

Transgression and Justice

In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful

All thanks be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. Peace and prayers be upon the most honorable of all messengers, Muhammad.

One of the greatest sins that all religions have agreed in its condemnation; and which Islam fought it through out the times is transgression or doing injustice. The messenger (PPBU) said: {Avoid or guard your self against being unjust or being a transgressor. For transgression is darkness in the day of resurrection}.

Transgression is what Allah made forbidden to him self, and made it forbidden for all His slaves. The messenger (PPBU) reported that his God said :{ My slaves, I have made transgression forbidden for myself, and I have made it forbidden amongst you; so, do not transgress...}. Transgression here means offending; through placing things in their wrongful place. And remember that transgression is of three types:

1) The first type: it is the uglier and worst type. And it is that Allah considers the biggest transgression. That is to associate partners with Allah other than Himself. Allah says: {And when Luqman said to his son advising him: "O my son! Associate not others with Allah. For associating others with Allah is a great transgression or a great wrongdoing"} 28-13. Association is a transgression because it places worship in its wrongful place. The type of transgression is not forgiven except through specific repentance from it. Allah says: {Allah does not forgive to be associated with and He forgives all which is less than that to all which He wills} 4-48.

2) The second type: is transgression of the individual slave against him/her self with sins and offences. You Abdull-Allh, Each and every sin

you commit is a transgression and injustice you are doing to your self. Allah says: {Those who break the limits of Allah, they are the transgressors.} 2-229. Every sinner, transgressor and every one who disobeys, Allah says about them: {We did no transgression against them, but **they** transgressed on to themselves.}16-118. The messenger (PPBU) in his farewell Hajj trip speech said: {The guilt of a guilty individual befalls on to no one but him/self self.}

3) The third type: is the transgression that Allah will not let go. It is the transgression of the injustice one slave does to another creature. In this type the injustice must be undone for the victim by the transgressor. Allah says: {I take an oath with my glory, I will make you victorious, even if after a while.}

Guard yourselves against transgression. The messenger (PPBU) said that this life will be filled with injustice and transgression at the end of time. Now we witness what he told us. Transgression is rampant amongst people, in blood, money, property and honor.

This world is ruled by the law of the jungle. The policies of threats, terrorism and the language of defiance and fear, selfish interests, dictatorships and one-way management that deals with other in the style of a master to slave. The leader and the led; Policies of interests and no values; Policies of non-equal, and lack of justice in any case, taking sides and double standards in dealings.

It is a picture with clear dimensions of the bitter reality disliked by every free human being. The Israeli aggression continues to commit more crimes of killing, destruction and evacuations or exile. The support that the Israeli aggression is receiving, and the way it is facilitated and given the scope to commit more crimes is a testimony to the blind hate. It is a testimony that to some nations justice has no meaning and no luck.

Dear Muslims, Age or time itself is of two types: sweet and bitter types. And days are of two ends, prosperity and ease or distress and difficulties. And every need will pass to better times. And each hardship will be cleared. The sun disappears but to come back again. The trees loose its leaves and they come back again. And Allah has days that will revenge from the aggressor. This who knows Allah when things are good, Allah will know him/her when things are tough, and guarded him against plots and schemes, and protected him in his sleep and his wakening. The best to be used as a shield is to stick to the Book and the Sunnah. Allah says: {O you who believe, if you support the cause of Allah, He will make you victorious and He will make your foothold firm and steady (7) But those who disbelieve, misery to them and Allah will make their deeds in vain (8) That is because they hate that; which Allah sent down; So He has made their deed fruitless (9) Have they not traveled through the earth and seen what was the end of those before them? Allah destroyed them completely, and similar fate awaits the disbelievers (10) That is because Allah is the Lord and Master and protector of those who believe. And the disbelievers have no Lord. }47-7..11.

Dear Muslims, do what Allah has commanded you to support of your faith and your brethren. This is done in two ways:

First, is the clear and pure repentance from all sins. For what afflicted our entire nation is because of what we committed. Allah says: {What ever a calamity befalls you; is because of what your hands have committed. And he forgives a lot} Ash-Shoora 42-30.

Secondly, giving all the possible support to those who are being transgressed against in the line of Allah, near and far; Financial, political and moral support. Especially that we in this country, many of us have a very comfortable living. So, be generous to all your brothers every where, may Allah bless you. And remember that charity turn off the

anger and wrath of the Rahaman, and protects against harm. And those who refuse help are only refusing help to themselves.

The Imam Dahabi (ذهبي) in his book "The Bool of the great sins" mentioned this story: there was a Sultan in his palace. And old lady came and build a shack or a hut beside it and lived in it. One day the sultan cam out for stroll round his palace and he saw the shack and asked: "What is that?". He was told an old lady comes and sleeps in it at night. He ordered it to be knocked down and demolished. And it was. The old made a prayer or a duaa to her God (May He be exulted). And Allah's command came down upon the palace and all what was in it.

Another man who was an assistant to a powerful transgressor went to the fish market one day. And unlawfully and forcefully he confiscated a nice fish from an ordinary man. While eating the fish at home, a bone went through his thumb and poisoned it. It had to be amputated. The poison seeped through to his hand and had to be amputated. And it followed to his elbow and had to be amputated. It followed on to his shoulder and entire body. A scholar after hearing his story advised him to go to his victim, the owner of the fish, the man he transgressed against and ask him to make that fish legally his or Halal. And he did seek that man, who didn't even recognize him due to the change of the looks of the transgressor due to the amputation. He told him his plight, and he forgave him and. The transgressor eventually got better and had no more amputations.

Slaves of the Rahman, there are many stories, but there are so few who take the lessons from them.

Ali ebn Abi Talid said every Muslim must remember two matters:

- 1) The first is that the wisdom of Allah is that He gives a chance to the transgressor but He does not forget. At the end He takes a

transgressor so painfully hard. Some times a transgressor is given time so the crimes committed get greater; and consequently the punishment gets greater, and the torment becomes tremendous.

- 2) The second is that norm or tradition of Allah in testing his believing slaves is continuing sorting, selecting, identifying, elevating and honoring them. And with the unbelievers crushing, destruction and painful torture. Allah says: {If a plight has touched you, be certain a similar plight has touched the others. And so are the days We alternate amongst people, so Allah may test those who believe, and that He may take martyrs from among you, and Allah likes not the transgressors (140) And that Allah may test and purify the believers and destroy the disbelievers (141) Or did you think you will enter Paradise before Allah test those of you who will strive and those who are patient (142)}3-140..142.

The end always belongs to those who fear Allah. Victory and winning is always for those who are patient, who endure and those who are certain that patience brings victory. And certain that solution and peace will come with the problem, and always with the difficulty comes the ease.

Allah says: {Or did you think that you will enter paradise without you getting what those before you got. They were afflicted with severe poverty and ailments and were so shaken that even the Messenger and those who believed along with him said: "When the help of Allah will come? Certainly, the help of Allah is near"}

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I say this and I ask for Allah's forgiveness and salvation for me and you and for all Muslims from all sins. Ask for his forgiveness. He is the most forgiving, the most merciful.