

Assalamu Alaykum.

Honourable brothers and sisters in Islam. Today we will address one of the forgotten obligations of this deen. It is one of the many important aspects of the Deen that Allah calls the believer to in the Quran, it is to enjoin the good and forbid the evil.

As Allah Most High says.

And let there be (arising) from you a nation inviting to (all that is) good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful. Translation of Al-E-Imran 104.

Enjoining what's good and forbidding what is evil is a very important aspect of the deen. And it's a heavy deed on the scale of Islam. As Allah The Majestic says.

And who is better in speech than one who invites to Allah and does righteousness and says "indeed, I am of the Muslims." Translation of Fussilat 33.

He Who sustains all also States.

And speak to people good (words) and establish prayer and give zakah. "Then you turned away, except a few of you, and you were refusing. Translation of Baqarah 83.

Ibn Kathir may Allah have mercy on him said.

(and speak good to people) meaning, say good words to people and be lenient with them. This includes commanding what's good and forbidding what's evil.

Al Hassan Al Basri may allah have mercy on him said.

Because of the importance of this particular aspect of the deen, Allah in Surah Tawbah has mentioned it even before the performing of Salah and giving of Zakat. As He The Most High sates.

The believing men and believing women are allies of one another. They enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and establish prayer and give zakah and

obey Allah and His Messenger. Those-Allah will have mercy upon them. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise. Translation of Tawbah 71.

This is the Path to victory honoured guests, the path of the minority. By implementing this aspect of the deen, which is commanding what is good and forbidding what's evil we can rise and make the words of Allah the highest.

And Allah describes certain good men and says about them.

(and they are) those who, if We give them authority in the land, establish prayer and give zakah and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. And to Allah belongs the outcome of (all) matters. Translation of Al-Hajj 41.

Know oh Muslims by Allah If we neglect this aspect of our Deen, we cannot move forward, this ummah is in critical times, and it's in need of Men and women who are willing to sacrifice and work for it, calling to the good and forbidding the evil without fear of the critics and staying patient upon it.

Allah High and Mighty states in Naml 82 translated meaning.

And when the word befalls them, We will bring forth for them a creature from the earth speaking to them, (saying) that the people were, of Our verses, not certain (in faith).

Imam Tabary says that among the scholars are some who say that this creature comes when the obligation of calling to what's good and forbidding the evil is totally neglected by the people.

Hudhaifah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said, "By Him in Whose Hand my life is, you either enjoin good and forbid evil, or Allah will certainly soon send His punishment to you. Then you will make supplication and it will not be accepted".

We learn from this hadith that if we do not do our jobs as Muslims and stop those who do evil and call them to what's good then we will be punished all together. The callers to evil always present the evil as something good, but we have to stand against it and if they don't listen then we disassociate ourselves from the evil and its people.

The Prophet (sallallaahu `alayhi wasallam) said, “The example of the person abiding by Allah’s order and restrictions in comparison to those who violate them is like the example of those persons who drew lots for their seats in a boat. Some of them got seats in the upper part, and the others in the lower. When the latter needed water, they had to go up to bring water (and that troubled the others), so they said, ‘Let us make a hole in our share of the ship (and get water) saving those who are above us from troubling them. So, if the people in the upper part left the others do what they had suggested, all the people of the ship would be destroyed, but if they prevented them, both parties would be safe.”

My dear brothers and sisters. Calling to what’s fair and stopping what is unfair is not just towards those people who cannot defend themselves or are weak. Rather it has to be done against those oppressors in the place authority. We should not be like a sheep that follows all the orders of the unqualified Shepard because it wrongly thinks that the Shepard is saving him from the wolves. But we need to remember that this Shepard is the one who sells the sheep to the slaughter houses. We should not be like the sheep blindly following whatever he is told by the unqualified shepherd. We need to follow the truth and our shepherd is the best of mankind.

The Messenger SAW said.

The best Jihad is the word of Justice in front of the oppressive Sultan (leader).

(Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi, ibn Maja)

And he SAW also said.

The master of the martyrs is Hamza ibn Abdul Mattalib, and a man who stands (in front of) an oppressive ruler and enjoins the good and forbids the evil and so is killed for it.

This was the call and the work of the Anbiyya (Prophets).

And we certainly sent into every nation a Messenger, (saying), “Worship Allah and avoid Taghut.” Translated meaning of Nahl 36.

It’s the attribute of the one with Faith.

[Such believers are] the repentant, the worshippers, the praisers [of Allah ], the travellers [for His cause], those who bow and prostrate [in prayer], those who enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong, and those who observe the limits [set by] Allah . And give good tidings to the believers.

Translation of Tawbah 112.

And the stopping of the fair and calling to the unfair is the characteristics of the evil doers.

Allah Most High states in Tawbah 67 translated meaning.

The hypocrite men and hypocrite women are of one another. They enjoin what is wrong and forbid what is right and close their hands. They have forgotten Allah, so He has forgotten them [accordingly]. Indeed, the hypocrites - it is they who are the defiantly disobedient.

Why are we described as the best nation? What makes us be the best nation? This is the reason, listen to what our Lord and Maker Says in Al-E-Imran 110 translated meaning.

You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah.

And He Exalted in Might States in Al-Hajj 40 and 41.

And Allah will surely support those who support Him. Indeed, Allah is Powerful and Exalted in Might.

[And they are] those who, if We give them authority in the land, establish prayer and give zakah and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. And to Allah belongs the outcome of [all] matters.

My dear brothers and sisters. There is so much more that we can say on this topic but time does not permit.

So I ask Allah to guide us back to His straight path. The path of those who He favours and is pleased with. The path of the prophets and the truthful and the martyrs and to never incline towards the tricks of shaytan and his henchmen.

Ameen and Allah Ultimately knows best.