

Do Not Let the Age of Betrayal Steal Your Heart: The Path From Subjugation to the Khilafah

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The political reality of the world today is a world at war with the Ummah. Gaza bleeds into its third year of systematic extermination and genocide. The Jewish entity — armed, funded, and diplomatically shielded by Washington and aided by the silence of their agents, the rulers of Muslims — continues to reduce an entire people to rubble, famine, and mass graves. The world while witnessing a live genocide responds with laughable empty resolutions and toothless condemnations. More tragic is the aid and silence of the rulers of Muslims. This is not merely war; it is the manifestation of the colonialist hostility that Allah (swt) described, ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا بِطَانَةَ مَنْ دُونِكُمْ لَا يَأْلُونَكُمْ خَبَالًا وَدُّوا مَا عَنِتُّمْ قَدْ بَدَتِ الْبَغْضَاءُ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَمَا تُخْفِي صُدُورُهُمْ أَكْبَرُ قَدْ بَيَّنَّا لَكُمْ الْآيَاتِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ﴾ **“O you who have believed, do not take as intimates those other than yourselves, for they will not spare you any effort to corrupt you. They wish that you would suffer. Hatred has already appeared from their mouths, and what their breasts conceal is greater. We have made clear to you the signs, if you will use reason”** [TMQ Surah Aali Imran: 118].

From Gaza to Kashmir, the Ummah is facing a coordinated, global campaign of subjugation. Palestine is bombed with genocide, while Kashmir rots under the boots of Hindu occupation. The occupied Muslim lands from the Jordan River to the Kashmir Valley, treated as permanent facts and too complex to confront are in essence a single colonialist project. This project is unified by one purpose: the continued subjugation of Muslims and to never allow Islam as a system to govern these lands it used to be. Allah (swt) said, ﴿وَلَا يَزَالُونَ يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ حَتَّى يَرُدُّوكُمْ عَن دِينِكُمْ إِنِ اسْتَطَعُوا﴾ **“And they will continue to fight you until they turn you back from your Deen if they are able”** [TMQ Surah Al-Baqarah: 217].

Whilst the enemy's sword is painful, the traitor's dagger inflicts a deeper wound; this is an accurate analogy for the treacherous rulers who cooperate with the disbelievers while disguised as guardians.

The present US-Iran war has proved that kuffar will be never satisfied with the roles different Muslim countries play for them from time to time. For decades, Iran served as a functional component within the American regional architecture — deliberately or by convergence of interest — from Afghanistan to Iraq to Syria. Yet now, the very hand Iran helped against Muslims, has turned against Tehran. The undeniable lesson is that no accommodation with the colonialist power purchases safety, and those who serve the empire are discarded the moment their utility expires.

The Arab regimes act as agents of colonialist interests, using the wealth of the Ummah to fund the systems that occupy Muslim lands. Their normalization of ties with the Jewish entity and silence on the Gaza genocide prove they prioritize their thrones over Muslim blood and Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa, and they fear Muslims and Islam much more than they fear the Jewish entity for the Jewish entity may take from the lands of Muslims but Islam will take their thrones. Allah (swt) said, ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا عَدُوِّي وَعَدُوَّكُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ تُلْفُونَ إِلَيْهِمْ بِالْمَوَدَّةِ وَقَدْ كَفَرُوا بِمَا جَاءَكُمْ مِنَ الْحَقِّ﴾ **“O you who have believed, do not take My enemies and your enemies as allies, extending to them affection while they have disbelieved in what came to you of the truth”** [TMQ Surah Al-Mumtahana: 1]. Meanwhile, Kashmir is being corrupted under Hindu nationalist occupation, forgotten in statements, and erased from the agenda, while Palestine is being managed as a “crisis” rather than as a colonialist crime.

Amidst all this despair and betrayal, the Ummah is presented with a false image of honor and victory: The spectacle of generals in Pakistan, along with their political henchmen, are rolling out the red carpet for American envoys. These agent rulers tell us that mediating on behalf of the very powers that have shattered the bodies of Muslims from Kabul to Fallujah with their wars is “the art of governance,” “global diplomacy,” and “prestige.” They trade the honor of “La ilaha illAllah” for a photograph with the powerful, presenting collaboration as courage and subjugation

as sophistication. Allah (swt) said, ﴿الَّذِينَ يَخِدُونَ الْكٰفِرِينَ اَوْلِيَآءَ مِنْ دُوْنِ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ ؕ اٰبَتُوْنَ عِنْدَهُمُ الْعِزَّةَ فَاِنَّ الْعِزَّةَ لِلّٰهِ جَمِيعًا﴾ [TMQ Surah An-Nisa: 139].

Yet the real defeat that the disbelievers want to see is not on the landscape of any battlefield, but emerges from hearts and minds that watch this betrayal and slowly go numb in despair.

The worst defeats do not originate on any land on the map; rather, they reside in the hearts and minds that witness these betrayals and then gradually become numb with despair. The heart that weeps for Gaza is a living heart, and the chest that constricts at the sight of the humiliated lands of the Muslims is a chest that is fulfilling its function as it should. Allah (swt) does not condemn the feeling of pain, but He warns against allowing it to consume a person until despair becomes paralyzing. Allah (swt) said, ﴿فَلَا تَأْسَ عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْفٰسِقِيْنَ﴾ **“Do not let yourself perish in grief over them”** [TMQ Surah Al-Ma'idah: 26]. The prohibition is not against pain. It is against drowning in it. Against letting what you witness become a weight that crushes your capacity to act, to think, to remain steadfast in your understanding of the truth.

The reality of these events must be seen through the Sunan (سنن Laws) of Allah (swt), not through the despair of the defeated. The falling of masks, the exposure of regimes, and the generals smiling in front of Western cameras is an exposure of them. Allah (swt) said, ﴿مَا كَانَ اللّٰهُ لِيَذَرَ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ عَلَى مَا اَنْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ حَتّٰى يَمِيْزَ الْخَبِيْثَ مِنَ الطّٰيْبِ﴾ **“Allah would not leave the believers as you are until He distinguishes the impure from the pure”** [TMQ Surah Aal-Imran: 179]. Distinction does not happen in times of ease; the tests filter the sincerity. If Arab regimes normalize with the Jewish entity, normalization does not become truth. If ulema fall silent, silence does not become the stance of Islam. Allah (swt) said, ﴿وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا يَسْتَبَدِلْ قَوْمًا غَيْرَكُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَكُوْنُوْا اُمَّتَكُمْ﴾ **“If you turn away, He will replace you with another people; then they will not be like you”** [TMQ Surah Muhammad :38].

Islam is not upheld by institutions; instead, it is upheld by those who remain committed to it, and betrayal does not bury the truth, but only buries the traitors.

Do not wait for the masses to revolt before you affirm your understanding, nor wait for ulema to speak before you take your stand. Stand firm because you know the truth, not because the crowd has moved. If they are silent, do not be silent; if they surrender, do not surrender; if they collapse, do not collapse. The important question is not: Will the Ummah rise in my lifetime? Instead, it is: How will I face Allah (swt)? You will face Him with what you have done, not with what has been achieved on the ground. If generals smile before the cameras in Washington, have you described it as it is? If regimes fund occupation, have you exposed it? If the occupied territories are neglected in diplomatic channels, have you mentioned them?

What the age of betrayal wants from you is not just to lose a battle; it wants something far more precious: it wants your heart, your conviction, your resolve, and your refusal to be broken. Do not give it that.

Grieve, but do not let grief destroy you. Observe, but do not succumb to what you see. Bear the weight of this era, but do not let it bury you. The road is long, and your role in what is to come depends entirely on your standing firm now. The promise of Allah (swt) will not end with the treachery of rulers, nor will it be buried beneath the rubble of Gaza, nor silenced by applause in banquet halls in Islamabad. Allah (swt) is the one who grants victory, and your Shariah obligation is to act, to stand firm now, and to trust that He (swt) will open what human hands cannot. When the doors were closed and sealed in the face of Yusuf (as), and as falsehood pressed in from every side, what remained? Nothing but a step forward, taken with complete reliance (توكل tawwakul) on Allah (swt). Allah (swt) said, ﴿وَاسْتَبَقَا الْبَابَ وَقَدَّتْ قَمِيْصَهٗ مِنْ دُبُرٍ﴾ **“And they both raced to the door, and she tore his shirt from behind”** [TMQ Surah Yusuf: 25]. The very moment of apparent confinement was transformed into a moment of divine intervention. This is the way of Allah (swt) with His servants: the most severe hardship is not a sign of abandonment, but rather a prelude to relief, and the re-establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) is a promise that will be fulfilled. The Prophet (saw) said, ﴿ثُمَّ تَكُوْنُ خِلَافَةٌ عَلَىٰ مِنْهَاجِ نُبُوَّةٍ﴾ **“Then there will be a Khilafah on the Method of the Prophethood.”**