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Part One

Legislation of Jihad

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Chapter One

Prelude for the Early Islamic Wars

History of the Legislation of Jihad

«كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْقِتَالُ...!» (٢١٦ تا ٢١٨ / بقره)

"Warfare has been decreed for you...!"

(Holy Quran, Baqareh:216-218.)

In this Chapter, we mention the General Provisions related to the Legislation of Jihad, whose influences on Islam's history is very high. The details of these rules and their interpretative or jurisprudential issues will be expressed later in the next volumes of this book, on the subjects relating to the Structure of Islamic Society and Laws. The Verses that have obligated the Warfare and Jihad to the Believers are as follows:

***"Warfare has been decreed for you,
while you hate it;
and perhaps you may hate something
while it is good for you,
and perhaps you may love something
while it is bad for you;
God knows while you do not know!"***

The Verse implies that war and Jihad are Obligatory for all Believers

except those who are subject to the reason for the exception, as stated in the following Verse:

***" There is no sin on the blind, nor on The lame,
nor on the sick if they do not take part in the war...!"***

(Holy Quran, Fat'h: 17.)

As this Verse emphasizes, the People were reluctant from the duty of Jihad, although Jihad is a Divine Duty. The reason why the Believers disliked it can be explained in the following way:

The war has naturally been difficult for believers, too, because it causes people to die, suffering of bodies, costs and financial losses, and ultimately causes insecurity and disorder. Although a large number of Believers had shown self-sacrifices and devotion at the battles of Badr, Ohod, and Khandaq, but a group of weak and depressed people were also inside the Muslims, which in the great task of Jihad showed neglect and Omission.

But Allah the Almighty, in any case, denied their statement and stated that the Call and Invitation of Religion has no effect on these brutal and heartless ones; many of them will not offer the smallest benefit to religion, they are like a corrupted organ in human society that their corruption will spread to other organs; therefore there is no hope for them to be treated except to cut and throw them away...!

(Almizan: V.3, P.236.)

Graduality in Issuance of Jihad Command

« وَ قَاتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ وَ لَا تَعْتَدُوا...! » (١٩٠ تا ١٩٥ / بقره)

***"And fight in the Way of Allah
against those who fight you,***

but do not exceed the limits...!"

(Holy Quran, Baqareh: 190 - 195.)

The Holy Quran, in return for the troubles made by polytheists, has always ordered Muslims to self-restraint and refrain from fighting with them, and Said:

"Say: O disbelievers! I do not worship what you worship ...

Your religion is for you and my religion for me! "

(Holy Quran, Kaferon: 1 - 6.)

The concept of this Verse was that - now that we and you do not worship any of the others' God, it is good to not disturb each other, my religion for myself and your religion for you!

In another place He Said:

"Be patient for what they say!" (Mozammel:10)

Also said:

"Once you have accepted the faith,

many of the People of the Book would love, out of envy,

to turn you back to disbelief,

even after the Truth has become evident to them.

Have forgiveness and bear with them

until God issues His Order...!"

(Baqareh:109)

But when the polytheists of Mecca exceeded all bounds of persecution and exerted great pressure on the Muslims, God allowed Muslims to defend their legitimate rights, Saying:

"Permission to fight is issued for those Believers

who were wronged and oppressed by the disbelievers and

Certainly Allah is Powerful to aid The oppressed believers!"

"The ones who were driven out of their homes without justice, except that they said: Our Lord is God...!"

(Hajj:39-40)

In the Verses 190-195 of Surah Baqareh, the Decree of Fighting was issued for the first time against the Mecca polytheists and said:

" And fight in the Way of Allah against those who fight you, but do not Exceed the limits; for verily, Allah does not like the transgressors!"

" And kill them wherever you get hold of them, and drive them out from where they have driven you out; since the evil of disbelief and polytheism is more grievous than killing; but do not fight them at the Sacred Mosque unless they fight with you therein, [and you be in a defence position,] so If they fight with you there, kill them; such is the recompense of the disbelievers!"

" But if they stop, then [forgive them.] Verily, Allah is the Merciful Forgiving!"

" And fight them until the evil of disbelief and polytheism is rooted up and Allah's Religion governs over all, but if they desist, then there should be no aggression, save against the aggressors.!"

The above Verses state the boundaries, limits and requirements of the Jihad Decree as follows:

1- THE MAIN DECREE:

" And fight in the Way of Allah...!"

2- ITS ORDER AND LIMITATION:

" Do not Exceed the Limits...!"

3- INTENSIFICATION AND CRACKDOWN:

***" And kill them!
wherever you get hold of them,***

*and drive them out
from where they have driven you out...!"*

4 - AREA LIMITATION:

" Do not fight them at the Sacred Mosque...!"

5 - TIME EXTENSION:

*" And fight them until the evil of disbelief
and polytheism is rooted up...!"*

6- RETRIBUTION RULE IN WAR AND SLAUGHTER :

*"A sacred month for a sacred month,
and all sanctities require retribution.
So should anyone aggress against you,
assail him in the manner he assailed you,
and be wary of Allah,
and know that Allah is with the God Wary!
(Baqareh: 194)*

7 - FINANCING AND BUDGETING THE WAR:

*"And spend in the Way of Allah
[for providing war equipment,]
and do not throw yourselves into destruction,
and do good;
truly, Allah is Affectionate to the Good-Doers!"
(Baqareh: 195)*

All the above Verses are about the Fighting Decree against the Mecca disbeliefs, and pursue a single goal.

Of course, these Verses do not include war against the People of Book, because the cause of the campaign is the elimination of idolatry and the

establishment of the Religion of Monotheism. Although the Belief of the People of Book is Disbelief, but their religion is Monotheistic, even they have not converted to the Religion the Right:

***" Fight those From among the people of the Book,
who do not believe in Allah and nor in The Last Day,
and those who do not Prohibit what Allah and His Messenger Have
prohibited,
and those who do not Follow the Religion of Truth...!"
(Tobeh: 29)***

However, Islam condoned them with the same faith and monotheism and ordered the war with them in order that the religion of Islam overcomes and subordinates the other religions, so ended the war when they accepted the "tax."

The conclusion of what Quran says is that:

- Islam, the Religion of Monotheism, is based on human nature, and such a religion can correct the human society and make it prosperous, therefore, the most important and most valuable right of humanity is the establishment and maintenance of it.

- The Monotheistic Religion can not be maintained except by defending and preventing it from the effects of corruption. This war and Jihad, either as defense or as an initial attack, is a revival and life-saving factor for human society. Fighting against disbelief and defending the Right is in Human Nature. It is the same as inspiring the spirit to the form of the community and to bring it alive!

- Such a Struggle will happen by the hand of the Sincer Servants of God!

Of course, one has to bear in mind that what the Christian missionaries

called the Islam as the religion of sword, blood, force, and a process unlike the other prophets, is a misconception about Islam and its rules.

The Holy Quran considers the Rules of Islam based on the explicit and unconditional law of Nature, which is definitely the Perfection of Humanity in its implementation. The Nature judges that the strong foundation of the individual and social laws rest only on the Monotheism. Defending and backing this principle, maintaining and promoting it, is the legitimate right of humanity, which must be achieved by any possible means.

Islam, in order to exercise this right, has consented to the invitation, and recommended its followers to forbear against the persecution of the idolaters. Then to defend the continuity of religion and its foundation, and to preserve the lives and property of the Muslims, allowed them to defend. Finally, in order to defend the **Right of Humanity** and to obey the **Law of Nature**, commanded to Jihad, unless a proper invitation can be made, and before the proof be cleared to unbelievers did not allow the war to start. The manner of the Holy Prophet of Islam is the best evidence of this.

The life and the manner of other prominent Prophets of God were also the same.

- The study of the history of the life of the early prophets, such as Noah and Hood and Saleh(As) shows that these elders were continuously under pressure from each side, and were never be allowed to involve in a fight. Also, Jesus(AS), as long as he was engaged in invitation among the people, he did not have many followers who could help him to arrange a movement, and the main advancement of his religion was when the sun of Islam was rising and putting an end to his era, and his rulings were expecting to be covered behind the curtains of abolition.

- But a group of Prophets who saw the ground for a favorable struggle,

rose up on the orders of God, and fought.

The Torah narrated the story of their wars, and the Holy Quran has also described some of them:

" How many of the Messengers fought In Allah's Way and with them fought large groups of godly learned men...!"

(Al-Imran: 146)

The Holy Quran narrates the story of the Children of Israel while encountering the Amaleqeh, that their Prophet Moses(AS) asked them:

" O, my people! Enter the Holy Land which Allah has Ordained for you And do not turn your back in your traces, for then you will return as Losers!"

"They said:" O, Mussa! We shall Never enter it as long as they are there; so you and your Lord go there, and fight You two, while we will be sitting here!"

(Maedeh: 21-24)

In the story of Talot and Goliath, He says:

"Did you not see to the leaders of the Children of Israel after Moses, they said to their prophet: - Send us a king that we may fight in the Cause of God!"

(Baqareh: 246)

In the story of Solomon and Queen Saba, Solomon(AS) says:

"Go back to them, for we will come at them with hosts which they cannot face, and we will expel them from it, abased, and they shall be degraded!"

(Naml: 37)

And this was a threat to an Initial Attack.

From this it turns out that the war was in the past religions, and certainly in some of them, even the initial attack was permissible.

(Almizan: V.3, P.88.)

Defensive or Aggressive War ?

«أُذِنَ لِلَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَ بِأَنَّهُمْ ظَلِمُوا...!» (حج / ٣٩)

***"Permission to fight is issued for those Believers
who were wronged and Oppressed
by the disbelievers
and Certainly Allah is Powerful to aid
The oppressed believers!" (Holy Quran, Hajj: 39.)***

This Verse indicates the Permission for Muslims to Confront with those who oppress them and trespass their rights, so the very phrase itself is a reason to understand to what subject they are permitted to confront.

The philosophy of this permission is that the idol- worshipers began to do this first and, in principle, they demanded war and strife, and they killed and beaten Muslims; the Phrase "... ***Who were wronged and Oppressed by the disbelievers*** ...," explains it. And this alone explains the cause of the permission, and if God allowed Muslims to fight against those who always oppressed them, was because they were always oppressed!

And, How Were they Treated Cruelly?

The Verse continues and states the oppression of the believers, and how the infidels, without any right and authority, expelled the Muslims from their motherland of Mecca. Nor did they take their hands and expel from their homes and city, but they tortured and hurt them so much that they inevitably abandoned the city and dwelt in exile leaving alone their property and livelihood, caught in poverty and misery. Some people fled to Abyssina, and a crowd followed the Messenger of Allah after his arrival in Median, and immigrated there.

What Was the Reason for their Expulsion?

The reason for their expulsion was only to say:

OUR LORD IS ALLAH! not idols!

This interpretation refers to the fact that the idol worshipers were so ignorant and distracting from the Truth that they considered this Word of Right from Muslims as a crime, upon which they expelled them from their homeland and their houses!

(Almizan: V.28, P.263.)

War with the People of the Book(Jews)

«قَاتِلُوا الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَا بِالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ...!» (٢٩ / توبه)

***" Fight those, who do not believe in Allah
and nor in The Last Day...!"***

(Holy Quran, Tobeh: 29.)

The Holy Quran in the Verse below orders Muslims to fight the People of the Book:

***" O, you Muslims! Fight those From among
the people of the Book,
Who do not believe in Allah and nor in The Last Day
and those who do not Prohibit what Allah and His Messenger Have
prohibited
and those who do not Follow the Religion of Truth,
Until they pay tributary tax with their Own hands,
while feeling subjected And disgraced!"
(Holy Quran, Tobeh: 29.)***

In the next Verse, God describes how they are diverted from the Right, both in the stage of Belief, and in the stage of Action, and states:

***" And the Jews say: Ozair is the son of God.
The Christians say: Christ Is the son of God.
These words, that they utter by their mouths,
are very similar to what the disbelievers
before them used to say.
Be they Killed by Allah!
how they are perverse from the Truth?
"They took their Rabbis and their Monks as their gods besides Allah and
Also Issa, son of Maryam,
while they Were Commanded in the Taurat and The Injil
to worship none but Allah The One.
Allah is the Absolute pure
And Exalted from having any partner!"
(Holy Quran, Tobeh: 30 - 31.)***

The Translation is to be continued !