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7. Birth Of A Little Paradise

It is impossible to completely eradicate oppression and injustice from the face of the earth. There will always be some people who are oppressing and unjustly treating others till the Day of *al-Qiyamah*. However, incidences of oppression, aggression and injustice can be reduced to the barest minimum, to the extent they are hardly heard of anywhere on the globe. This is what Imam al-Mahdi, *'alaihi al-salam*, will achieve, with Allah's Help, through his worldwide revolution. This is also what the *ahadith* say: that just as cases of equity and justice are *existent* but unusual today, incidences of oppression, aggression and injustice will also occur at his time, though very rarely. Imam Abu Dawud (d. 275 H) records:

> حدثنا سهل بن تمام بن بزيع ثنا عمران القطان عن قتادة عن أبي نضرة عن أبي سعيد الخدري قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم " المهدي مني أجلى الجبهة أقنى الأنف يملأ الأرض قسطا وعدلا كما ملئت جورا وظلما ويملك سبع سنين "

Sahl b. Tammam b. Buzay' – 'Imran al-Qa□□an – Qatadah – Abu Nadhrah – Abu Sa'id al-Khudri:

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said: "**The Mahdi is from me**, with a broad forehead, a curved nose. **He will fill the earth with equity and justice just as it had been filled with oppression and injustice**, and he will rule by kingdom for seven years."[1]

Al-Albani says:

> حسن

Hasan.[2]

Imam Ahmad (d. 241 H) also documents:

> حدثنا عبد الله حدثني أبي ثنا محمد بن جعفر ثنا عوف عن أبي الصديق الناجي عن أبي سعيد الخدري قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم لا تقوم الساعة حتى تمتلئ الأرض ظلما وعدوانا قال ثم يخرج رجل من عترتي أو

من أهل بيتي يملؤها قسطا وعدلا كما ملئت ظلما وعدوانا

‘Abd Allah (b. Ahmad) – my father (Ahmad b. Hanbal) – Muhammad b. Ja’far – ‘Awf – Abu al-Siddiq al-Naji – Abu Sa’id al-Khudri:

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said: “The Hour will not be established until the earth is filled with injustice and aggression. Then, a man from my offspring or my Ahl al-Bayt will come out. **He will fill it with equity and justice just as it had been filled with injustice and aggression**.”[3]

Shaykh al-Arnau؋ comments:

إسناده صحيح على شرط الشيخين

Its chain is *sahih* upon the standard of the two Shaykhs.[4]

A world with almost no oppression and injustice is only a wild dream today; and certainly, it will take a great miracle to achieve. This is why it is clearly one of the miracles of the Mahdi that he will successfully create a earth which is nothing but a little paradise. The earth will become virtually crimeless and overwhelming peaceful, once Allah grants victory to him.

Another major miracle which Imam al-Mahdi will achieve is that he will completely end poverty in our planet. Literally every single human being on the earth will become very rich and wealthy. Imam Muslim (d. 261 H) records how this will occur:

حدثنا زهير بن حرب وعلي بن حجر (واللفظ لزهير) قالا حدثنا إسماعيل بن إبراهيم عن الجريري عن أبي نضرة قال كنا عند جابر بن عبدالله فقال... قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم يكون في آخر أمتي خليفة يحثي المال حثيا لا يعده عددا

Zuhayr b. Harb and ‘Ali b. Hajar – Isma’il b. Ibrahim – al-Jariri – Abu Nadhrah:

We were with Jabir b. ‘Abd Allah and he said...: The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said: “**There will be a *khalifah* at the END of my *Ummah* who will distribute wealth without ever counting it**.”[5]

This *khalifah* is named in this *hadith* of Imam al-Hakim (d. 403 H):

أخبرني أبو العباس محمد بن أحمد المحبوبي بمرو ثنا سعيد بن مسعود ثنا النضر بن شميل ثنا سليمان بن عبيد ثنا أبو الصديق الناجي عن أبي سعيد الخدري رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال : يخرج في آخر أمتي المهدي

Abu al-‘Abbas Muhammad b. Ahmad al-Mahbubi – Sa’id b. Mas’ud – al-Nadhr b. Shumayl – Sulayman b. ‘Ubayd – Abu al-Siddiq al-Naji – Abu Sa’id al-Khudri, may Allah be pleased with him:

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said, “**The Mahdi will come out at the END of my *Ummah***..[6]

Al-Hakim comments:

> هذا حديث صحيح الإسناد

This *hadith* has a *sahih* chain[7]

Imam al-Dhahabi (d. 748 H) agrees:

> صحيح

Sahih[8]

He will be Imam al-Mahdi, and he will distribute wealth to his subjects without measure. Muslim again records:

> وحدثني زهير بن حرب حدثنا عبدالصمد بن عبدالوارث حدثنا أبي حدثنا داود عن أبي نضرة عن أبي سعيد وجابر بن عبدالله قالا قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم يكون في آخر الزمان خليفة يقسم المال ولا يعده

Zuhayr b. Harb – ‘Abd al-Samad b. ‘Abd al-Warith – my father – Dawud – Abu Nadhrah – Abu Sa’id and Jabir b. ‘Abd Allah:

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said: “There will be a *khalifah* at the End of Time, **who will distribute wealth and will not count it**.”[9]

‘Allamah al-Albani (d. 1420 H) too has copied this *hadith* of the Prophet, *sallallahu ‘alaihi wa alihi*:

> من خلفائكم خليفة يحثو المال حثيا لا يعده عدا

Among your *khulafa* will be a *khalifah* **who will distribute wealth without ever counting it**.[10]

He then comments:

> صحيح

Sahih[11]

In the footnote to the report, al-Albani further says:

> وهو المهدي المبشر بخروجه بين يدي نزول عيسى عليه الصلاة والسلام، ويصلي عيسى عليه الصلاة والسلام خلفه.

He is the Mahdi, whose advent is promised to occur before the descent of 'Isa, *'alaihi al-salat wa al-salam*, **and 'Isa, *'alaihi al-salat wa al-salam*, behind him**.[12]

With such a leader in charge of world affairs, it is no surprise that the earth will be transformed into the promised land for mankind, which flows with milk and honey. Imam al-Hakim records about some other benefits of the Mahdi's rule for humanity:

> أخبرني أبو العباس محمد بن أحمد المحبوبي بمرو ثنا سعيد بن مسعود ثنا النضر بن شميل ثنا سليمان بن عبيد ثنا أبو الصديق الناجي عن أبي سعيد الخدري رضي الله عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال : يخرج في آخر أمتي المهدي يسقيه الله الغيث وتخرج الأرض نباتها ويعطى المال صحاحا وتكثر الماشية وتعظم الأمة يعيش سبعا أو ثمانيا يعني حججا

Abu al-'Abbas Muhammad b. Ahmad al-Mahbubi – Sa'id b. Mas'ud – al-Nadhr b. Shumayl – Sulayman b. 'Ubayd – Abu al-Siddiq al-Naji – Abu Sa'id al-Khudri, may Allah be pleased with him:

The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said, "The Mahdi will come out at the end of my *Ummah*. **Allah will provide rain to him, and the earth will bring out its vegetation, and he will give wealth correctly. Livestock will become abundant and the *Ummah* will become great**. He will witness seven or eight *Hajjs*.[13]

Al-Hakim comments:

> هذا حديث صحيح الإسناد

This *hadith* has a *sahih* chain[14]

Imam al-Dhahabi agrees:

> صحيح

Sahih[15]

‘Allamah al-Albani also says about the *hadith* in his *Sahihah*:

> قلت: وهذا سند صحيح

I say: This chain is *sahih*[16]

Dr. al-Bastawi has the same verdict on it:

> إسناده صحيح.

Its chain is *sahih*.[17]

Imam Ibn Abi Shaybah (d. 235 H) too has this report:

> عبد الله بن نمير قال حدثنا موسى الجهني قال حدثني عمر بن قيس الماصر قال: حدثني مجاهد قال: حدثني فلان رجل من أصحاب النبي: أن المهدي لا يخرج حتى تقتل النفس الزكية، فإذا قتلت النفس الزكية، غضب عليهم من في السماء ومن في الأرض، فأتى الناس المهدي، فزفوه كما تزف العروس إلى زوجها ليلة عرسها، وهو يملأ الأرض قسطا وعدلا وتخرج الأرض نباتها وتمطر السماء مطرها، وتنعم أمتي في ولايته نعمة لم تنعمها قط.

‘Abd Allah b. Numayr – Musa al-Juhani – ‘Umar b. Qays al-Masir – Mujahid:

Someone, a man from the Sahabah of the Prophet, narrated to me (from the Prophet): “Verily, the Mahdi will not come out until the Pure Soul is murdered. When he (the Pure Soul) is murdered, those in the heavens and those on the earth will become angry against them. So, the people will go to the Mahdi, and they will accompany him in a procession, just as the bride is accompanied in a procession to her groom on the night of her wedding. **He will fill the earth with equity and justice, and the earth will bring out its vegetation, and the sky will bring down its rains. My *Ummah* will enjoy a comfort during his rule, which it never enjoined before.**”[18]

Dr. al-Bastawi says about this *hadith*:

> إسناده صحيح. رجاله كلهم ثقات.ومجاهد لم يصرح هنا باسم الصحابي، ولكنه سمع من جماعة من الصحابة رضي الله عنهم.

Its chain is *sahih*. Its narrators are trustworthy. Mujahid has not explicitly stated the name of the Sahabi. However, he did hear from a group of the Sahabah, may Allah be pleased with them.[19]

The unnamed Sahabi was clearly narrating from the Messenger of Allah. This is why the phrase “my

Ummah" is used in his report. Moreover, all Sahabah are trustworthy in Sunni *rijal*. Therefore, the fact that the Sahabi is not named does not hurt the authenticity of the *hadith*. It is perfectly *sahih*.

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