

A Message to Our People in Gaza

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O you who are steadfast and posted on a battle frontier of the greatest frontiers of Islam: know that the affliction and trial you are undergoing is the road to honor in this world and degrees of elevation in the Hereafter. Allah (swt) is testing you by it to purify you and raise your rank. He (swt) said, ﴿قُلْ لَنْ يُصِيبَنَا إِلَّا مَا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَنَا هُوَ مَوْلَانَا وَعَلَى اللَّهِ﴾ **“Say: Nothing will ever befall us except what Allah has destined for us. He is our Protector.” So in Allah let the believers put their trust** [TMQ Surah At-Tawbah: 51].

Allah (swt) destined what He destined for you, not against you, so that you may increase in reward and steadfastness, and that your banner may be raised among the nations.

Know that there is no calamity that befalls the earth or yourselves except that it was written with Allah (swt) before it came to be, as He, Exalted, said, ﴿مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ﴾ **“No calamity or blessing occurs on earth or in yourselves without being written in a Record before We bring it into being. This is certainly easy for Allah”** [TMQ Surah Al-Hadid: 22].

Let your certainty be that what passed you by, was not meant to befall you, and what befell you, was not meant to miss you.

This is a recurring Sunnah (Way) of Allah (swt) in the history of the believers. No people were tested and remained patient except that Allah (swt) granted them the earth. This affair is not far from what happened to the people of Musa (as) when Pharaoh threatened, ﴿سَنَقْتُلُ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ وَنَسْتَحْيِي نِسَاءَهُمْ وَإِنَّا فَوْقَهُمْ قَاهِرُونَ﴾ **“We will kill their sons and keep their women. We will completely dominate them”** [TMQ Surah Al-Araf: 127].

Is this description not today the state of your enemy who targets children and women and thinks that by his power he is capable against you?!

The people of Musa (as), who were exhausted by affliction, as Allah (swt) said, ﴿قَالُوا أُوذِينَا مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ تَأْتِيَنَا وَمِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جِئْتَنَا﴾ **“We have always been oppressed—before and after you came to us with the message”** [TMQ Surah Al-Araf: 129].

These are words expressing weakness and long-standing pain. Then here came Musa's decisive answer, carrying Allah's promise and the glad tidings of victory. Allah (swt) said, ﴿قَالَ عَسَىٰ رَبُّكُمْ أَنْ يُهْلِكَ عَدُوُّكُمْ وَيَسْتَخْلِفَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرَ كَيْفَ تَعْمَلُونَ﴾ **“Perhaps your**

Lord will destroy your enemy and make you successors in the land to see what you will do” [TMQ Surah Al-Araf: 129].

Thus Musa (as) taught them that the path to succession and empowerment (tamkeen) is not opened except by patience under affliction, and that injustice, however severe, its end is decline, and the outcome is for the righteous.

You today speak with the same tone as they did, and the answer is the same for you. Your Lord (swt) will destroy your enemy and will grant you the land after them through your steadfastness, sincerity, and firm stances. So be patient and persevere and remain in firm stances, for Allah’s Promise is true.

The Messenger of Allah (saw) taught us to regard affliction with certainty, saying to Ibn Abbas (ra), «...وَلَوْ اجْتَمَعُوا عَلَى أَنْ يَضُرُّوكَ بِشَيْءٍ لَمْ يَضُرُّوكَ إِلَّا بِشَيْءٍ قَدْ كَتَبَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ» “...and if they were to gather to harm you with something, they could not harm you except with something that Allah has decreed for you.”

What you endure is in the Hand of Allah (swt), not in the enemy’s; your provision (rizq), your appointed time (ajl), and your ranks are with Allah (swt) and with no one else.

O People of Gaza: you today stand in the stance of the Prophets (as) and the righteous, standing firm for the truth against tyranny. Every hardship, every wound, every martyr is provision in your balance of good deeds, and elevation of your rank. Allah’s companionship is with you and His victory (nasr) is near, so be patient and steadfast, and rejoice in what Allah (swt) promised of gardens and ranks, and of worldly honor that is only attained through steadfastness and sacrifice.

May Allah (swt) keep you firm, extend His support (nasr) to you, bind your hearts, make lightness in your footsteps, and grant you swift relief and a manifest victory.