by Al-Bukhari] .

And he ﷺ also said:

“ A Muslim is the brother of Muslim. He doesn't oppress him nor abandons him to an oppressor nor does he look down upon him. It is sufficient sin for a man to look down upon his brother Muslim. Everything of a Muslim is sanctified for another Muslim: his blood, his honour and his property.” [Reported by Al-Bukhari].

And he ﷺ said which meaning is translated as:

“ Do not hate one another, and do not be jealous of one another; and do not sever ties (cut your relation) with one another, and O Allah's worshippers, be brothers.” [Reported by Muslim].

5- Respect them (the believers) and do not disparage them:-

The Almighty Allah said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

“ O you who believe! Let not a group scoff at another group, it may be that the latter are better than the former; nor let (some) women scoff at other women; it may be that the latter are better than the former, nor defame one another, nor insult one another by nicknames. How bad is it, to insult one’s brother after having Faith (i.e. to call a Muslim brother; O sinner or O wicked). And whosoever does not repent, then such are indeed ‘ Zalimun’ (wrong - doers). O you who believe! Avoid much assumption, indeed some assumptions are sins, and spy not, neither backbite one another. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? You would hate it (so hate backbiting). And fear Allah. Verily, Allah is the One who accepts repentance, Most Merciful.” [49:11-12]

6- He should be with them (the believers) during their hardship and relief or during difficulties and comfort (well being), not like

hypocrites who will be there during the relief or comfort but when the hardship comes and things get difficult on Muslims, they disappear:-

The Almighty Allah said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

“ Those (hypocrites) who wait and watch about you; if you gain a victory from Allah, they say: ‘ Were we not with you, but if the disbelievers gain success, they say (to them): ‘ Did we not gain mastery over you and did we not protect you from the believers.’” [4:141].

7- Visiting them (the believers) and loving to meet them and spending time with them:- The Almighty Allah said in the Hadith (Al-Qudsi) which meaning is translated as : “ My love is due for all those who love one another on account of Me, assemble together on account of Me, visit each other on account of Me and spend on each other on account of Me. “ [Reported by Malik].

8- Respecting their rights (of the believers), so he should not wrong somebody (in case of optional sale) to cancel a bargain the latter has already agreed upon with another seller so as to sell him his own goods; and if he is buying he should not urge the seller to cancel a bargain already agreed upon with another buyer so as to buy the good himself.

Also he should not demand to marry (engage) to a girl who has already been engaged to someone else. The Prophet ﷺ said which meaning is translated as:

“ One should not urge somebody to return the goods to the seller so as to sell him his own goods, nor should one demand the hand of a girl who has already been engaged to someone else.”
[Reported by al - Bukhari.]

9- Being kind to the poor (and weak) of them (believers):-

The Prophet ﷺ said which meaning is trans-

lated as :

“ Not from us whoever does not respect the elderly amongst us and have no mercy on the poor amongst us.” [Reported by Ahmed].

Also he ﷺ said:

“ You gain no victory or livelihood except through (the blessings and invocations) of the poor amongst you.” [Reported by Al-Bukhari].

Also the Almighty Allah (SWT) said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

“ And keep yourself (O Mohammed ﷺ) patiently with those who call on their Lord (i.e. your companions who remember their Lord with glorification, praising in prayers, and other righteous deeds) morning and afternoon, seeking His Face and let not your eyes overlook them, desiring the pomp and glitter of the life of the world “ [18 : 28]

10- Supplicating Allah (SWT) for them (the believers) and seeking forgiveness for them:-

The Almighty Allah (SWT) said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as;

“ ... and ask forgiveness for your sin, and also for (the sin of) believing men and believing women.” [47:19]

And He also commanded the believers to pray for each other by this verse which meaning is translated as:

“ Our Lord! Forgive us and our brethren who have preceded us in faith.” [59:10]

Note:- When Allah (SWT) said in this verse which meaning is translated as:

“ Allah does not forbid you to deal justly and kindly with those who fought not against you on account of religion and did not drive you out of your homes. Verily, Allah loves those who deal with equity.” [60:8]

It means if a disbeliever does not harm the Muslims and does not fight them or drive a Muslim out of his home, then Muslims should be

kind to him (the disbeliever) in this life without loving him in their hearts. Allah (SWT) also said a verse about how to treat parents if they are disbelievers which meaning is translated as:

“ But if they (both parents) strive with you to make you join in worship with Me others that of which you have no knowledge, then obey them not, but behave with them in the world kindly, and follow the path of him who turns to Me in repentance and in obedience.” [31:15]⁽¹⁾

(1) This verse indicates that we Muslims should be kind to our parents even if they are non-believers but not loyal to them. Scholars say that loyalty is different than kindness. Kindness is being good to someone, doing favors for them and helping them with their daily lives, while loyalty means love in the heart. This kindness was made lawful by Allah to be offered to certain people of non-believers with certain conditions. The generosity of Islam to have Muslims be kind to some non-believers does not mean we can be loyal to them. Islam calls for the kindness, generosity and fairness to all mankind but without love or loyalty to non-believers. Disloyalty to non-believers does not prevent one from being kind to parents and wives whose faith is different from Islam. This kindness is not the same as the loyalty forbidden by Islam as the latter calls for love in the heart and the will to aid and help the loved one. If the parents or wife need financial support, they should be supported by Muslim relative even if they are non-believers. Yet if a non-believer parent is standing in the line with the enemy during the war against Islam and Muslims, then there will not be any kindness or kinship [These words are from the translator]

Also Asma narrated “ My mother who was a Mushrikah (Pagan, etc.) came with her father during the period of the peace pact between the Muslims and the Quraish infidels. I went to seek the advice of the Prophet ﷺ saying, my mother has arrived and she is hoping (for my favour). The Prophet ﷺ said which meaning is translated as:

“ Yes, be good to your mother. “ [Reported by Al-Bukhari.] And Allah (SWT) has said in the Qur’an which meaning is translated as:

“ You (O Mohammed ﷺ) will not find any people who believe in Allah and the Last Day, making friendship with those who oppose Allah and His Messenger (Mohammed ﷺ) even though they were their fathers or their sons, or their brothers, or their kindred (people)” [58:22]

so keeping relation with them is one thing and loving them is another. Also treating the non-believers good will attract their hearts to

Islam and it is one way of Da'awa (Preaching) but loving them in the hearts is agreeing with them on their religion and a way of accepting their way which is forbidden.

Disliking non-believers does not mean we can not have commerce with them, we can buy from them and import goods from them as long as the way we deal with them is halal (legal). The Prophet ﷺ hired Oraikit Al-Laithy (non-believer) to guide him when he was migrating and the Prophet ﷺ also took a loan from some Jews. So Muslims can import goods from non-believers but trading with them is not a reason of loving them and liking them . The Almighty Allah (SWT) said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

“ Verily, those who believed, and emigrated and strove hard and fought with their property and their lives in the cause of Allah as well as those who gave (them) asylum and help, these

are (all) allies to one another.’ [8:72]

And Allah (SWT) also said in the Qur’an which meaning is translated as:

“ And those who disbelieve are allies to one another, (and) if you (Muslims) do not do so (become allies) there will be ‘Fitnah’ (wars, battles, polytheism, etc.) and oppression on the Earth, and a great mischief and corruption.” [8:73].

Ibn Kathear said ‘ The meaning of what Allah (SWT) said (if you do not do so [become allies] there will be Fitnah and oppression on earth and a great mischief and corruption) is that if Muslims do not hate non-believers and love Muslims, there will be a mixture between Muslims and non-muslims which will cause a lot of sins to be committed.”

And I (the author) say “This is happening nowadays.”

Types of people and their right as to amity and hate:

People in Al-Wala and Al-Bara are of three kinds:

1- Those who should be loved completely without any hate. They are the genuine, faithful believers such as the Prophets, the Siddiqun (those followers of the Prophets who were first and foremost to believe in them like Abu Baker As-siddig), the martyrs and the righteous starting first with Prophet Mohammed ﷺ whose love is obligatory more than loving one's self, sons, parents and the rest of mankind. Second, loving the wives of the Prophet ﷺ (the mothers of believers), his companions especially the first four (Abu-Baker, Omar, Othman and Ali), the rest of the ten (whom were informed to be in Paradise) The emigrants (Muhajiroon) and Ansar . The people of the battle of Badr, and those of Ridwan homage. And the rest of his compan-

ions and the followers from the great centuries, The predecessors of this ummah (nation) and the four leaders Imam Ahemed, Abu-Hanifuh, Imam Malik and Al-Shafai. The Almighty Allah (SWT) said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

“ And those who come after them say: Our Lord! Forgive us and our brethren who have preceded us in faith, and put not in our hearts any hatred against those who have believed. Our Lord! you are indeed Full of Kindness, Most Merciful.” [59:15]

And no one with faith in his heart can choose to hate the companions of the Prophet ﷺ . But the hypocrites and the enemies of Islam as Arrafidah (Shiah) and Khawarij hate the companions of the Prophet ﷺ .

2- Those who should be hated completely without any love at all. Those are the non-believers, the hypocrites and the polytheists.

The Almighty Allah (SWT) said in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

“ You (O Mohammed ﷺ) will not find any people who believe in Allah and the Last Day, making friendship with those who oppose Allah and His Messenger (Mohammed ﷺ) even though they were their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers, or their kindred (people).”[58:22]

The Almighty Allah said to the sons of Israel in the Qur'an which meaning is translated as:

“ You see many of them taking the disbelievers as their ‘ Auliya’ (protectors and helpers). Evil indeed is that which their ownselves have sent forward before them, for that (reason) Allah's Wrath fell upon them and in torment they will abide. And had they believed in Allah and in the Prophet (Mohammed ﷺ) and in what has been revealed to him, never would they have taken them (the disbelievers) as ‘Auliya;

but many of them are the 'Fasiqun' (rebellious)."[5:80-81]

3- Those who should be loved in one way and hated in another way. Those which love and hate are joined amongst them, they are the ones who are Muslims but they committed major sins. So, they should be loved for their faith and hated for the sins they committed. Loving them requires advising them to be righteous and directing them to the right path. But if they committed a sin, we should advise them to quit and repent to Allah (SWT). Also it is forbidden to see them commit a sin without telling them to stop it but we should not hate them completely without any love because they committed a major sin, this is the way of Khawarij (if someone commits a major sin such as drinking liquor, they say he is a non-believer). Also we should not love them completely without any hate like what murji'ah say (they love a Muslim completely even if he

commits a lot of major sins, without any hate) but we should be in the middle, loving them for their faith and hating them for their sins. This is the way of Ahlus-Sunnah Wal-Jama'ah. Loving in the sake of Allah and hating for the sake of Allah is one of the major handholds of Faith, and the person will be with the one he loves on the Last Day. Things have changed these days, people will love someone for little material reasons (money), if they can get advantage of the person, they love him but if he does not have anything, they hate him even if he is a very faithful person. Abdulah Ibn-Abas said:

“Whoever loves in the sake of Allah, and hates in the sake of Allah, he will get the loyalty of Allah and most of the people’s brotherhood exists because of little materials which will not return any good for them.” Also Abu-Hurairah narrated, the Prophet ﷺ said that Allah said which meaning is translated as:

“Whoever hates (dislike, harm, fight) (hostile) one of my ‘ Auliya ’ (true believers), then I declare war against him. “ [Reported by Al-Bukhari] And most enemies of Allah (SWT) are those who are opposed to the companions of the Prophet ﷺ, and those who curse them and disparage them. The Messenger of Allah said which meaning is translated as: “ Allah is with my companions (this means , fear Allah and fear Allah in my companions , do not curse them) , do not accuse them , whoever harm them have harmed me and whoever harmed me have harmed Allah and who ever harmed Allah , Allah will punish him in this life and in the hereafter”. Also disliking the companions of the Prophet ﷺ and becoming their enemies is the creed (belief) of some groups who went astray (misguided).

We seek refuge by Allah from His anger and severe punishment and we ask Him His forgiveness and good health.

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