

## Martyrdom At The Prayer Niche

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In order to bring to light for our respected readers the incident and manner of martyrdom of Ali -ibn-Abi Talib

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Before the advent of Islam there lived two tribes in Mecca; one was called BANI-HASHIM and the other BANI-UMM A YAH. These two tribes drew their origin from one ancestor that is one grandfather. BANI-HASHIM were the sons of Amro-ibn-Abd Munaf, known

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their traditional rituals in  
that place.

As such, Mecca held an important status and the two clans - Hashim and Ummayah dominated  
it.

However in essence, this domination was completely different and distinct. The domination of  
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On the other hand, the direction of BANI-UMMAYAH was material in nature. Personal interests and material benefits was all that occupied their mind and their official occupation was commerce. Hence they did not agree to enter into the covenant which the chiefs of BANI-HASHIM had concluded and according to which it was incumbent

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By such background it is obvious that when a Prophet comes from God's side and brings the religion of Islam and calls all towards faith, equality and abstinence from unlawful interests, the

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On many occasions Abu Sufyan stood in opposition to Holy Prophet and since Abu Talib (father of Hazrat Ali) was a great and influential figure of Mecca and was the only supporter of Holy Prophet at that time, one day Abu Sufyan told him :-

“Do not stand as an obstacle between him and us.”

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I.e. do not aid Muhammad and leave him alone so that we can destroy him. Abu Sufyan had a  
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In the battle of Uhud, he stood in the front rank among the enemies of Islam. It was he who in  
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It was as such until finally on the 8th of Hijrat (when Islam had spread its wings) Holy Prophet advanced victoriously towards Mecca and took over the city with the power of Muslim warriors and Ansars and cleared this holy place from its idols and idol

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In the incident of victory of Mecca, Abbass-ibn-Abdul Muttalib (uncle of Holy Prophet) brought Abu Sufyan (who was his friend from the period of ignorance) near Holy Prophet and due to i n sistence of Abbass and fear from his past record of en m i ty with Islam and the blood which he had shed of the Muslims,

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accepted Islam.

After becoming a Muslim too, he stood in the front rank among the hypocrites- (double-dealers and internal enemies among those who had apparently become Muslim but inwardly were the enemies of Islam). Moreover, on many occasions he created sedition and internal differences among the Muslims such as the one after the death of

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Ali (A.S.) has named Muawiya and his followers as:

"كذابين و منافقين و ... و مشركين"

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"I.e. the enemies of God and the traditions of Holy Prophet and Qur'an Ali's (A.S.) words with regards to Muawiya and his effort to stop him from making the people recognize him as a ruler. He was not one or two examples. On one occasion, when he was commanding his army towards the arena of the battle of Siffeen he

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In one letter to Muawiya (which has been narrated in authentic Sunni and Shia sources such a

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Munqari in the year 212;

'Murujuz-Zahab' vol.2, pg. 59 written by

Abul Hassan Mas'oodi in the year 346; 'Commentary of Nahjul-Balagha' vol.3, pg. 188 written  
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in  
the  
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'Jamharato-Khatabel-Arab' vol.1, pg. 542 written by Ahmad Zaki; 'Al- Ghadeer' vol.10, pg  
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Allama A  
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says:  
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“In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

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“Peace be upon the followers of God those have accepted the Government of that divine man

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existence  
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creatures with  
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Thereafter, with the knowledge that He possesses (knowledge of reality of the people and things)  
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religion.

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(A.S.). Hazrat  
Ali  
(A.S.)  
brought faith  
in  
God  
and  
in  
all  
the  
unseen  
affairs  
(of  
God) which  
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u  
hammad  
(S.A.W.A.)  
used  
to  
narrate.

He gave preference to Holy Prophet (S.A.W.A.) than all his near and dear ones and in every  
moment  
of  
fear

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became  
his  
shelter  
and  
protection.

In  
fact, in  
every  
danger  
and  
fear  
he  
considered

Holy  
Prophet's  
life

to  
be  
his  
own  
life. He  
fought  
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him  
in  
his  
enemies  
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helped  
his  
friends.

Ali  
(A.S.)  
was  
always  
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He  
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a self-sacrificing  
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Now I see you drawing yourself in the same category as him although you are a different from  
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Ansars. They are  
the  
(true)  
soldiers  
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have  
now  
arrayed  
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warriors  
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They strike  
with  
their  
swords  
and  
shed  
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Woe be upon you, 'O Muawiya! On what basis do you regard yourself as equal to Ali? Although  
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Moreover Holy  
Prophet  
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religion.  
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Prophet of  
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of  
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of  
God.  
Now,  
as  
much  
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you can,

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household of  
Holy  
Prophet  
are needless  
of  
you.  
Peace be  
upon  
the one  
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the guidance.”

In this manner we come to know that these people’s conversion into Muslims was not based on faith and belief rather, as they comprehended that external environment

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influence  
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Islam  
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the position  
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(S.A.W.A.) had  
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spheres of  
Islam.  
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example  
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with  
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Kendi,  
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Ghaffari,  
Ammar  
Yassir,  
Malik  
Ashtar, Muhammad-ibn-Abi  
Bakr,  
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In reality, the danger of these people (i.e. the hypocrites) to the Islamic teachings after their conversion into Muhammad's religion was much more than

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(Sura Tauba  
Ayat'  
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Sura  
Ahzaab Ayat  
No.  
57)  
These  
'Munafiqs' (hypocrites)  
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In reality, those who were following the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.A.) were of two sections: Some were self-sacrificing believers where Islam and the Muslims are constantly indebted to their sacrifices while some others were not as such. The second section consisted of several groups - those in whom ignorance was still prevailing, those whom the Islam

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When Holy Prophet (S.A.W.A.) passed away no body even imagined that except for Ali (A.S.), anyone else could become the leader and take the Holy Prophet's place. This was because Ali (A.S.) was the legal successor



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“You should know that the same troubles have returned to you which existed when the Prophet  
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That is to say, you have returned back to the same state, conduct and morals, which was prevalent  
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says:

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“For settlement of disputes among people select him who is most distinguished of your people  
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view...”

Because this religion has formerly been a prisoner in the hands of vicious persons when action  
was  
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worldly  
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The same occurred. If in case Ali (A.S.) had sat on the seat of Caliphate immediately after the  
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As such, by impelling him to wars in the battlefield and creating various problems for him, these five years too went in waste.

Anyhow, Imam (A.S.) began his caliphate by confiscating and returning back to the public treasury the lands and properties which Osman had once gifted to his friends and relatives. Ali (A.S.) himself said:

“By Allah even if I had found that by such money women have been married or slave-maids have been pur

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## NAHJUL-BALAGHA

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### **SOME OF THE POLICIES AND QUALITIES OF IMAM (A.S.)**

Ali (A.S.) was disgusted from class distinctions, inequality of justice and favoring of the aristocrats.

Once Osman-ibn-Hunaif the Governor of Ali (A.S.) in Basra had gone as a guest to one of the houses of an aristocrat.  
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Ali (A.S.)  
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“O’ibne Hunaif I have come to know that a young man of Basra invited you to a feast and you leapt towards it. Foods of different colors were being chosen for you and big bowls were being

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## NAHJUL-BALAGHA [LETTERS]

Once Ali (A.S.) had gone to a Judge for deciding a case which had come up between him and another one, the Muslim Judge honored Ali (A.S.) more than the other person. To this, the condition is on



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Similarly the aphorisms of Imam (A.S.) too (i.e. has advises and short sayings) are overflowing with brightness of reflection, recognition of man and realities of life and tens of other eminentiations which are valuable and instructive for life, reflection, perception and abstinence (from sins).

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A great scholar and writer by the name of Abul-Hassan- Muhammad-Razi-Musavi Baghdadi (died in the year 406 Hijri) collected together a selection of Imam's sermons, (speeches) letters and advises in one book and named it as 'Nahjul-Balagha'. Sayed Razi who himself was a pious, virtuous

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Among the famous writings of Imam Ali-ibn-Abi-Talib (A.S.) is a letter which he wrote to Malik

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The above sayings are a part of the main topics, which have come in this covenant.

The other policies of Ali (A.S.) were that he disliked wars. He was never the first to start the war.

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-Never be the first to start the conflict.

-If you are victorious do not kill the escapees.

-Do not do away with the wounded ones.

-Do not plunder their wealth.

-If the women of your enemy say unfair things to you and use indecent words against your leaders and commanders, do not

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Ali (A.S.) was very much worried about illegal expropriation of public wealth and property. One  
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to the burning  
heat of  
that iron  
rod,  
Ali (A.S.)  
said:

You scream as a result of an iron, which has been made hot by one human being. Should I not  
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cream  
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the  
burning  
fire,  
which  
is  
caused  
by  
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wrath of  
Allah?

When Thalha and Zubair came to speak to Ali (A.S.), the latter who was busy calculating blew  
or  
the candle

-Why did you extinguish the candle?

-I do not wish to speak private affairs under the light of this candle, which is from the public wealth!

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Ali (A.S.) was attentive to the training of youths and laid emphasis on entrusting the affair to those believers who were well trained and experienced. During the period of his caliphate, not even one person could be found in Kufa and its outskirts who had slept with a woman or had been deprived

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cried:  
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replied:  
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a Christian.

He said: "Till the time he was young and useful, you employed him. Now you have forgotten  
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Give  
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the public  
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As a ruler, Ali (A.S.) reckoned himself to be the father of the orphans and a friend of the poor. Whenever he used to meet the orphans he would behave with them in such manner that as if he was a son of their father. When others would object and ask:

Why do you spend so much of your time in caressing the orphans? He would reply:

A leader of the society is the father of the orphans. They (i.e. the orphans) should not feel that

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He would respect the women and greet them especially on public places. If he would come across

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With the indigent and those without means, he would behave in a friendly and humble manne  
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Ali (A.S.) would give almost importance to worship, prayers, flitting, Jihad (holy war) and piety.

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The historians have written:

“He would fast in the days and pass his nights in hunger. As such he would give his nourishment to others. Whenever he used to give some wealth to the poor from the public treasury he would sweep the place of public treasury and then offer his prayers.”

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A tradition has been narrated from Hazrat Imam Jafer Sadiq (A.S.) that:

“Ali-ibn-Abi Talib purchased one thousand slaves with his own wealth which he had acquired through work and hardship and then freed them.”

(In the way of God).  
Moreover, they have written that:-

He used to offer prayers and keep fast more than others. People learnt ‘Namaz-e-Shab’ (mid-night prayers), attention in the prayer a special invocation of Allah and the ‘Nawa’fil’ prayers

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was killed by  
the hands  
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him,  
wanted  
to  
take revenge  
from  
him.  
As  
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his  
Caliphate,  
which  
was  
full  
of  
dignity, came  
to  
an end  
with  
his  
martyrdom  
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weak  
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defeated.

Just as it was said before, the entire five years of his Caliphate was overflowing with unpleasant events and numerous minor hindrances. These measures which were all internal came out in the form of destructible battles like Jamal, Siffeen and Nahrawan. Even though Ali (A.S.) the devout scholar, the conscious worshipper, the wise philosopher



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From the other side, Ali's endeavors for the reestablishment of Islamic principles and restoration of the same situation which was prevailing at the time of Holy Prophet (

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and  
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Imam  
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Ramadhan  
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Umm-Kulsum  
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daughter's  
house.

She narrates:

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with salt. He then thanked God and once again stood for prayers. That night, he prayed excessively and lamented before his Lord. That night, he frequently went out into the yard and gazed at the sky and recited sura 'YASIN'. At dawn as he was leaving the house for the mosque he uttered these words "O Allah!

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Make death  
fortunate  
for  
me.

At dawn, some ducks, which we were having in the house, came out near the door step and started to whimper and flap their wings in front of him.

We wanted to move them away from him but he said: "No, leave them crying out (for) after them there will come the elegists."  
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cannot declare their hunger  
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thirst.  
Either take care of  
them  
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set them free.'

Then Imam (A.S.) came to the mosque that night. The lanterns of the mosque were off. In the darkness he performed a few prayers and recited some supplications. Thereafter he climbed

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Then he went towards the adytum and stood for prayers. Ibn-Muljim and Shabib (who had come to assist him) took the m selves near the adytum. When Imam (A.S.)

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At that moment, by paying full attention to the greatness of martyrdom and his own spiritual life,  
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“By the Lord of the Ka’aba, I have succeeded.”

A chaos followed. The people caught hold of Ibn-Muljim and brought him before Imam Hassan  
(A.S.).  
With  
regards  
to  
Ibn-Muljim,  
Hazrat  
Ali  
(A.S.)  
gave the following  
instruction:



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“Act moderately with him. Give him of whatever you eat and have mercy on his anxiety and fear.”

After bringing Imam (A.S.) from the adytum to the yard of the mosque he was then carried to his house.

The people of the city became aware and as

a result, rushed towards his house.

Imam's condition was not favorable.

Only a few were allowed

to see him.

The family of Imam and the

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every now and then would advice his children. The following day too people were coming and asking questions. I am (A.S.) asked them to shorten their questions. He then replied to their questions. Hujr-ibn-Adi came and recited a poem in his sorrow. After this Imam (A.S.)

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“Speak the truth and act (in expectation) for reward.

Be an enemy of the oppressor and helper of the oppressed.

I advise you (Hassan and Hussein) and all my children and members of the family and every one whom I write to teaches to fear Allah, to keep your affairs in order, and to maintain a good relationship among yourselves.



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Keep Allah in view in the matter of orphans. So do not allow them to starve and they should not be ruined in your presence.

Keep Allah in view in the matter of your neighbors, because they were the subjects of the Prophet's advice.

Keep Allah in view in the matter of Qur'an. No one should excel you in acting upon it.

Keep Allah in view in the matter of prayer, because it is the pillar of your religion.

Keep Allah in view in the matter of Allah's House. Do not forsake it so long as you live...

Keep Allah in view in the matter of Jihad with the help of your property, life and tongue in the way of Allah.

Have relation with each other and attend to each other.

Avoid turning away from one another and severing mutual relations. Do not give up bidding for good and forbiddances.

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