



The Balanced Teachings of Islam Regarding Obedience

Quranic Teachings:-

- 1) O ye who believe! obey Allah, and obey *His* Messenger and those who are in authority among you. And if you differ in anything among yourselves, refer it to Allah and *His* Messenger if you are believers in Allah and the Last Day. That is best and most commendable in the end. [Al-Nisa , verse 60]

- 2) And help one another in righteousness and piety; but help not one another in sin and transgression. And fear Allah; surely, Allah is severe in punishment. [Al-Ma'idhah, verse 3]

Sayings of the Noble Prophet (SAW)

1. It is mentioned by Hadhrat Anas Bin Malik ^(ra) that the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said:- attend to the word of Ameer and obey his order even if a "Habshi" slave of a tiny head is appointed your ruler. [Bukhari Kitab-ul-Ahkam , Chapter 1138]

2. It is mentioned by Hadrat Abada Bin Samat ^(ra) that the Holy Prophet (SAW) took this undertaking from him that he will heed to his words and obey; maybe in a state of happiness or grief and poverty or richness. Or maybe some one is preferred over us; still will not quarrel with the one appointed as our ruler, except in a situation that his infidelity is evident and you possess a clear argument. [Bukhari Kitab-ul-Fitan 1107]

3. It is narrated by Hadhrat Ali ^(ra) that the messenger of Allah ^(SAW) said there should be no following for an action in disobedience; but obedience should be for that which is in accordance with Maroof i.e. Sharea. **[Abu Dawood Kitab-ul-Jihad, Bab Fil-Ta'at - 351]**
4. Hadhrat Abdullah Bin Omar narrates that the messenger of Allah ^(SAW) said "It is necessary for a Muslim to act upon the order of the Ameer whether you like it or not; until he asks to do a sinful act. And when he orders to commit a sin then do not heed to it or obey." **[Bukhari Kitab-ul-Ahkam, Chapter 1138]**
5. Hadhrat Ali ^(ra) narrates that the Holy Prophet ^(SAW) sent an army and appointed one person as their Ameer. He lit up fire and asked his subordinates to enter into it. Some people intended to enter into it and the others said we have (accepted Islam) to run away from fire. Hence this (occurrence) was brought to the notice of Holy Prophet ^(SAW) and he said to those people who had made up their mind to enter fire; that if you had done so then would have remained there till the day of resurrection. And for the other people he commanded that in acts of sins the order should not be obeyed rather the obedience should be for good deeds. **[Bukhari – Kitab-ul-Akhbar-UI-Ahad, Chapter 1198]**
6. It is been narrated by Hadhrat Abdullah-bin-Masood ^(ra) that the Holy Prophet ^(PBUH) said: "Prior to my arrival, all the Prophets sent by the Almighty have had some sincere companions that would completely abide by their teachings and practices. After their demise, there came a disobedient group that would say things that they would not do themselves. And they would state things for which they had not been commanded (or authorized) to do so. Whosoever that conducts jihad by hand against them is a true follower (Momin), and whosoever conducts verbal jihad is also a follower (Momin) and whosoever that conducts jihad in his own heart, meaning that he dislikes it, is also a follower(Momin). And afterwards, there is not an iota of faith left." **[Muslim Kitab-ul-Eiman / Hadiqatul Saleheen Page 310, Compilation by Late Malik Saifur Rahman]**
7. Hadhrat Aqba Bin Malik ^(ra) narrates that the messenger of Allah ^(SAW) sent a small armed company. I gave (i.e. gifted) a sword to one person out of the company (exceeding my right to do so). When he returned (after meeting the messenger of Allah ^(SAW) wherein he was informed about my gifting of the sword); he narrated to me alas you could see how

he had reproved us. The Holy Prophet (SAW) said can't you do this; When I deputed a person and he did not act upon my order; then you appoint such a person who obeys me and remove that one who does not act upon my direction.

[Abu Dawood, Kitab-ul-Jihad Bab Fil-Ta'at - 351]

Saying of First Khalifa Hadhrat Abu-Bakar Siddiq (ra) :-

“You obey me so long as I practice obedience to Allah and the Holy Prophet (SAW). And God forbid if I commit disobedience to Allah and the Holy Prophet (SAW) then do not follow me”

[Tareekh-ul-Khulfa by Hadhrat Allama Soyuti, Urdu Translation Part 1, Page 104]

We pray to Allah that He may grant felicity to members of Jama'at to tread on the subtle ways of righteousness and make them obedient as it should be.

Ameen!!