



PATH TO SALVATION

Muslim, Christian, Jew, idol-worshipper or atheist — every single person is united in the belief that death is inevitable. Death itself is not an end. Rather, it is a bridge to the next life, the eternal life of the Hereafter. The life of the Hereafter is simply a matter of either heaven or hell. Every person will eventually find his permanent abode in either one of these places. The question is: Who will gain salvation by means of his entry to *Jannah* (paradise) and who will be doomed to Allah Ta'ala's wrath and punishment?

ALLAH TA'ALA'S CREATION

In order to understand this matter in its proper perspective, it is first necessary to consider some basic realities. Allah Ta'ala, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, with His power granted every human being the gift of life. He created and fashioned this human being in the most fascinating manner. In the dark factory of the womb Allah Ta'ala granted him hands and feet, those dainty eyes and ears, that little heart, his brain and intellect and all the limbs and organs of his body. Before he is even ushered into this world, Allah Ta'ala creates the sustenance for this miraculous creation in the bosom of his mother. Finally he comes into this world. He comes gasping for breath. He requires air to breathe. Allah Ta'ala provided air for him free of charge. He needs water desperately to live. Allah Ta'ala poured down the water for him from the skies. He needed vegetation for himself and for the animals that he would slaughter for food. From the hard ground Allah Ta'ala brought out the vegetation he required. Thus Allah Ta'ala provided all his needs for him.

He then sent His noble Messengers (*alaihimus salaam*) to guide man. Finally His last and final Messenger, Sayyidina Muhammad (*sallallahu alaihi wasallam*) was sent as a guide for all mankind till the last day. Upon this final Messenger Allah Ta'ala revealed His last book — the Glorious *Qur'an*, the eternal miracle. Allah Ta'ala has thus commanded all mankind through His final Messenger and His *Qur'an* that the only path to salvation is the path of Islam.

HIGH TREASON

Among the very basic fundamentals of Islam is to believe in the oneness of Allah Ta'ala and not to ascribe any partners to Him, to believe in and accept the Messenger of Allah Ta'ala, Sayyidina Muhammad (*sallallahu alaihi wasallam*), as being the last and final Prophet and to believe and accept the *Qur'an* as

the last book of Allah Ta'ala. Rejection of any of these fundamentals, among others, renders a person out of the pale of Islam. Such a person is committing the worst treason against his Creator, the One who gave him life, who gave him the air to breathe, who granted him his mind and intellect and every other gift.. Such a person, according to the promise of Allah Ta'ala, will never enter *Jannah*. And Allah Ta'ala does not contradict His promise. All his actions, in the face of the worst form of treason (*kufur*) that he commits, pale into total insignificance. Hence Allah Ta'ala declares: ***“And he who rejects Imaan his actions are destroyed. And in the Hereafter he is from among the losers”*** (5:5). Imaan is the soul of any action. Take away the Imaan and it is merely a lifeless form. However, Allah Ta'ala, only out of His grace, will compensate a disbeliever for his good deeds, such as charity, caring for people, etc. in this world. Anas bin Malik (R.A.) reports that Rasulullah (*Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam*) said: “Verily when a disbeliever does a good action, Allah Ta'ala grants him something in lieu of it in this world” (*Sahih Muslim*). As for salvation in the Hereafter, Imaan is a pre-requisite.

ONLY ISLAM

The *Qur'an* clearly proclaims that the only religion acceptable to Allah Ta'ala is Islam. Allah Ta'ala says: ***“Verily the only religion in the sight of Allah (Ta'ala) is Islam”*** [3:19]. Another verse proclaims: ***“And whosoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted from him and in the Hereafter he will be among the losers”*** [3:85].

DISBELIEF

Disbelief (*kufur*) in terms of the *Qur'an* and *Hadith* is to reject any fundamental aspect of *Deen*. Rejecting a single verse of the *Qur'an* is disbelief. Addressing the disbelievers Allah Ta'ala says: ***“Do you believe in part of the book and commit kufur (disbelief) with part of it? And what is the recompense for the one who does that except disgrace in the wordly life, and on the day of Judgment they will be returned to the severest punishment”*** [2:85]. Rejecting the Messenger of Allah Ta'ala is also *kufur*. Allah Ta'ala declares: ***“Verily, those who disbelieve in Allah and His Messengers and they intend to differentiate***

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between Allah Ta'ala and His Rasul and they say 'we believe in some and disbelieve in some' and they intend to tread a path between that (belief and disbelief). They are the disbelievers in reality" [4:150,151].

SOME DISBELIEVERS

The Qur'an, in spite of having explained the principles of *Imaan* and *kufr*, spells out certain types of disbelief. Hence Allah Ta'ala says: "**Verily, those people have committed kufr who claim that Allah is Maseeh (Eesa alaihis salaam) the son of Maryam**" [5:72]. Similarly, Allah Ta'ala says: **Verily, those have committed kufr who claim that Allah Ta'ala is the third of the three (the trinity)**" [5:73]. Likewise, Rasulallah (*sallallahu alaihi wasallam*) is reported to have said: "By him in whose hand is the life of Muhammad, no person who hears of me, be he a Jew or a Christian, and then dies without believing in that with which I was sent (the *Qur'an* and *Hadith*) except that he will be from among the dwellers of the fire" (*Sahih Muslim*).

END-RESULT OF KUFR

Allah Ta'ala says: "**Verily, those who commit kufr and die while they are disbelievers, even the earth filled of gold will never be accepted from them if they gave it in compensation (to be saved from hell)**" [3:91] Another verse states: "**Verily, those who commit kufr and falsify our verses, they are the people of the fire. They will dwell therein forever**" [2:39]. And Allah Ta'ala also declares: "**Verily, Allah Ta'ala has cursed the kaafireen (disbelievers) and prepared for them a blazing fire. They will dwell therein forever**" [33:64].

Thus the Qur'an clearly spells it out. Salvation is dependent upon *Imaan* (belief) in the Oneness of Allah Ta'ala, the apostleship of Rasulallah (*sallallahu alaihi wasallam*), *Imaan* upon every word and letter of the Qur'an and upon all the other fundamentals of *Deen*. The one who rejects any fundamental aspect of *Deen* rejects Allah Ta'ala. He rejects his Creator and Sustainer. He commits the highest form of treason. Such a person, according to the promise of Allah Ta'ala, will never gain salvation.

May Allah Ta'ala grant *hidayat* to one

MUTUAL CONSULTATION

Often a person has to make a decision pertaining to some aspect or the other. The more serious the matter, the more difficult it becomes to make the decision. According to the advice of the Qur'an and *Hadith*, such important decisions should never be made without prior consultation. Allah Ta'ala declares in the Glorious Qur'an regarding the Believers: "**And their matters are (decided) in mutual consultation**" [*Surah Shura:38*]. Even Rasulallah (*sallallahu alaihi wasallam*) was commanded by Allah Ta'ala to consult the Sahaba (*radhiallahu anhum*) in such matters of importance wherein no divine instruction had been given.

BENEFIT OF MASHWARA

It is reported from Ibn Umar (*radhiallahu anhu*) that Rasulallah (*sallallahu alaihi wasallam*) said: "The one who intends to embark on any act and after mutual consultation he decides either to proceed with his plans or to refrain from going ahead, he will be guided from Allah Ta'ala towards that which is beneficial" (*Baihaqi - Ma'ariful Qur'an* vol.2, pg.219). In another narration Rasulallah (*sallallahu alaihi wasallam*) is reported to have said: "When your leaders will be the best among you, the wealthy among you will be the most generous and your matters will be decided in mutual consultation, then to be on the surface of the earth will be better than being inside the earth. However, when your rulers will be the worst among you, the wealthy ones will be miserly and your important matters will be in the hands of your women, then to be in the stomach of the earth (the grave) will be better than being on the surface" (*Tirmizi*).

Thus all matters of importance, even those that are of a purely worldly nature, should be decided after consulting people of piety and knowledge. If the matter pertains to some worldly aspect, a person of piety and experience in that field should be consulted. After having taken the advice of such experienced people one should place one's trust in Allah Ta'ala and make the decision.

TRUST

The one who is approached for advice should consider his advice carefully. Rasulallah (*sallallahu alaihi wasallam*) is reported to have said: "The person from whom advice is sought has been entrusted with an *amaanah* (trust). Therefore he should advise the person seeking advice to do that which he himself would have done" (*Tabrani*).

JUNIORS

There is tremendous benefit in consulting even one's subordinates. Firstly, this fosters love between the seniors and juniors. Secondly, by consulting with one's juniors, the juniors are trained in the matter of decision making. They then begin to learn which aspects should be considered and which aspects are negligible. The juniors will then understand what should be given top priority and what should be considered on a secondary level, whether this pertains to matters of running the affairs of the home, business or personal aspects. Above all, consulting with the juniors is a *sunnah* of Rasulallah (*sallallahu alaihi wasallam*). On some occasions Rasulallah (*sallallahu alaihi wasallam*) sought the opinion of very young Sahaaba (*radhiallahu anhum*) in some important matters.

Thus the Qur'anic advice and the *sunnah* of *Mashwara* should be adhered to at all times. In this is *barakah* and guidance from Allah Ta'ala. Hence there will be love and understanding between all concerned.

AMEER MUAWIYAH (RADHIALLAHU ANHU)

Q Some people resort to talking ill of Hazrath Ameer Mua'wiya (radhiallahu anhu). What was his status among the Sahaaba (radhiallahu anhum)?

A Hazrath Ameer Mua'wiya (radhiallahu anhu) was a highly ranked companion of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam). He is among those Sahaaba (radhiallahu anhum) who were the *Kaatibul Wahi* (scribes of the verses of the Qur'an at the time of revelation). In a narration of *Jami Tirmizi* it is narrated that Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) once made the following *dua* for him: "O Allah, make him a guide and one who is rightly guided and grant people guidance through him." Once Ibn Abbaas (radhiallahu anhu) said with regard to Hazrath Ameer Mua'wiya (radhiallahu anhu): "Verily he is a *Faqih* (one who possesses deep understanding of the Qur'an and *Hadith*)" (*Sahih Bukhari*). To speak ill of Hazrath Ameer Mua'wiya (radhiallahu anhu) or any Sahaabi (radhiallahu anhu) is a serious crime. Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) is reported to have said: "Do not speak ill of my Sahaaba (radhiallahu anhum). Verily if one of you gives in charity the equivalent of *Mount Uhad* in gold, it will not be equal to one handful of their charity nor to half of it" (*Sahih Bukhari*). Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) also said: "Honour my Sahaaba (radhiallahu anhum) for verily they are the best of my *Ummah*" (*Nasai*). Another *Hadith* states: "Those who love my Sahaaba (radhiallahu anhum) do so out of love for me [Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam)] and those who despise them do so out of hatred for me" (*Tirmizi*). When Allah Ta'ala Himself speaks in glowing terms about all the Sahaaba (radhiallahu anhum) in numerous verses of the Qur'an, how dare any person ever speak ill of them. In one verse Allah Ta'ala says regarding the Sahaaba (radhiallahu anhum): "Muhammad (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) is the Messenger of Allah, and those who are with him are severe against the disbelievers, and merciful among themselves. ... their description in the *Taurat* (Torah). But their description in the *Injeel* (Gospel) is like a (sown) seed which sends forth its shoot, then makes it strong, it then becomes thick, and it stands straight on its stem, delighting the sowers so that He may enrage the disbelievers with them..." (48:29) Imaam Malik (R.A.) has deduced from this verse that to despise the Sahaaba (radhiallahu anhum) is a trait of the disbelievers while to love them is a quality of the Believers.

Hence to speak ill of any Sahaabi (radhiallahu anhu) is a serious sin. May Allah Ta'ala grant us the true love of the Sahaaba (radhiallahu anhum). Aameen

O TRUE LOVER OF RASULULLAH (SALLALLAHU ALAIHI WASALLAM)

O lover of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam)! Most certainly the concerns of your beloved concern you greatly. Without any doubt what he loved, you also love and what he despised and disliked, you too hate those aspects. This is obviously your condition, since you are a true lover of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam). Every true and sincere lover of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) has such intense love for his beloved that, as a poet says: "Even if I wash my mouth with musk, it will still not be worthy enough to fulfil the right of mentioning the beloved and esteemed name of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam)." Every person is disturbed by bad odours. The stench of sin from the mouth, eyes, ears and all the other limbs are greatly disturbing to Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam). Hence his true lovers will refrain from all sins so that they do not cause any disturbance to their beloved. Therefore, O true lover of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam), consider the following *Ahadith* of our beloved and noble Master: (sallallahu alaihi wasallam):

☛ "I have been sent to destroy musical instruments" (*Nailul Awtaar*).

"Music creates hypocrisy in the hearts just as water causes the grass to grow" (*Baihaqi*).

☛ "Music incites one towards adultery" (*Nailul Awtaar*).

☛ "Ibn Umar (radhiallahu anhu) reports that once Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) heard the sound of music. He immediately thrust his fingers into his ears until the sound could no longer be heard" (*Abu Dawood*).

☛ "When my *Ummah* will indulge in fifteen actions, the calamities will befall them one after the other. (Among the fifteen actions is) . . . When singing girls and musical instruments will become rife" (*Tirmizi*).

* "Verily Allah Ta'ala has forbidden alcoholic drinks, gambling, the drum and tambourine and every intoxicant is forbidden" (*Abu Dawood*).

☛ "Listening to music is a sin and sitting for that purpose is a flagrant violation" (*Nailul Awtaar*).

☛ "The one who listens to singing girls, Allah Ta'ala will pour molten lead into his ears on the day of *Qiyamah*" (*Ibn Asaakir*).

Hence O true lover of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam), it is obvious that after reading the above *Ahadith* it is impossible for you to listen to that which your beloved Rasul (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) hated to listen to. How can it ever be possible for a true lover to open his ears to listen to that which Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) closed his ears to? How can it ever be possible for a true lover to love that which his beloved prohibited? How can it ever be possible for a true lover to stoop to the level of even paying to indulge in that which his beloved has warned against that it will bring down the "calamities"? **After all, is it not correct that you are a true,**

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DISINCLINATION FROM ZIKR

SUMMARY OF LETTER:

Respected Mufti Saheb

Often my *zikr* is completely neglected. Most of the time I feel very unstable and restless. Kindly guide me in this matter.

SUMMARY OF REPLY:

Respected Brother

Conditions of this nature generally occur due to one of three reasons:

1. The incorrect company. To constantly remain in the company of people who are not inclined towards *zikr*, etc., has an effect upon one. (As a result one's own inclinations also shift away from *zikr*.)

2. Incorrect food. The above mentioned calamity (of the disinclination of the heart from *zikr* and the constant instability) sometimes is brought about as a consequence of consuming food that has been purchased with *haram* income.

3. The third reason for the above is indulgence in sin. It is therefore necessary that you ponder carefully as to what is the reason for your situation and rectify the same. Take a bath and then perform two rakaats of *salaatut tawba*. After the *salaatut tawba* remain sitting on the musallah for a long time and make much *istighfaar* (repent to Allah Ta'ala). Beseech Allah Ta'ala not to deprive you of taking his pure name. Having done this commence with your *zikr*, etc. The day you do not complete your *zikr* on time, postpone your eating until you have completed your *zikr*. May Allah Ta'ala assist you and grant you punctuality. (*Maktoobaat - vol.1, pg.137*)

The Fastest

Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) is reported to have said: "The noble deeds that bring down rewards fastest are righteousness and joining of family ties. The evil deeds that bring down punishment most quickly are rebellion and cutting off of family ties. (*Ibn Majah*)

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THE LAWS OF INHERITANCE are directly from the Qur'an, with a few finer details found in the Hadith as well. Therefore one must totally submit to the law of Allah Ta'ala and His beloved Rasul (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). Allah Ta'ala says: "*It does not behove of a Believing man or woman that when Allah and His Rasul decree a matter that they should have any choice in that matter. And he who disobeys Allah and His Rasul has deviated a clear deviation.*"⁶

"MY RIGHT?"

Nevertheless, it is often noted that the winding up of estates are beset with problems, mostly because one or more of the parties involved are not interested in sorting the matters out Islamically. Instead they make such demands on the basis of the laws of the country which directly contradict the Shariah. At times such a person will even be heard bellowing: "*It is my right!*" He will even be prepared to spend thousands in going to court to secure this *right*. A person of this mentality should consider the following: If a non-Muslim makes a bequest that one ton of pork or a million bottles of wine should be given to him, would he still claim that this is now his *right* and consume it? After all, according to the laws of the country, this is totally "legal" for him and it is his *right*. To demand anything that contradicts the Shariah is no different to this. It is in reality no better than pork or wine for the one who receives it in this *haram* manner.

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