

1. The souls of the martyrs are in the green birds dwelling in Paradise wherever they like.
2. That all their sins and faults are forgiven.
3. That each of them can intercede with Allâh ﷻ for seventy of his family members.
4. That he will come secure on the Day of Resurrection from the great terror.
5. That he will not feel the agonies and distress of death.
6. That he will not be horrified by the (great) Gathering (on the Day of Resurrection).
7. That he does not feel the pain of "the killing" except like that of a pinch.

And how many agonies and distresses are there for a person who dies on his bed — and a standing (praying) or a sleeping person in *Jihâd* is better than a fasting or standing (praying) person not in *Jihâd* — and whosoever acted as a guard or escort in Allâh's Cause, his eyes will never witness the Fire (Hell) and that a day spent while one is in *Jihâd* for Allâh's Cause is better than the world and whatsoever is in it.

If one has understood (all) that, then Allâh ﷻ has reproached those who remained behind from Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم during the battle of Tabuk (i.e. they did not join in it) — they who cling heavily to the luxuries of this world — they who lagged behind from hastening onwards to march forth (for the battle of Tabuk) — Allâh ﷻ says:

"O you who believe! What is the matter with you, that when you are asked to march forth in the Cause of Allâh (i.e. go for *Jihâd*), you cling heavily to the earth? Are you pleased with the life of this world rather than the Hereafter? But little is the enjoyment of the life of this world as compared to the Hereafter." (V.9:38).

Similarly Allâh ﷻ disapproved of those who abandoned *Jihâd* (i.e. they did not go for *Jihâd*) and attributed to them hypocrisy and disease in their hearts, and threatened (all) those who remain behind from *Jihâd* and sit (at home) with horrible punishment. He (Allâh ﷻ) referred to them with the most ugly descriptions, rebuked them for their cowardice and spoke against them (about their weakness and their remaining behind) as He said:

"If you march not forth, He will punish you with a painful torment and will replace you by another people and you cannot harm Him at all, and Allâh is Able to do all things." (V.9:39).

And there are many Verses of the Qur'ân besides this Verse (that threaten the Muslim nation if they give up *Jihâd*).

And you will not find any organization past or present, religious or non-religious as regards (*Jihâd* and military) (ordering) the whole nation to march forth and mobilize all of them into active military service as a single row for *Jihâd* in Allâh's Cause — so as to make superior the Word of Allâh (i.e. none has the right to be worshipped but Allâh), as you will find in the Islâmic Religion and its teachings.

The Qur'ân and *As-Sunnah* (the legal ways of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) have clearly given (wonderful explanation for) every act concerning *Jihâd*. The Book has distributed its different actions and its great number of responsibilities on its special units a most accurate distribution that excels above all the modern organizations and the military teachings. And in fact these modern organizations and military teachings are only a small portion (drop) of the military laws of the Qur'ân and *As-Sunna*.

The Verses of Qur'ân and *As-Sunna* of Allâh's Messenger Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم are both flooded with these high meanings, calling with eloquent phrases in a crystal clear way.

The Muslims were ordered to take all precautions against the enemies of Allâh تعالى and to get ready against them with all they can of power — because that is the first step for *Jihâd* (fighting) and the supreme way for the defence. To get ready (for *Jihâd*) includes various kinds of preparations and weapons [tanks, missiles, artillery, aeroplanes (air force), ships (navy), etc, and the training of the soldiers in these weapons] are all included under (the meaning) of the word "force (i.e. land-force, navy and air-force)." And to look after (take care of) the permanent forces as well as the stationed forces similar to looking after the mobile forces. And to take care of the army in peace-time as well as during war-time.

The foundation of the military spirit as they say is: obedience and military discipline. Allâh تعالى has mentioned the two elements of this foundation in the two following Verses of His Book (the Qur'ân).

As to the obedience, Allâh تعالى says:

"Those who believe say: 'Why is not a *Sûrah* (Chapter of the Qur'ân) sent down (for us)?' But when a decisive *Sûrah* (explaining things) is sent down, and fighting (*Jihâd* — holy fighting in Allâh's Cause) is mentioned (i.e. ordained) therein, you will see those in whose hearts there is a disease (of hypocrisy) looking at you with a look of one fainting to death. But it was better for them (hypocrites to listen to Allâh and to obey Him). Obedience (to Allâh) and good words (were better for them)." (V.47:20,21).

And as to the military discipline, Allâh تعالى said in *Sûrah As-Saff* (Rows or Ranks):

“Verily! Allâh loves those who fight in His Cause in rows (ranks) as if they were a solid structure.” (V.61:4).

Similarly the Islamic armed forces are exhorted to give their *Bai'a* (pledge) to listen and obey, both in hard times and in ease, and in what they like and in what they dislike. Allâh تعالى says:

“Verily, those who give the *Bai'a* (pledge) to you (O Muhammad), are (in fact) giving the *Bai'ah* (pledge) to Allâh.” (V.48:10).

And Allâh تعالى praised those who are true to (their) covenant and who fulfill their covenant by His Statement:

“Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allâh, [i.e. they have gone out for *Jihâd* (holy fighting), and showed not their backs to the disbelievers], of them some have fulfilled their obligations, (i.e. have been martyred) and some still are waiting, but they have never changed [i.e. they never proved treacherous to their covenant which they concluded with Allâh] in the least.” (V.33:23).

And He ordered the believers to take a firm stand against the enemy when they (believers) meet their force, and to remember Allâh تعالى (much) at the time of horror, as He said:

“O you who believe! When you meet (an enemy) force take a firm stand against them and remember the Name of Allâh much (both with tongue and mind), so that you may be successful.” (V.8:45).

And He (Allâh تعالى) encouraged the *Mujâhidûn* in His Cause to take a firm stand without any (kind) of fear and to display true bravery (against the enemy) from the start of the battle to the end — as He said:

“So when you meet (in fight — *Jihâd* in Allâh's Cause) those who disbelieve, smite at their necks till you have killed and wounded many of them, then bind a bond firmly (on them i.e. take them as captives). Thereafter (is the time for) either generosity (i.e. free them without ransom) or ransom (according to what benefits Islam), until war lays down its burdens...” (V.47:4)

“And don't be weak in the pursuit of the enemy; if you are suffering (hardships) then surely they (too) are suffering (hardships) as you are suffering, but you have a hope from Allâh (for the reward i.e. Paradise) that for which they hope not; and Allâh is Ever All-Knowing, All-Wise.” (V.4:104).

“And many a Prophet (i.e. many from amongst the Prophets) fought (in Allâh's Cause) and along with them (fought) large bands of religious learned men. But they never lost heart for that which did befall them in Allâh's way, nor did they weaken, nor degrade themselves. And Allâh loves the patient.” (V.3:146).

Similarly, He ordered (the *Mujāhidūn*) to have confidence, to keep their composure and to expel (from their minds) all wrong conceptions, weakness and sadness — as He said:

“So do not become weak (against your enemy), nor be sad, and you will be superior (in victory), if you are indeed (true) believers.” (V.3:139).

And Allāh ﷻ informed that He has given a guarantee of victory to those who will defend Allāh's religion (true Islām). And there is no consideration for the number of men or for the equipment with weapons but (the most important thing) is: true faith in Allāh ﷻ and that the victory is (always) from Allāh ﷻ — as Allāh ﷻ said:

“If Allāh helps you, none can overcome you; and if He forsakes you, who is there after Him that can help you? And in Allāh (Alone) let believers put their trust.” (V.3:160)

“How often a small group overcame a mighty host by Allāh's leave? And Allāh is with the patient.” (V.2:249)

“O you who believe! If you help (in the cause of) Allāh, He will help you and make your foothold firm.” (V.47:7)

“And, verily Our Word has gone forth of old for Our slaves, — Messengers, that they verily would be made triumphant. And that Our hosts, they verily would be victors.” (V.37:171-173)

“... And (as for) the believers it was incumbent upon Us to help (them).” (V.30:47)

Similarly the Qur'ān points out the well-known fact that the battle is by turns, (one) day (victory) is for you — (the other) day (victory) is for others — as Allāh ﷻ said:

“If a wound (and killing) has touched you, be sure a similar wound (and killing) has touched the others, and so are the days (good and not so good), that We give to men by turns...” (V.3:140).

And He made “the mutual consultation” as one of the legal foundations in order to make an exact decision, particularly in important matters like *Jihād* and dealing with enemies, etc. and He praised His believers — slaves for this quality by His Statement:

“... And who (conduct) their affairs by mutual consultation.” (V.42:38).

And in spite of the perfection of the intelligence of Allāh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم and along with his being helped by Divine Inspiration still Allāh ordered him (saying):

“... And consult them in the affairs...” (V.3:159)

So that his followers may follow his example after him.

Similarly the Qur'ān warned (the believers) from committing sins (both in open and in secret) small sins or great sins... and He informed them that Allāh's Help does not descend upon the disobedient sinners:

“Those of you who turned back on the day, the two hosts met (i.e. battle of Uhud), it was Satan who caused them to backslide (run away from the battlefield) because of some (sins) they had earned...” (V.3:173).

Allâh has absolutely forbidden any dispute on any matter concerning the fighting (battle) and to be always in complete agreement (solidarity), and informed them that the dispute is the reason for failure and the loss of the strength and kingdom:

“... And do not dispute (with one another) lest you become weak, and your strength departs, and be patient. Surely Allâh is with those who are patient.”(V.8:46)

And to beware of fleeing from the enemy during the fight (battle), and it is one of the biggest sins and those who commit it are threatened with grave punishments:

“O you who believe! When you meet those who disbelieve in a battlefield, never turn your backs to them.” (V.8:15)

“And whosoever turns his back to them on such a day, — unless it be a stratagem of war, or to retreat to a troop (of his own) — he indeed has drawn upon himself the wrath from Allâh. And his abode is Hell, worst indeed is that destination!” (V.8:16)

Allâh تعالى forbade *Al-Ghulul* (stealing from the war booty before its distribution) i.e. the taking (a part) of war booty illegally, and warned the Muslims with an extreme warning. And a person who takes it, shall bring it forth (on the Day of Resurrection) carrying it over his back and neck, being tortured by its heavy burden and weight, terrified with its voice, rebuked for his dishonesty in front of all the witnesses.

“It is not for any Prophet to take illegally a part of booty (*Ghulul*), and whosoever deceives his companions as regards the booty, he shall bring forth on the Day of Resurrection that which he took (illegally). Then every person shall be paid in full what he has earned, and they shall not be dealt with unjustly.” (V.3:161)

Similarly one should be cautious, not to fight (with the intention) to show off, or for good reputation or for dignity, or for pride and haughtiness, or for the clamour (noise) of nationalism and for false-forged slogans. Whenever the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم appointed a Commander-in-Chief for an army unit, he used to advise him specially to be afraid and dutiful to Allâh, and to be good to those Muslims who were accompanying him. He then used to say (to that Commander):

“Invade in the Name of Allâh تعالى and for the Cause of Allâh تعالى and kill those who disbelieve in Allâh تعالى. Invade and do not press heavily by exceeding the limits, and do not betray, and do not kill children....”

And he (the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم) used to say to his companions when they intended invasion:

“Proceed in the Name of Allâh تعالى and for Allâh تعالى and upon the religion of Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم : Do not kill the very old or a child or a woman and do not press heavily by exceeding the limits. Collect the (war) booty, reconcile, and do good as Allâh loves the good-doers.”

For that, the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم and those who believed in him were tried with fair trials (martyrdom or mighty reward) to make victorious this religion (Islâm) and to invite others to it (Islâm). So Allâh assisted them with victory and sent down upon them tranquillity and helped them with angels and united their hearts and cast terror into the hearts of their enemies.

So they fought in the Cause of Allâh تعالى (for) Islâmîc Faith (worshipping none but Allâh Alone) and sincerely (for Allâh's sake) and to make victorious Allâh's religion till it becomes superior over all religions, and mankind is brought out — (1) from darkness into the light, (2) from the worshipping of men to the worshipping of Allâh Alone (the only true God), (3) from the narrowness of the world to its wideness (ease) and (4) from the injustices of the religions to the justice of Islâm. They knew well that Allâh has guaranteed them victory and promised them that they will be the conquerors. So they were sure of Allâh's Support, and of his Messenger's promise and considered the matter easy with a small or great (number) and thought little of the fears and dangers. They remembered the Statement of Allâh تعالى :

“If Allâh helps you, none can overcome you ...” (V.3:160)

And that they are troops of Allâh تعالى, and that they are fighting in Allâh's Cause, and surely Allâh تعالى will help and support them and will defeat their enemies, as their enemies fight for the cause of Satan.

Here is the example of 'Umar bin Al-Khattab رضى الله عنه, as he consulted his companions regarding sending troops to 'Irâq (for participating in the battle of Nahâwand). 'Ali bin Abû Tâlib رضى الله عنه said to him ('Umar): “O Chief of the believers! This matter cannot be 'victory or defeat' because of a great number, or a small number but it is His (Allâh's) religion which He has made superior and His troops which he has honoured and supported (them) with the angels till it reached far as it has reached. We have been promised (victory) by Allâh, and Allâh fulfills His Promise and supports His troops.”

And here is the example of Khâlid bin Walîd رضى الله عنه as he came from 'Irâq, a man from the Arab Christians said to Khâlid: “How great is the number of Romans and how small is the number of Muslims?” Khâlid replied: “Woe to you! Do you make me afraid of the Romans?... But the greatness of the troops is with victory and the smallness of the troops is with defeat, not with the number of men, by Allâh I wish if the red ones (i.e. the camels and the horses) are cured from their journey hurts, I will proceed to attack them (Romans) even if their

number is doubled. (The hoofs of his horse had chafed and received injuries during its return from 'Irâq to Al-Madinah)."

They used to endanger their lives, used to do wonders and extraordinary deeds being sure of Allâh's Help, depending upon His Promise as it happened in the Islâmîc army under the commandership of Sa'd bin Abî Waqqâs. He stood in front of the town of Al-Madyan المدائن and could not find any ship or boat (it became completely impossible for him to find anything of that sort) and the water of the river Tigris increased tremendously with overflowing and it overthrew its foam from excessive water in it. Sa'd addressed the troops over its bank (saying): "I have resolved to cross this sea (great river) in order to assault them (the enemy)." They (the people) replied: "May Allâh direct us and you to follow the right path. So please do it." Then he (Sa'd) rushed heedlessly into the (river) Tigris with his horse and all his troops too rushed heedlessly into it (Tigris) and not a single man was left behind; so they marched over it as if they were marching over the surface of the earth, till they filled it (the space) between its two banks and one could not see the water surface from the cavalry and the foot-soldiers. The people spoke to one another over the surface of water as they used to speak to one another over the land surface. So when the Persians saw them they said: *Diwana... Diwana*, (i.e. mad people... mad people). By Allâh! You are not fighting against human beings, but against jinn." On that Sa'd رضى الله عنه started saying: "Allâh is Sufficient for us and He is the Best Disposer (for our affairs): by Allâh! Surely Allâh تعالى will give victory to His friends; verily, Allâh will make superior His religion, and verily Allâh will defeat His enemy. as long as there are neither adulterers nor those who commit (similar) sins in the army (Sa'd's troops), then the good deeds will overcome the evil."

Yes! They (the Muslims) used to be afraid of: (1) their sins, and (2) disobedience of Allâh تعالى, more than they used to be afraid of their enemy or their enemy's great number and mighty weapons, as we find 'Umar bin Al-Khattab رضى الله عنه saying: (in his letter to the Commander Sa'd bin Abû Waqqâs when he sent him for the conquest of Persia):

"... Then after, I order you and all the troops that are along with you to be obedient to Allâh in all circumstances as this (being obedient to Allâh تعالى) is better than the weapons against the enemy and a strong stratagem (device) in the war. I order you and the soldiers who are with you to be more cautious and afraid of your own crimes and sins (and not to commit them) than your enemy, as the crimes and sins of the soldiers are more dangerous to them than their enemy. The Muslims are victorious only because their enemies are disobedient to Allâh تعالى and had it not been so, we have no power over them, because neither our number is equal to their number, nor our weapons are like theirs. If we commit crimes and sins as they do, then they (our enemies) will have superiority over us in power. And if we will not gain victory over them by our merits, we do not

overpower them by our strength. And you should also know that in this marching of yours (for Allâh's Cause) there are guards (angels) upon you from Allâh تعالى (to watch you), and they know all that you do. So be shy of them and do not commit Allâh's disobedience (crimes and sins) while you are going in Allâh's Cause and do not say: 'Our enemy is worse than us, so they will not overpower us.' Perhaps some people who are worse than the others may overpower the others as the (disbelievers) Magians overpowered the Children of Israel when they (the latter) involved themselves with Allâh's disobedience (crimes and sins). So they (disbelievers, Magians) entered the very innermost parts of their homes and it was a promise (completely) fulfilled. And ask Allâh تعالى the assistance over your own selves, (to save you from crimes and sins) just as you ask Allâh for the victory over your enemies... I ask of Allâh تعالى that, both for you and for us."

So the Muslim warriors (*Al-Mujâhidûn*) strictly followed what this rightly guided caliph 'Umar had mentioned (as above). And they (*Mujâhidûn*) were as they were described by a Roman to a Roman Chief; (he said): "I have come to you from men, very precise in their manners; they ride swift race-horses, during the night they worship (Allâh Alone) in seclusion, during the day they are cavaliers, if you speak to your companions something, your friend will not understand anything from you because of the high tone of their voices while reciting the Qur'ân and the mentioning of Allâh much." So he (the Roman Chief) looked at his companions and said: "It has come to you from them that over which you have no power."

And here is the story of 'Uqbah bin Nâfi': He ('Uqbah) intended to take a place (town) in Africa, so as to be a place for the Muslim army and to protect their families and properties from revolt against them by the natives of the country. So he betook himself to the place of Al-Qairawan, and it was a muddy place, full of every kind of beasts of prey (lions, tigers, leopards, etc.) and snakes..., etc. So he ('Uqbah) invoked Allâh تعالى, and Allâh answered to his invocation, he then said: "O snakes and wild beasts of prey! We are the companions of Allâh's Messenger (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم), go away from us as we are landing here, and afterwards if we find any (of you wild beasts and snakes) we will kill you." So the people saw that day, the (wild) animals and snakes carrying their young ones, shifting from that place... And a great number of natives (*Al-Barbar*) saw (all) that and embraced Islâm.

And when the term (time limit) was prolonged for the Muslims and their hearts were hardened and they forgot their religion and became ignorant of the fact (that for what purpose) Allâh تعالى has sent and chosen them from among the great number of mankind and from the great number of nations of the earth... Allâh تعالى said:

"You [true believers in Islâmic Monotheism, and real followers of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, and his *Sunnah* (legal ways)] are the best of

peoples ever raised up for mankind, you enjoin *Al-Ma'rûf* (i.e. Islâmic Monotheism and all that Islâm has ordained) and forbid what is *Al-Munkar* (polytheism, disbelief and all that Islâm has forbidden), and you believe in Allâh..." (V.3:110)

So (today) they (Muslims) are leading a life of the one who knows not any Prophet, nor believes in any Divine Message or Divine Inspiration, nor expects any reckoning nor is afraid of the Hereafter. They (Muslims) resemble the pre-Islâmic ignorant nations, against whom they used to fight in the past. They have turned on their heels (back) as apostates from Islâm, they have imitated them (ignorant nations) in their civilization, in their social affairs, in their political affairs, in their character and in the pleasures of their lives. They (Muslims) also imitated them in many other things because of which Allâh ﷻ hated and forsook them. He (Allâh) put them (Muslims) into trials under the effects of (1) Western civilization (2) and the Eastern Communist propaganda. So their land became "a free wealth" with no protector, their kingdom became a victim for every beast of prey and a food (nourishment) for every eater, and the meaning of the statement of the Prophet (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) became apparent:

"It is expected that the nations will call other nations to share them against you (Muslims) as the eaters call each other to eat from the food in front of them in a large wooden plate." A person asked the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم : "Will that happen because of our small number on that day?" The Prophet said: "Nay! Your number (will be) great, but you will be rubbish like the rubbish of flood-water. And certainly Allâh will remove from the hearts of enemies 'the fear from you' and surely He (Allâh) will throw *Wahn* in your hearts." A person asked: "What is *Wahn*, O Allâh's Messenger?" The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "*Wahn* is to love (this) world and to hate death."

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم also said:

"If you: (1) practiced *Bai'a Al-Înah* (i.e. selling goods to a person for a certain price and then buying them back from him for a far less price), (2) and followed the tails of the cows (i.e. indulged in agriculture and became contented with it) (3) and deserted the *Jihâd* (holy fighting) in Allâh's Cause, Allâh will cover you with humiliation and it will not be removed till you return back to your religion." (*Abû Dâwûd*).

And now they (Muslims) have deserted the *Jihâd* and asked help from (their) enemies and protection from the disbelievers, begging them; turning towards them, expecting good from them. So they (Muslims) have become mean, despised before Allâh in spite of their Islâmic names and in spite of the presence of righteous pious persons amongst them and in spite of the fact that some of the religious laws, signs and ceremonies are practiced in their countries.

One of the orientalist said: "When the Muslims turned away from their religious teachings and became ignorant of its wisdom and its laws, and deviated

towards the contradictory (man-made) laws taken from the opinions of men, there spread in them immorality of character, falsehood, hypocrisy, ill-will and hatefulness increased in them. Their unity disintegrated and they became ignorant of their present and future state and became unaware of what will harm them or will benefit them. They have become contented with the life in which they eat, drink, sleep, and compete not with others in superiority." All this is a visible fact, which every true believer feels, and which every enthusiastic person (about his religion) observes in every community (nation) that gives up *Al-Jihād* and is engrossed: (1) in a luxurious life, (2) in the worshipping of wealth and (3) in the love of this world.

History informs us: What the most wretched (*Al-Maghoool* and *At-Tâtâr*) did to the Muslims? That which will sadden the hearts and will make the eyes shed tears...

Ibn Al-Athîr said: "I remained for many years, avoiding the mentioning of this accident because of its great magnitude, disliking to speak about it, so that I put a foot forward and another backward and thought deeply, who is there who can write the wailing and crying of the Muslims and who is there on whom it is easy to mention that ... would that my mother had not begotten me... would that I had been dead before this, and had been forgotten and out of sight... This job (work) includes the mentioning of the great event and the severe calamity which made the days and the nights extremely hard and bitter that no similar calamity will happen and that did befall (cover) the mankind and particularly the Muslims." Ibn Al-Athîr then mentioned the weaknesses of the Muslims and the victory of their enemies over them...he said: "A woman from (the *Tâtâr*) entered a house and killed a group of its dwellers and they thought her to be a man... one of them (the *Tâtâr*) entered a street in which there were one hundred men and he went on killing them one by one, till he killed them all, and not even a single man (out of the hundred) raised his hand against him (the *Tâtâr*) to harm him... and humiliation was put over the men... so they did not defend themselves neither little nor more. We take refuge with Allâh ﷻ from being defeated (by the enemy)." Ibn Al-Athir further said: "One of the *Tâtârs* got hold of a man and he (the *Tâtâr*) could not find any (weapon) to kill him, so he told the man: "Put your head over this stone and do not move (keep it on)"... and so the man put his head over the stone and remained there till the same man came with a sword and killed him... and there were many similar incidents"...

So it is absolutely obligatory upon the Islâmic nation, and particularly upon the religious scholars and the rulers from them to be obedient to Allâh ﷻ, fear Him and to be dutiful to Him and to settle the matters of differences amongst themselves and to propagate "The invitation to this religion (Islâm) to others, publish its good aspects, and instruct (teach) the people its (Islâm's) laws and *Hikmah* (the Qur'ân and *Sunna*) as did the Muslim nobles of early days." They (Muslim nobles of early days) strove hard in Allâh's Cause as they ought to have striven with sincerity and with all their efforts that His (Allâh's) Name should be