

Traits of the slaves of the Rahman.

7 - No Murder

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In the name of Allah most gracious most merciful

The slaves of the Rahman as described in the Koran, those who are contented with Allah and Allah is contented with them. Allah describes them in chapter (surat) Al-Forkan when He says:

{And the servants of (Allah) Most Gracious are:

Those who walk on the earth in humility, and;

When the ignorant address them, they say, "Peace!" and;

Those who spend the night in adoration of their Lord prostrate and stand;

Those who say "Our Lord! Avert from us the wrath of Hell, for its wrath is indeed a grievous affliction. Evil indeed it is; as an abode and as a place to rest in" and;

Those who, when they spend, are not extravagant and not tight, but are moderate and in balance between extremes and;

Those who invoke not, with Allah, any other god, nor slay such life as Allah has made sacred except for a just cause, nor commit adultery; and any that does this meets punishment.}

They do not associate another God with Allah. They only call Allah alone. They worship Allah alone. They ask Allah alone for help. Just like this they maintain the first thing targeted by all messages of Allah to His creation; that is conviction and faith.

But, all celestial religions and messages did not come just to maintain conviction. It also came to protect life, blood, dignity, sanctity. Also; it came to protect the minds, affinity (or relationship through marriage) and to protect the money of individuals.

The Koran equated murder with polytheism (or associating other partners with Allah or *Kufr*). For polytheism is an aggression on conviction; and murder is an aggression on to life itself.

Islam came to prohibit the spilling of blood; and stops a human from transgressing against another human being without a just cause. The slaves of the Rahman will not kill a life that has sanctity. A life with sanctity is the life of a Muslim and the life of those (non-Muslims) with covenant or a treaty.

The messenger said: {who ever says: 'No other gods but Allah, and Muhammad is His messenger', then his blood and his money is sanctified except with a just cause. And those that go into a treaty with Muslims with covenant of conscience; or a treaty of security or safeguard given by a Muslim leader, Or one who is given sanctuary or asylum by a Muslim can not be transgressed against.} This is the sanctified soul that must not be killed.

In fact anyone who makes peace with Muslims, and anyone who extended peace to them, and held back from attacking them; it is not right to kill. For Allah says: {and if they withdraw from you but fight you not, and (instead) send you (guarantees of) peace, then Allah Has opened no way for you to war against them}

But right from the start of time, humans have been lured from within their soul to commit murder against one another. All is because of trivial worldly matters, or because of a temporary anger or rage; or because of envy or hatred and revulsion; or for some other reason.

The son of Adam killed his brother. The first crime committed in human history. The time when man didn't even know how to hide the body of another. Allah sent a crow to teach man how to hide the body of his victim, his brother.

People learned aggression a long time ago. And people learned to kill other humans for no reason. But also there were people who were good and peaceful; who wouldn't kill even when attacked. This was the case with the two children of Adam. And there was no society to provide the causes for crime as some claim today that all criminals are victims of society. Or it is society that creates the criminal and pushes them to crime.

Man's aggression is as old as man himself. And what a greater aggression than the aggression against life itself? The messenger was angry and said: {If a soul killed unlawfully, then the son of Adam will bear part of the blame for it, because he was the first to start the killing.}

The Koran says: {On that account: we Ordained for the Children of Israel that if any one kills a human being - unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land - it would be as if

he has killed all human kind. And if any one saved a human life, it would be as if he saved the life of all human beings.}

Allah also says: {It is not permissible for a Muslim to kill another Muslim except by mistake} and the Koran then in the case of the killing by mistake specified the compensation money and specified the act of atonement or penance of fasting for 60 days to cleanse oneself from such a forbidden act done accidentally.

And for what may a believer kill another? Is there anything in this life that would condone such an act? Remember Allah says: {and whoever kills a believer intentionally, his/her punishment will be hellfire, everlasting in it, and Allah becomes so infuriated with him/her, and Allah curses him/her, and Allah prepares for him/her a great torture.}

The messenger (PPBU) said {The perishing of the entire worldly life would bother Allah less than would bother Him the killing a Muslim}. And he also said: {if all the occupants of the heavens and the earth took part into the killing of a believer then Allah would dump them all into Hellfire.}

The messenger (PPBU) once held the cover of the holly Kaabah and said: {How good you are, and how good you fragrance is. How great you are and how great your sanctity is. But I pledge by the one in whose hands my soul is, that the sanctity of a believer is greater than your sanctity} meaning the sanctity of a believers blood, money and honor.

The messenger (PPBU) said: "The entire Muslim is forbidden (or Haram) to another Muslim, the Muslims' blood, money and honor". For a believer is one that people will be safe and secure from in respect to their lives, moneys and honor.

For how; with all such clear and undisputed statements and regulations; that within the mind, conscience and faith of a Muslim human being that his/her hand would commit the sin of unlawfully killing another human.

Some of the scholars say that there may not be repentance from the sin of unlawful killing. And the messenger (PPBU) was reported saying: {All sins may be forgiven by Allah, except for a man to die as an unbeliever, or a man intentionally killing a believer}

The messenger (PPBU) was also reported saying: {Whoever is an accessory to a murder of a believer even by part of an unlawful word; will meet Allah with the words written between his two eyes: 'No hope in the mercy of Allah'}

The messenger (PPBU) in the speech he gave in his farewell Haj trip said: {Do not, after I am gone, go back to being unbelievers chopping each others head.}. He was also reported saying: {cursing at and verbal abusing a Muslim is an immoral crime and killing a Muslim is becoming an unbeliever}

The messenger (PPBU) also said: {whoever kills someone given sanctity by a treaty (meaning non-Muslim), will not find the smell of heaven} and remember that its smell can be found at a distance of 40 years walk.

The scholars say that murder is one of the greater sins because the killer would have transgressed over three rights: The rights of Allah, and the rights of those who survive him/her and thirdly; the rights of the victim individual.

Some reports that the messenger (PPBU) said that a victim of a murder will come in the day of resurrection holding his/her head with one hand and holding his/her killer with the other hand. At the throne he says to the Lord of all the worlds, this is my killer, and Allah says: You are damned. And then the killer is taken to Hellfire.}

Islam states not to kill and not to be an accessory killing. The messenger said: {Do not attend a killing, just in case the victim is unlawfully killed (being innocent), the anger of Allah descends and may include you with the transgressors.}.

We ask Allah to guide us to what contains our benefit. And may Allah guide Muslims to save the killing amongst them.