

– يا عَمْرُو يَا بِنَ الْعَاصِ قَلْ لِمَعَاوِيَةَ- لا مِصْرُ مِصْرٌ وَلَا دِمَشْقُ كَمَا هِيَ
 لا تُونِسُ الْخِضْرَاءُ تُونِسْنَا وَلَا- لِيَبِيَا وَلَا الْيَمَنُ السَّعِيدُ يَمَانِيهِ
 لَمْ يَبِيقْ نَهْرٌ فِي الْعِرَاقِ يَسْرُنِي- جَرِيَانُهُ وَالْبِنْتُ تَجْرِي حَافِيَةَ
 كُلِّ الْبِلَادِ تَفَرَّقَتْ وَتَشْرَدِمَتْ- وَوَعَلْتُ عَلَى تِلْكَ الْحُدُودِ كَرَاهِيَةَ
 الدِّينِ أَصْبَحَ سِلْعَةً لَا تُشْتَرَى- وَهِيَ الَّتِي بِالْأَمْسِ كَانَتْ غَالِيَةَ
 الْقُدْسِ يَشْكُو مِنْ ضِيَاعِ مَهَابَةِ- وَالنَّاسِ فِي حَقْلِ الْمَصَالِحِ لِأَهِيَةِ
 أَعْدَاءِ دِينِ اللَّهِ تَحْكُمُ أَرْضَنَا- وَكِلَابُهُمْ بَيْنَ الشُّوَارِعِ عَاوِيَةَ
 كُلِّ الْحُرُوفِ مِنَ الْخَرِيْطَةِ غَادَرَتْ- لَمْ يَبْقَ إِلَّا حَرْفٌ (لَا) الْنَاهِيَةَ
 اَيْنَ الصَّحَابَةِ اَيْنَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ؟- اَيْنَ الَّذِينَ لَهُمْ رُؤُوسٌ عَالِيَةٌ -
 بَدَلُوا لَدِينِ اللَّهِ كُلَّ عَزِيْزَةٍ- وَالْمَالُ يُبَدَّلُ وَالنَّفُوسُ الْغَالِيَةُ
 فَاللَّهُ اسْأَلْ أَنْ يُعِيدَ لِأُمَّتِي- مَجْدًا تَلِيدًا مِثْلَ شَمْسٍ صَافِيَةٍ

Brothers and sisters in Islam, the might, power, and lofty status of our Ummah as well as the landmarks for its success, endurance and magnificence can always be measured by how much the Muslims honor, respect, protect, defend our deen, the holy places related to our deen, and how we as individuals and communities practice our deen. This ummah will remain upon goodness as long as the lands of the Haramain Makkah, Al Madinah, and al Aqsa are free and pure from open sins, shirk, and innovations. And this ummah will continue to have goodness within it as long as Muslims hearts are filled with tawheed, sunnah, and enjoining the good and forbidding the evil. This ummah will increase in goodness when they honor, defend, protect, and cleanse their lands from sins and sinful acts, and specifically Al Masjid Al Aqsa and the lands surrounding it from the filth and desecration of the Zionist criminals. Brothers and sisters, as we all know these ‘magdoobi alayhim’ Yahood are well known for killing, murdering, and exiling many prophets and messengers of the past. So it is very easy for

them to harm, murder, and kill anyone who strives to follow upon the path of righteousness and they won't even blink an eye or consider it wrong or a crime, solely because we are all expendable. These enemies of humanity have been desecrating the lands of Palestine for the past 75 years, and now have reached the pinnacle of their crimes by killing innocent men, women and children in Gaza. This 75 years of continuous oppression has forced the Palestinian people to stand up, resist, fight and defend their homelands, their property, their houses, their wealth, their families, and the beloved Al Masjid Al Aqsa and the lands surrounding it. A group from amongst them have taken up the responsibility to fight back against years of oppression, genocide, murder and occupation to defend everything that is loved to them. They are better than all of us who are just sitting back, watching, talking, and observing, as Allah says:

لَا يَسْتَوِي الْقَاعِدُونَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ غَيْرُ أُولَى الضَّرَرِ وَالْمُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ ۚ
فَضَّلَ اللَّهُ الْمُجَاهِدِينَ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ عَلَى الْقَاعِدِينَ دَرَجَةً ۚ وَكُلًّا وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْحُسْنَى ۚ وَفَضَّلَ اللَّهُ
الْمُجَاهِدِينَ عَلَى الْقَاعِدِينَ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ٩٥

Those believers who stay at home are not equal to those who fight in the cause of Allah with their wealth and their lives. Allah has elevated in rank those who strive/fight with their wealth and their lives above those who stay behind. Allah has promised each a fine reward, but those who strive will receive a far better reward than others—

May Allah accept it from them and may they be the cause to expel the illegal occupiers, and restore Al Masjid Al Aqsa to the hands of the Muslims and the lands surrounding it to its rightful owners. It is upon us as Muslims all throughout the world to aid our brothers and sisters in Palestine with all of the means we have available to us, with our minds, our bodies, our wealth, our experience, everything that Allah has given us. It is upon us to empathize and share the hurt and sadness of the

losses that our brothers and sisters in Palestine are experiencing these days.

Brothers is sisters in Islam, Our beloved Prophet said:

" مَثَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي تَوَادِّهِمْ وَتَرَاحِمِهِمْ وَتَعَاطُفِهِمْ مَثَلُ الْجَسَدِ إِذَا اشْتَكَى مِنْهُ عُضْوٌ تَدَاعَى لَهُ سَائِرُ الْجَسَدِ بِالسَّهَرِ وَالْحُمَّى "

" The similitude of the believers in their mutual love, compassion and kindness is as if they are one body, if one limb suffers with pain, the rest of the body suffers with fever and restlessness"

What is happening right now in Al Quds, Jerusalem, Al Masjid Al Aqsa is not just an ARAB concern, rather the concern of every single Muslim on the face of this earth. All Muslims regardless of color, race, ethnicity, nationality, language should do what they can within their abilities to aid our brothers and sisters in Palestine.

Even non-Muslims throughout the world realize the crimes of the Zionists and are standing and speaking up all throughout the world. So no Muslim should ever say or think that Palestine is not our concern. If they do say such things, then we fear for them hypocrisy 'nifaq'. May Allah return us back to the haqq.

Why are many of us only expecting the Arab countries to get involved to provide aid, assistance and military support? Yes, they may be the closest Muslim countries to Palestine, but are they the best equipped with what we need to overcome the oppressors? Brothers and sisters, in order to overcome any enemy, we as Muslims need to be equipped with something that many other nations throughout the world have no idea or understanding about, it is having true and sincere faith in Allah and imitation of his prophet Muhammad. These two are the prerequisites for any other type of equipment, weapons, technology, or armies to be successful.

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters, we should use these times to review a fundamental issue related to our Muslim creed, called Al walaa wal al baraa. Showing alliance, support and our allegiance to Islam and the Muslims, while showing disassociation and disavowal to kufr, kuffar and not taking them as allies or supporters. We need to relearn the important concept of Al walaa wal baraa, as Allah teaches us in the Quran:

قَدْ كَانَتْ لَكُمْ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ إِذْ قَالُوا لِقَوْمِهِمْ إِنَّا بُرَاءُ مِنْكُمْ وَمِمَّا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ كَفَرْنَا بِكُمْ وَبَدَا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ الْعَدَاوَةُ وَالْبَغْضَاءُ أَبَدًا حَتَّىٰ تُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَحَدَهُ

You already have an excellent example in Abraham and those with him, when they said to their people, “We totally dissociate ourselves from you and ‘shun’ whatever ‘idols’ you worship besides Allah. We reject you. The enmity and hatred that has arisen between us and you will last until you believe in Allah alone.”

And As Allah says:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا الْيَهُودَ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ أَوْلِيَاءَ ۚ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ مِنكُمْ فَإِنَّهُ مِنْهُمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ٥١﴾ - فَتَرَى الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ يُسَارِعُونَ فِيهِمْ يَقُولُونَ نَخْشَىٰ أَنْ تُصِيبَنَا دَائِرَةٌ ۚ فَعَسَىٰ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ بِالْفَتْحِ أَوْ أَمْرٍ مِّنْ عِنْدِهِ ۖ فَيُصِيبُوا عَلَىٰ مَا أَسْرَوْا فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ تَلْمِيزًا ٥٢

O believers! Do not take Jews nor Christians as allies—they are only the allies of each other. Whoever does so will be counted as one of them. Surely Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people. You see those with sickness in their hearts racing for their guardianship and alliance, saying ‘in justification’, “We fear a turn of fortune will strike us.” But perhaps Allah will bring about ‘your’ victory or another favor by His command, and they will regret what they have hidden in their hearts. (Al Ma’idah:51-56)

Mu'adth ibn Jabal asked the Prophet Muhammad, what is the best type of Iman, upon which he replied:

أَفْضَلُ الْإِيمَانِ أَنْ تُحِبَّ لِلَّهِ، وَتُبْغِضَ فِي اللَّهِ، وَتُعْمَلَ لِسَانَكَ فِي ذِكْرِ

“The best of Iman is to love for the sake of Allah, and dislike for the sake of Allah, and make the remembrance of Allah with your tongue”
(Ahmed #22132)

Allying ourselves with the believers, with the Muslims and not allying ourselves with disbelievers is an important aspect of Islamic faith. Which hopefully many of our Muslim leaders throughout the world will review and make the foundations upon which they build their countries and engage in politics.

Yes, there are 57 Muslim countries throughout the world with a population of over 2 billion. Yes, we are great in quantity and large in numbers. But is it our large numbers that have made us successful and victorious throughout our history? Is it our large numbers that will bring us victory in the future? The answer is no. Throughout the Quran and Sunnah, we find that those who are less in number are praised, while those in large numbers are dispraised. In Islam strength is in sincerity, imitating the Prophet Muhammad, and not in numbers alone. Islam focuses on quality more than quantity. People can be large in numbers and quantity, but if their hearts are wavering and differing it will be of no benefit to them at all, as Allah tells us about the kuffar in times of battle:

لَا يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ جَمِيعًا إِلَّا فِي قُرَى مُحَصَّنَةٍ أَوْ مِنْ وَرَاءِ جُدُرٍ ۚ بَأْسُهُمْ بَيْنَهُمْ شَدِيدٌ ۚ تَحْسَبُهُمْ جَمِيعًا
وَقُلُوبُهُمْ شَتَّىٰ ۚ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ١٤

Even united, they would not ‘dare’ fight against you except ‘from’ within fortified strongholds or from behind walls. Their malice for each

other is intense: you think they are united, yet their hearts are divided.

That is because they are a people with no 'real' understanding.

Rather, in Islam quality, perfection of worship, manners, social interactions, business transactions, accuracy, and performing these things with precision is prime, and takes precedence, and is always more important than quantity and large numbers. True, sincere Muslims that are unified in their creed, their trust, their reliance, and their dependance upon Allah will always achieve so much more in this world as well as in the Hereafter, even if they don't see the results of it in their lifetimes. Even in times of war and battle, when (Dawud) David fought (Jalut) Goliath and defeated him and his army:

(كَمْ مِنْ فِئَةٍ قَلِيلَةٍ غَلَبَتْ فِئَةً كَثِيرَةً بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿٤﴾)

“How many times has a small force vanquished a mighty army by the Will of Allah! And Allah is 'always' with the steadfast.” (Al Baqarah:249)

Allah tells us in another verse that twenty Muslims united upon the correct creed and are patient, can defeat 200, and that one hundred sincere Muslims can defeat 1000 disbelievers:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ حَرِّضِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَى الْقِتَالِ ۗ إِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ عِشْرُونَ صَابِرُونَ يَغْلِبُوا مِائَتِينَ ۗ وَإِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ مِائَةٌ يَغْلِبُوا أَلْفًا مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِأَنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ۗ ٦٥

“O Prophet! Motivate and encourage the believers to fight. If there are twenty steadfast among you, they will overcome two hundred. And if there are one hundred of you, they will overcome one thousand of the disbelievers, for they are a people who do not comprehend.” (At Tawbah:65)

So why are Muslims so large in number, but no Muslim nations throughout the world are considered to be a world superpower? Why don't the Muslim nations throughout the Muslim world have iron

domes and anti-aircraft missiles to prevent invasions and military conflicts. Why don't the Muslim nations produce their own defense weapons, fighter jets, aircraft carriers, and advanced military technology to defend themselves from invasions? What's the problem? Why are 57 Muslim nations, with over 2 billion Muslims not able to prevent and stop what's happening in Palestine today and has been happening over the past 75 years?

Perhaps what the Prophet Muhammad told us over 1445 years ago can answer our question:

" يُوشِكُ الْأَمَمُ أَنْ تَدَاعَى عَلَيْكُمْ كَمَا تَدَاعَى الْأَكْلَةُ إِلَى فَصْعَتِهَا " . فَقَالَ قَائِلٌ وَمِنْ قِلَّةِ نَحْنُ
 بِيَوْمِنِذٍ قَالَ " بَلْ أَنْتُمْ يَوْمِنِذٍ كَثِيرٌ وَلَكِنَّكُمْ غُنَاءٌ كَغُنَاءِ السَّيْلِ وَلَيَنْزِعَنَّ اللَّهُ مِنْ صُدُورِ عَدُوِّكُمْ
 الْمَهَابَةَ مِنْكُمْ وَلَيَقْذِفَنَّ اللَّهُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمُ الْوَهْنَ " . فَقَالَ قَائِلٌ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَا الْوَهْنُ قَالَ " حُبُّ
 الدُّنْيَا وَكَرَاهِيَةُ الْمَوْتِ " .

Narrated Thawban: The Prophet (ﷺ) said: "The people will soon summon one another to attack you as people when eating invite others to share their dish. Someone asked: Will that be because of our small numbers at that time? He replied: No, you will be numerous at that time: but you will be like the foam or froth of the sea, or the debris carried down by a flood or torrent, and Allah will remove the fear of you from your enemies hearts, and place 'al wahn' into your hearts. Someone asked: What is wahn O Messenger of Allah (ﷺ): He replied: Love of this world and dislike of death."

Yes, love if this world and dislike of death brothers and sisters. This is the reason why we find the Muslim nations in the situations that we are in. We are afraid of dying and meeting Allah and too attached to this dunya and its luxuries. Too many of us love our leadership positions, our statuses, our jobs, our careers, our families, our salaries, our real estate, our businesses, and our investments more than we love Allah and His Messenger and sacrificing for their sake. We love our houses

and buildings more than we love the houses of Allah such as Al Masjid Al Aqsa and Al Quds/Jerusalem. Living comfortably in the lands of the kuffar is more beloved to us than living a little uncomfortably in the Muslim lands. Paying taxes to the kuffar and seeing the proceeds from products we buy that are used to bomb and slaughter our brothers and sisters in Palestine, Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya is more beloved to us than living with a lower salary in a Muslim country. Loving, inclining to, and voting for kuffar leaders in the West and pledging allegiance to their flags is more beloved to us than being obedient to some of our Muslim leaders that may have some sins and mistakes. Focusing on and popularizing some of the sins and acts of disobedience of some of the Muslim countries and their leaders is more beloved to us, than speaking out about the kufr, shirk, oppression, genocide, murder, war crimes of the western nations that we live and reside in, and our funding of these war crimes in Palestine. We need to wake up brothers and sisters. We need to wipe the seal from our eyes, ears, and hearts and take a look around us. We need to remember and realize that all Muslims-even those that sin openly and/or privately-should have our support, our duas, our supplications, our aid and assistance especially those in leadership positions.

كان السلف – كالفضيل بن عياض وأحمد بن حنبل وغيرهما – يقولون : لو كان لنا دعوة
مجابة لدعونا بها للسلطان

The righteous predecessors used to say: “If I were to supplicate, and my supplication would be answered, I would make it for the leaders of the nations”

Because with the guidance and righteousness of the leaders, comes the guidance and righteousness of the citizens and the countries. With the corruption and misguidance of the leaders, come the corruption and misguidance of the citizens. May Allah guide the Muslim leaders,

presidents, kings, governors to return back to the Quran and Sunnah. To remember the importance of Al walaa wal baraa. May Allah guide the scholars to speak the truth and protect them and protect their families. May Allah use the Muslim leaders and Muslim scholars to unite the ranks of Muslims all throughout the world, to support each other regardless of political borders, tribes, accents, and dialects. It is Islam that unites us, and nothing else, uroobah won't unite us, being from the same country will not unite us, being the same color will not unite us, being from the same fiqh madthab will not unite us, it is only 'la ilaha illa Allah Muhammadar Rasulullah' that will globally unite us.

When we understand al walaa wal baraa, we give all Muslims precedence over all kuffar, as we ally ourselves with Iman and the believers, and disassociate with kufr and the disbelievers. When we abandon al walaa wal baraa then we find ourselves in the situations we are in today as an ummah, weak, humiliated, and differing.

Brothers and sisters, those of us living in the west are no better than any of our other brothers and sisters throughout the world. Those of us living in the USA, Europe, Canada, Australia are so entrenched in sins just by living in these lands, and our hearts are so sick and diseased that we don't even realize the sins we're committing solely because our hearts have become accustomed to sinning on a daily basis. We falsely deem many of the haram things to be halaal because we live in the west, and we see the halaal things to be difficult to acquire because the haram has been made easily accessible to us. Brothers and sisters, we need to wake up. And hopefully what is happening now in Gaza has revived our dead hearts and souls to return back to Allah, back to the masjid, back to the deen, back to the Quran and the Sunnah, back to realizing the importance of Islamic unity, allying ourselves with Muslims and Muslim nations.

Brothers and sisters, We're constantly deceiving and pacifying our minds, our bodies and our souls with the luxuries of this dunya, our cell phones, our constant wasting of time, our false hopes. No one should blame anyone for the situation our brothers and sisters are in in Gaza, except ourselves. Don't think that our presence here in the west, and our sins have not aided the enemies of Allah to take over the lands of Palestine and Al Masjid Al Aqsa. Because they have. Every tax dollar you pay goes right to the agenda to take over Palestinian lands, purchase bombs, tanks, and military equipment to further the oppressive Zionist cause.

What is happening today in Palestine, Gaza, Al Masjid Al Aqsa do not think that we do not have a share in the sin of allowing the enemies of humanity and munafiqeen to take Palestinian lands, and control Al Masjid Al Aqsa, because we do. No one is less responsible than the next person. If the Muslims are one body, then we are one body in the good and the bad. We share in times of grief/sadness, as well as in times of happiness and success. If the Muslim Ummah is victorious then all of us are victorious, and if the Muslim Ummah suffers a loss then we all suffer a loss.

When we look back at the history of this ummah, during the battle of Uhud when the kuffar of Quriash wanted to take revenge for their devastating defeat at the battle of Badr. They prepared a great well-equipped army and headed for Madinah to destroy the Muslim state and take revenge.

When Muslims knew of Kuffar Quraysh's intention of attacking them, the Prophet Muhammad had a strategic plan to defend the Muslim army. He used mount Uhud as a natural barrier to defend Muslims from behind. At the same time, he assigned a group of archers on a small

mount beside Uhud to protect Muslims' backs and prevent Quraysh's possible attacks from the gap behind.

Prophet Muhammad specifically ordered and commanded the archers keep their positions on the mount no matter what happens. He said: "If you see that the birds are snatching at us, do not move from this place of yours and if you see that we defeated the people (the enemy) and trod them down, do not move until I send for you."

The battle started with the Muslims' victory despite their small number compared to Quraysh's army. However, when the archers saw the kuffar Quraish run away leaving some of the spoils of war behind them, they left their positions on the mount and hurried to collect them thinking they achieved a complete victory, and disobeyed The Prophet's commands.

Soon, the victory turned into a catastrophic defeat where the Kuffar Quriash circled around the mount of the archers and attacked Muslims from behind making them surrounded by Quraysh from all sides! Upon which many of the companions, around 70 of them were killed. All because of the small group of archers, disobeying the Prophet Muhammad's orders....

Then Allah revealed:

أَوْلَمَّا أَصَابَتْكُمْ مُصِيبَةٌ قَدْ أَصَبْتُمْ مِثْلَيْهَا قُلْتُمْ أَنَّى هَذَا قُلْ هُوَ مِنْ عِنْدِ أَنْفُسِكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ١٦٥

"Why is it when you suffered casualties 'at Uhud'—although you had made your enemy suffer twice as much 'at Badr'—you protested, "How could this be?"? Say, 'O Prophet,' "It is because of your disobedience." Surely Allah is Most Capable of everything."

70 of the companions lost their lives because of the disobedience of the few of the archers who disobeyed the Prophet Muhammad.

So if 70 of the companions were killed in the battle of Uhud because of a few of the archers who disobeyed the Prophet Muhammad, how many of our brothers and sisters have died because of the sins and acts of disobedience that we are constantly committing. This is the real question we need to ask ourselves. Not why are these people getting involved in Palestine, or why isn't this nation sending aid, or why aren't these leaders or rulers sending their militaries.

عَجَبًا لِرَجُلٍ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ يُصْلِحَ بَيْتَهُ وَرَوْجَتَهُ وَأَوْلَادَهُ وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْهُمْ وَيُرِيدُ أَنْ يُصْلِحَ
الْحَاكِمَ وَهُوَ غَيْرَ مَسْئُولٍ عَنْهُ

“It’s ironic that those who cannot even rectify their own households, their wives, and their children whom they are responsible for rectifying and guiding want to rectify the kings, leaders, and presidents of Muslim countries while he is not responsible for them or what they do”

Before we start pointing fingers brothers and sisters let’s rectify our own affairs with Allah first before we start worrying about other people, other countries, other nations. We are always asking impatiently: “When will Allah’s Aid come”, but we never ask ourselves, what have we done to deserve the aid of Allah to come? What have we done to practice Islam and share the correct version of Islam with others here in the West? What have we done to aid Allah’s book. What have we done to aid the Prophet’s Sunnah? We hastily demand the result, but we don’t want to put in any work. We want results now, but we don’t want to abandon our sins and disobedience to Allah.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ ٧

O believers! If you stand up for Allah, his deen, his book, his sunnah, He will help you, aid you, assist you in all of your affairs and make your feet firm.

We just want the aid of Allah to come immediately, without fulfilling the conditions to receive Allah's aid. The condition is that we practice his deen wholeheartedly.

And if we aid Allah's deen by practicing it and implementing it into all aspects of our lives, not just in the masjid...then Allah will aid us, and if Allah aids us, no one can defeat us ever:

إِن يَنْصُرْكُمُ اللَّهُ فَلَا غَالِبَ لَكُمْ ۖ وَإِن يَخْذُلْكُمْ فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَنْصُرُكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ ۗ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ
الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ١٦٠

If Allah helps you, none can defeat you. But if He denies you help, then who else can help you? So in Allah let the believers put their trust.

The question we need to ask ourselves is: Is this generation of Muslims one that deserves to receive the aid and nasr of Allah? Are our Muslim men, women and children those who have fulfilled the Amanah of implementing this blessed deen into every aspect of our lives? Or we just practice it in the masjid? Is this generation of Muslims known to be trustworthy, honest, just, fair, and responsible enough to fulfill the Amanah of protecting the lands of Palestine and Al Masjid Al Aqsa if Allah so chooses to give them back to the Muslims? What have we done to be qualified to receive Allah's aid and help? Allah's power and might is above and beyond anything that anyone of us can even imagine. All he has to do is say 'be and it is', he can send his angels, his winds, his rain, his oceans, his clouds, his tornadoes, or any creature from amongst his creation to fulfill the Amanah of protecting and fulfilling the trust of Al Masjid Al Aqsa and the land of Palestine, even if it was with one sincere Muslim, with one sword riding on a horse. Nothing is impossible for Allah. But Allah only gives to those whom He loves, those that love him, and those that deserve to receive his gifts and blessings. The question that we should ask ourselves is: are we deserving?

When we reflect and observe our situations in our own homes, many of us cannot even pray on time, or even order our children to pray on time. Many of us cannot even tell our wives to dress modestly and wear hijab. Many of us men cannot even let our beards grow. Many of the leaders of the Muslim nations have different creeds, different concerns, different politics, different economic policies, and different constitutions. They're not even united upon making the Quran and Sunnah their dustoor, their constitution for the laws and legislations in their nations, so how could they come to agreement and a unified stance in regards to Al Masjid Al Aqsa and Palestine. Many of our Muslim nations can't even stop the people from throwing garbage on the ground and cannot manage the cleaning of or traffic in their own streets. In many of our masajid we can't even put our shoes on the shoe rack without the reminder of a sign. Many of our masajid cannot even agree upon hiring a qualified Imam with a respectable honorable salary. Many of us don't even know our neighbors names, and have never shared anything about Islam with them. Many of us have jobs but we cheat our employers, or we short our employees and don't pay them the wages they deserve or we don't pay them on time, or even at all. Many of us lie and cheat when we buy or sell our products, or offer our services. If many of us do get a job then many of us don't perform our tasks with precision, honesty, accuracy, and integrity. So how would we handle the Amanah of Al Masjid Al Aqsaa if Allah gave it back to the Ummah, if we can't even manage these things. May Allah help us and aid us to return back to him...

The next question we should ask ourselves is: What have we truly done to aid Allah, aid his deen, aid his book, aid his sunnah, aid his messenger, aid his servants, aid his scholars? Have we learned about Allah, His Oneness, His Tawheed, His Names and Attributes so that we can believe in him correctly, and supplicate to him using his beautiful

names and attributes. Have we learned about His messenger so that we can behave like him, look like him, walk like him, talk like him, do business like him. Have we dedicated any of our time to read, ponder, reflect, and memorize his book the Quran. Have we sacrificed any of our wealth to build masajid, Islamic schools, send humanitarian aid and support for those in need? Have we prayed five times a day on time to help us get closer to Allah. Have we payed our yearly zakat so that we can purify our wealth. Have we put some money away to make hajj instead of saving up for our yearly vacations to here and there. When we fulfill these things brothers and sisters, which are the bare minimums to be a Muslim, then we are on the path to aiding Allah and His deen, and receiving his aid in return. We will not be victorious or successful, and will continue to be humiliated by the enemies of Allah until we return completely back to Allah's deen, as our Messenger told us:

إِذَا تَبَايَعْتُمْ بِالْعِيَّةِ، وَأَخَذْتُمْ أَدْنَابَ الْبَقَرِ، وَرَضِيتُمْ بِالزَّرْعِ، وَتَرَكْتُمُ الْجِهَادَ، سَلَّطَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمْ ذُلًّا لَا يَنْزِعُهُ حَتَّى تَرْجِعُوا إِلَى دِينِكُمْ

“When you enter into the riba based transactions, and hold tightly to the tails of cows, and become pleased with agriculture/farming (busy in your worldly affairs and businesses), and abandon jihad for the sake of Allah. Allah will make you disgraceful and humiliated, and will not remove the disgrace and humiliation from you until you return back to your original religion.”

May Allah aid us to practice his deen and may Allah not punish the ummah for our sins, mistakes and acts of disobedience. May Allah guide us, may Allah protect our brothers and sisters in Palestine, in Gaza and return the holy lands back to the rightful owners. May Allah guide the Muslim leaders and scholars throughout the world to make the right decision to please Allah and unite the Muslims.

Second khutbah

Brothers and sisters in Islam, as we all know one of the first casualties during war is the truth. The media, the news, the newspapers, the radios, the websites are always the first to strike to send out propaganda to brainwash those who don't use their critical thinking skills. Alhamdulillah, despite the enemies of Allah owning the majority of the media outlets, it is the Muslims who have attained victory in the media warfare and we have conquered the false propaganda being pushed by the fraudulent peacemakers.

Our brothers and sisters in Palestine have already won the media war, their struggles and loss of lives have awakened not only other Muslims throughout the world, but also non-Muslims as well.

Many are chanting and raising signs that say "Free Palestine", while it is the Muslims throughout the rest of the world who really need to be freed and liberated from their imprisonment inside their bodies and minds and love of this dunya and fear of death. Our brothers and sisters in Palestine may be in an open air prison in Gaza, but they're hearts, souls, and minds are truly free and not imprisoned and entrapped in the love of this dunya like ours are. The rest of the Muslims throughout the world are living free, but their hearts, minds, and souls are imprisoned our desires, our love of this dunya, our love of the luxuries that we have, and our fear of death. Indeed, it is Palestine and the Palestinians who have freed the rest of the world. While young babies, innocent women and children are being bombed on a daily basis and dying as martyrs and we are sitting on our cell-phones watching and waiting for the next news report doing nothing, not even making dua or supplication for them.

Brothers and sisters in Islam, with everything going on in the world today, we have to try our best to try to extract some good out of bad and unfortunate situations.

As they say in Arabic:

رُبَّ ضَارَّةٍ نَافِعَةٌ -sometimes good things come out of bad situations.

The loss of thousands of lives in Palestine is a horrific tragedy that we can never justify nor replace, and something that will be recorded in history for eternity. May Allah grant them to be from the shuhada/martyrs.

Some of the good that has come out of this situation is that the majority of the inhabitants of the world are now waking up and realizing the crimes of the Zionists, their allies, and their evil agendas to oppress not only the Palestinians but many other people as well. Non-Muslims are even flooding the streets in opposition of their oppressive nations and countries that are murdering the Palestinian people. From the good that has come out of the situation in Palestine is that even many Christians are now realizing that they are closer to the Muslims that they thought, as we and them both love Jesus and His mother and consider him to be a prophet and Messenger of Allah. From the good is that we as Muslims in living in the West have more opportunities to share Islam, the History of Islam, History of Palestine, the Lands of Jesus with our non-Muslim neighbors in hopes that we can aid in guiding them to the truth. One of the greatest goods taken from this terrible tragedy is that many of us Muslims have returned back to Allah in supplication and an increase in good deeds. So it is really Palestine and the Palestinians that have freed us. Hopefully, the charity we have given to their cause has freed us from our excessive love of wealth, and being drowned in the love of the luxuries of this life here in the West. Hopefully, with the duas that we have made it has softened our hearts

to repent to Allah and return back to his deen. Hopefully, with the congregation of your bros and sisters in the streets, we can remind each other about the importance of congregating and standing foot to foot united in the prayers inside the Masajid. Hopefully with the qunoots we are making after every Fajr, Magrib, and Isha it ignites within our hearts and souls the importance of praying witr and qiyaam Al layl supplicating to Allah for forgiveness and guidance. Hopefully, with the boycotting of unhealthy foods and restaurants, we realize that the owners of those companies never want good for anyones bodies or minds, and want people to be fat, sluggish, unfocused, health disorders, etc...so that they can be easily enslaved to fulfill their agendas. Hopefully now we realize the blessings of eating only Halaal and wholesome foods that Allah loves and is pleased with. And supporting our Muslim owned businesses and stores.

Brothers and sisters in Islam, our constant sinning and disobeying Allah has led to the death of our hearts, and more than likely the death of many of our brothers and sisters in Islam. Abdullah ibnul Mubarak said:

رَأَيْتُ الذَّنُوبَ تُمِيتُ الْقُلُوبَ-وَيَتَّبِعُهَا الدُّلَّ إِدْمَانُهَا
وَتَرَكْتُ الذَّنُوبَ حَيَاةَ الْقُلُوبِ-وَحَيْرٌ لِنَفْسِكَ عَصِيَانُهَا

“I noticed that sins cause death to the heart, and becoming addicted to them brings about humiliation/disgrace; and that the abandonment of sin is life for the hearts, so it is best for your self to disobey it!”

Brothers and sisters indeed, it is Palestine and the Palestinians that have truly freed and liberated us. It is the Palestinians who are really alive, while the majority of us are dead.

وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتًا بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ يُرْزَقُونَ ١٦٩

Never think of those martyred in the cause of Allah as dead. In fact, they are alive with their Lord, well provided for— (Ali Imran:169)

The rest of the Ummah, the majority of us are walking upon the earth but are actually dead. Our souls are trapped in our dead bodies and minds, and are living in coffins of flesh and bones because our souls are dead and on the verge of dying.

It is us who are really dead (hearts, minds, intellects) even though our bodies are alive.

أَمْوَتٌ غَيْرُ أَحْيَاءٍ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ أَيَّانَ يُبْعَثُونَ ٢١

They are dead, not alive—not even knowing when their followers will be resurrected. (An Nahl:21)

May Allah aid and guide us to be victorious in all of our affairs. May Allah free Palestine and free us from our desires and love of this dunya through freeing Palestine and the Palestinians. May Allah aid the Muslim leaders to make the right choices to aid Islam and the Muslims throughout the world ya rabb Al alaameen.

اللهم أعز الإسلام والمسلمين اللهم أعز الإسلام والمسلمين اللهم أعز الإسلام وانصر المسلمين في كل مكان، في فلسطين وغزة والقدس والمسجد الأقصى يا ناصر المظلومين يا ذا الجلال والإكرام. ارفع عنهم الوباء والبلاء والفتن ما ظهر منها وما بطن يا القوى يا العزيز

اللَّهُمَّ مُنْزِلَ الْكِتَابِ سَرِيعِ الْحِسَابِ اهْزِمِ الْأَحْزَابَ، اللَّهُمَّ اهْزِمُهُمْ وَرَازِلُهُمْ. يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ عَلَيْكَ بِالْمُفْسِدِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ الْغَاصِبِينَ وَمَنْ وَالَاهُمْ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

اللهم يامن أجاب نوحاً حين ناداه- يامن كشف الضر عن أيوب في بلواه

يامن سمع يعقوب في شكواه-ورد إليه يوسف وأخاه-يا رحيم يا رؤوف ياذا العزة والجبروت - يا مالك الملك والملوك- يامن أمنت يونس في بطن الحوت

يامن حفزت موسى في اليم والتأبوت نسألك يا الكريم يا المجيب أن تنصرتنا على قوم الكافرين، يا الله أمرتنا بدعائك فاستجب لنا يا ذا الجلال والإكرام، يا ناصر المستضعفين، أنت وعدتنا بنصرتك، اجعلنا ممن يستحقون نصرتك بإقامة دينك في كل مكان والرُجوع إليك بتوبة نصوحة من كل آثام ، يا الله انصر أخواننا في فلسطين يا ناصر المظلومين، انزل بأسك على اليهود الغاصبين وطهر المسجد الأقصى من المفسدين يا القوي يا العزيز... يا رب العالمين

وصلي الله على نبينا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه وسلم تسليماً كثيراً