

Surah Muhammad, Chapter 47

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of God the Compassionate, the Merciful

Verses 1 – 10

{الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَصَدُّوا عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَضَلَّ أَعْمَالَهُمْ} 1}

1. Those who deny (believing in Divine Lights as the only genuine Guides) and barred men from following Divine Light (Ali), wasted their past virtues (in having participated in crusade with the Prophet) leading to Eternal rewards.

{وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَآمَنُوا بِمَا نُزِّلَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَهُوَ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ} 2} كَفَّرَ عَنْهُمْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ وَأَصْلَحَ بَالَهُمْ 2}}

2. Those who put fate in Divine Light (Ali) and acted righteously and further attested the Prophet in what was revealed unto him (regarding succession of Ali) from their Providence, shall have their sins absolved with betterment of their condition (reconfirmation of faith).

{ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا اتَّبَعُوا الْبَاطِلَ وَأَنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّبَعُوا الْحَقَّ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ} 3} كَذَلِكَ يَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ لِلنَّاسِ أَمْثَالَهُمْ 3}

3. This is because the infidels followed imposters whereas the faithful followed the truth from their Providence and thus We describe for men the state of their faithful and faithless affairs.

فَإِذَا لَقِيتُمْ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَضَرْبَ الرِّقَابِ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَتَخْتَمُوهُمْ فَشُدُّوا الْوَتَاقَ فَمَا مَأْنَىٰ بَعْدُ وَإِمَّا فِدَاءً حَتَّىٰ تَضَعَ الْحَرْبُ أَوْزَارَهَا ۚ ذَٰلِكَ وَلَوْ يَشَاءُ اللَّهُ لَانتَصَرَ مِنْهُمْ وَلَكِن لِّيَبْلُوَ بَعْضَكُمْ بِبَعْضٍ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَلَنْ يُضِلَّ أَعْمَالَهُمْ ۚ

4. And when you defy an infidel, slay him, when you capture him until he is bled to death or handcuff him and if he surrenders, the Divine Light may set him free or demand a ransom or make him a slave. This is because, if God had desired, He would have helped them, but He tries a faithful with the faithless, and the deeds of the martyrs shall not be voided. [1](#)

{سَيَهْدِيهِمْ وَيُصْلِحُ بَالَهُمْ} 5

5. Shortly shall He guide them and improve their affairs.

{وَيُدْخِلُهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ عَرَفَهَا لَهُمْ} 6

6. And admit them to paradise with bounties with which He has acquainted them.

{يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ} 7

7. Oh you faithful, if you help the Divine Lights, it will strengthen your faith.

{وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَتَعَسَا لَهُمْ وَأَضَلَّ أَعْمَالَهُمْ} 8

8. And those who defy Divine Lights, shall be destroyed with wastage of their past virtues.

{ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَرِهُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالَهُمْ} 9

9. And this is because they disliked what was revealed (to the Prophet) by God (regarding Ali) so He voided their virtues.

{أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ ۚ دَمَّرَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ ۚ وَلِلْكَافِرِينَ أَمْثَالُهَا} 10

10. Have they not seen on Earth what has been the fate of the preceding people? God destroyed them, and this is an example for the infidels (which their fate shall be similar) because God is a sympathizer of the faithful where the infidels have none for them to sympathize with them.

{ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ مَوْلَى الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَأَنَّ الْكَافِرِينَ لَا مَوْلَى لَهُمْ} 11

11. This is because God is the protector of the believers and those who deny the truth have no protector at all.

Moral

Man should guard his virtues, rewards whereof in Eternity, commencing with death, as worldly gifts have to be paid for his labour under Divine Justices, as the Devil has been given power in the world. Be not led away by worldly position of politicians, be they socialists and industrialists or scientists as it is payment of their labour in the world.

Verses 12 – 19

{إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُدْخِلُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يَتَمَتَّعُونَ وَيَأْكُلُونَ كَمَا تَأْكُلُ الْأَنْعَامُ وَالنَّارُ مَثْوًى لَهُمْ} 12

12. Verily shall God admit the faithful who have acted virtuously in Paradise, below which flow streams and let the infidels enjoy in this world and feed like beasts, as their destination is hell.

{وَكَايْنٍ مِنْ قَرْيَةٍ هِيَ أَشَدُّ قُوَّةً مِنْ قَرْيَتِكَ الَّتِي أَخْرَجْتِكَ أَهْلُكِنَاهُمْ فَلَا نَاصِرَ لَهُمْ} 13

13. And how many of the cities, which were strong than Meccans, who drove you (oh Prophet) out. We destroyed without their having assistance.

{أَفَمَنْ كَانَ عَلَىٰ بَيِّنَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّهِ كَمَنْ زُيِّنَ لَهُ سُوءُ عَمَلِهِ وَاتَّبَعُوا أَهْوَاءَهُمْ} 14

14. What! He who is steadfast on his Divine proof (certifying his faith in Divine Lights) is alike him whose acts have been eulogized in his eye by passionate acts (i.e. hypocrites) and he is a slave to his passion.

{مَثَلُ الْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي وُعدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ ۖ فِيهَا أَنْهَارٌ مِنْ مَاءٍ غَيْرِ آسِنٍ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ لَبَنٍ لَمْ يَتَغَيَّرَ طَعْمُهُ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ خَمْرٍ لَذَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ عَسَلٍ مُصَفًّى ۖ وَلَهُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ كَمَنْ هُوَ خَالِدٌ فِي النَّارِ وَسُقُوا مَاءً حَمِيمًا فَقَطَّعَ أَمْعَاءَهُمْ} 15

15. Or are alike the gardens of paradise, promised to the pious, where are streams of water without (stinking) smell, or mild without change of taste, of wine sweet of the taste, and streams

of transparent honey, and for them in those gardens are available fruits of every kind and forgiveness from their Providence, the same as compared to one who is in permanent hell wherein he is given boiling liquid to drying, tearing off his intestines?

وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَسْتَمِعُ إِلَيْكَ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا خَرَجُوا مِنْ عِنْدِكَ قَالُوا لِلَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ مَاذَا قَالَ أَنفَا ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ طَبَعَ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِهِمْ وَاتَّبَعُوا أَهْوَاءَهُمْ ۚ ﴿16﴾

16. And amongst them are hypocrites, who pretend to listen to you, until when they leave you out, they ask the learned men, what did he say now? Those are the people whose hearts have been sealed by God, and what have followed their passion.

وَالَّذِينَ اهْتَدَوْا زَادَهُمْ هُدًى وَآتَاهُمْ تَقْوَاهُمْ ۚ ﴿17﴾

17. And those who have embraced faith shall have their guidance increased (confirmed) with endowment of piety (a sign of confirmation).

فَهَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا السَّاعَةَ أَن تَأْتِيَهُمْ بَغْتَةً ۖ فَفَقْدَ جَاءَ أَشْرَاطُهَا ۚ فَأَنَّىٰ لَهُمْ إِذَا جَاءَتْهُمْ ذِكْرَاهُمْ ۚ ﴿18﴾

18. What! Are they anticipating sudden advent of Reckoning Day when its forecasts have already come? How can they be saved when they are disregarding the advice which has come to them?2

ۚ اَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاسْتَغْفِرُ لِدُنْيِكَ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مُتَقَلَّبَكُمْ وَمَثْوَاكُمْ ۚ ﴿19﴾

19. Know there is none else except God the Unique, pray to Him for forgiveness of your sins, and of faithful men and women, as God knows your whereabouts and final destination.

Moral

Best kind of prayers is admitting iniquity of Providence in obeying Divine Lights and praying forgiveness of one's sins from Him, through their intercession.

Verses 20 – 28

وَيَقُولُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَتْ سُورَةٌ ۚ فَإِذَا أُنزِلَتْ سُورَةٌ مُحْكَمَةٌ وَذُكِرَ فِيهَا الْقِتَالُ ۚ رَأَيْتَ الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ ۚ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَيْكَ نَظَرَ الْمَغْشَىٰ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْمَوْتِ ۚ فَأَوْلَىٰ لَهُمْ ۚ ﴿20﴾

20. And the faithful say, “Why no commands for crusade are being received?” And when a clear command thereon is revealed, wherein crusade is declared, you will see those of diseased hearts, looking at you, as though they were under agony of death. It would have been better on their part.

{طَاعَةٌ وَقَوْلٌ مَعْرُوفٌ ۚ فَإِذَا عَزَمَ الْأَمْرُ فَلَوْ صَدَقُوا اللَّهَ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ } 21

21. To comply and make an honest statement, and when participation (in crusade) is decided, had they verified it, it would have been better on their part.

{فَهَلْ عَسَيْتُمْ إِنْ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ أَنْ تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتُقَطِّعُوا أَرْحَامَكُمْ } 22

22. What? By turning away therefrom, they propose to fan sedition and cause disaffection among relatives?

{أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ لَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ فَأَصَمَّهُمْ وَأَعَمَّى أَبْصَارَهُمْ } 23

23. Those are the people whom God has cursed, their ears are sealed and eyes blinded.

{أَفَلَا يَتَذَكَّرُونَ الْقُرْآنَ أَمْ عَلَى قُلُوبٍ أَقْفَالُهَا } 24

24. Do they not think over the Glorious Qur'an or are their hearts sealed?

{إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ارْتَدُّوا عَلَىٰ أَدْبَارِهِمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الْهُدَىٰ ۚ الشَّيْطَانُ سَوَّلَ لَهُمْ وَأَمْلَىٰ لَهُمْ } 25

25. Those who have apostate, after guidance was enlightened upon them, which was due to the devil (Khalifa II) having deceived them, by eulogizing their suggestions in winning power and position in the world and entertaining desires for a long life.

{ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا لِلَّذِينَ كَرِهُوا مَا نَزَّلَ اللَّهُ سَنُطِيعُكُمْ فِي بَعْضِ الْأَمْرِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِسْرَارَهُمْ } 26

26. This is why those who did not approve of what were revealed by God.3 They said they would not comply with it and God knows what is secreted in their hearts.

{فَكَيْفَ إِذَا تَوَفَّتْهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ يَضْرِبُونَ وُجُوهَهُمْ وَأَدْبَارَهُمْ } 27

27. How will they help (the situation) when death angels will be lashing on their faces and backs.

{ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ اتَّبَعُوا مَا أَسْخَطَ اللَّهَ وَكَرِهُوا رِضْوَانَهُ فَأَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالَهُمْ} 28

28. This is due to their following what enraged God and they disliked to seek Divine Will, thus voiding their acts.

Moral

23. Those who spread disaffection amongst relatives by intriguing against the Prophet have been cursed. Hence the faithful should not associate with them (on religious affairs) as Hell is their destination.

24. This refers to Shaiks and those of like-minded (as per Divine Light Six in Kafi) and needs no elucidation.

26. This hatred was exposed several times, viz. in the Battle of Badr, Battle of Hunain, Battle of Nakhle, water the Hajs, revelation of Khum (Khum-e-Ghadeer).

Verses 29 – 38

{أَمْ حَسِبَ الَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ أَنْ لَنْ يُخْرِجَ اللَّهُ أَضْغَانَهُمْ} 29

29. Do those who have plotted the ink We shall not expose their malice (towards Divine Lights).

{وَلَوْ نَشَاءُ لَأَرَيْنَاكُمْ فَلَعَرَفْتَهُمْ بِسِيمَاهُمْ ۚ وَلَتَعْرِفَنَّهُمْ فِي لَحْنِ الْقَوْلِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ أَعْمَالَكُمْ} 30

30. If we desired, we could acquaint you with their signs, and you would recognize from the tone of their speech, and God is acquainted with your acts.

{وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ حَتَّىٰ نَعْلَمَ الْمُجَاهِدِينَ مِنكُمْ وَالصَّابِرِينَ وَنَبْلُوَ أَخْبَارَكُمْ} 31

31. We shall try you until We find out (prove) who are the real participants of the crusade among you and patient and test your reports.

{إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَصَدُّوا عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَشَاقُّوا الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الْهُدَىٰ لَنْ يَضُرُّوا اللَّهَ شَيْئًا وَسَيُحْبِطُ أَعْمَالَهُمْ} 32

32. Verily, those apostate from faith and barred men from the path of God (i.e. from following the Immaculates) and disobeyed the Prophet, after guidance was enlightened on them, they shall not affect Him in any way. Rather, void is their acts.

{يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَلَا تُبْطِلُوا أَعْمَالَكُمْ} 33

33. Oh you faithful believe in God and the Prophet and do not void your acts.

{إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَصَدُّوا عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ مَاتُوا وَهُمْ كُفَّارٌ فَلَنْ يَغْفِرَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ} 34

34. OF course, those who became apostate and barred the Divine Path and died as such, shall never be forgiven by God.

{فَلَا تَهِنُوا وَتَدْعُوا إِلَى السَّلْمِ وَأَنْتُمُ الْأَعْلَوْنَ وَاللَّهُ مَعَكُمْ وَلَنْ يَتَرَكَمُ أَعْمَالَكُمْ} 35

35. And do not slack and do not plead for peace. You will get the upper hand. God is with you and shall not suspend your acts.

{إِنَّمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا لَعِبٌ وَلَهْوٌ ۗ وَإِنْ تُؤْمِنُوا وَتَتَّقُوا يُؤْتِكُمْ أَجْرَكُمْ وَلَا يَسْأَلْكُمْ أَمْوَالَكُمْ} 36

36. Wildly life is nothing but play and sport, whereas if you believe and fear God, God will give you the reward and will not demand all of your property.

{إِنْ يَسْأَلْكُمْوهَا فُحِيفِكُمْ تَبَخَّلُوا وَبُخْرَجَ أَضْعَانَكُمْ} 37

37. And if He demands, under insistence, the whole of it, and if you act in hesitation miserly (as those who departed Hussain at Karbala) He would expose your weakness.

هَا أَنْتُمْ هَؤُلَاءِ تُدْعَوْنَ لِتُنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَمِنْكُمْ مَنْ يَبْخُلُ ۗ وَمَنْ يَبْخُلْ فَإِنَّمَا يَبْخُلْ عَن نَفْسِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ الْغَنِيُّ وَأَنْتُمْ
{الْفُقَرَاءُ ۗ وَإِنْ تَتَوَلَّوْا يَسْتَبْدِلْ قَوْمًا غَيْرَكُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَكُونُوا أَمْثَالَكُمْ} 38

38. These are the people who are asked to spend in the name of God. Those who are miserly, consequence thereof is on the one who so acts, and God is Self-sufficient and you are dependent upon Him. So if you turn away, He will replace you by another nation (Persians) who will not so act as you do.

Moral

God has given sufficient intimation of apostates who, notwithstanding their participation in the crusade, bore hatred (to Ali) and wasted their labours under secret plotting against Ali. Ultimately, God gave a definite decision, i.e. lovers of Divine Lights, will be found outside Arabia, i.e. in Persia and elsewhere. As when the Glorious Qur'an was being read out to them, they admitted His Commands wholly, entertaining Divine love, i.e. love of purity, that is love for the Divine Lights and hatred for lovers of the world. these are places where freely Islam can be observed in the original cult duly approved by Divinity.

1. IF the faithful overpowers the faithless he gets the booty and reward in the world, and if he is a martyr (killed for the sake of God) in the eyes of God, he receives Paradise (in return). Similarly, if the faithless survives, in victory, he is condemned to hell for infidelity, or if he surrenders, he has a chance to embrace faith.

2. Of some forecasts are (1) indifference to prayers, (2) following passion, (3) respecting the rich, (4) selling Eternity for the sake of the world, (5) dishonesty of rulers, officers and the trustees, (6) virtues being deemed vices and vice versa, (7) women shall rule, (8) slaves will be consulted, (9) immature will sermonize, (10) tithe considered as ransom, (11) Muslim property taken as booty, (12) children will disobey parents, (13) friends will beguile, (14) comets will appear, (15) ladies will transact business, (16) sunshine in rain, (17) respectable will be degraded and the mean will be respected, (18) when you should not go to market, where ungratefulness shall be openly declared, (19) public awe of being robbed in life and property will prevail, (20) unemployment will be on the rise, (21) people will indulge in international export and import, (22) economic condition of the country will be upset by Divine disasters, etc. (23) the youth will be cruelly treated and elders not respected, (24) their appearance will be human and hearts like the devil, (25) self-satisfaction of passion among the sexes, (26) interchange of dress, (27) mosques will be gilded like churches and synagogues, (28) the Glorious Qur'an shall be likened with minarets of mosques, (29) people will congregate in mosques with no sincere hearts, (30) men will wear gold ornaments and silk suits and wild skin boots, (31) they will do business of interest, accept bribes and torment the virtuous, (32) there will be excess of divorce, over-ruling Divine Commands, (33) music in various forms, such as cinema and radio will prevail, (34) the rich will go on pilgrimages as on a change of climate, middle class men for business, and the beggars to show, (35) theology will be studied for litigation and not for guidance, (36) fornication will develop, (37) people will be drowned in worldly pleasures, (38) heart failures will be on the increase, (39) female birth will be on the increase, so as to make the combination of 40 females to one, (40) lies will be a common feature, (41) untimely (heavy) rain, (42) readers of the Text and religious worshippers will find fault with one another and will be raised as dirty animals before God, (43) the rich will be afraid of the poor for life, (44) incapable men will be on stage, (45) after short period land will slip and everybody will feel affected.

3. Regarding Ali's succession.

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