

# Protests Are Not From Islaam

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## بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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أما بعد:

My dear beloved brothers and sisters in Nigeria, I have been requested for some advice regarding protests and the status of protests as it relates to this Religion, this *deen* of al-Islam.

And regarding this affair, *baaraka Allaah feekum*, **it is important that we have correct principles and foundations as it relates to how we deal with issues**; just like when we pray, we have to make sure that our prayers, our *Solat*, is in accordance to the Sunnah of the Messenger ﷺ. We also have to make sure that our *Zakah* and our *Hajj* and our seeking *‘Ilm* (knowledge) and our befriending and taking one as enemy, and hatred and loving, **all of these have to be based upon principles of the *deen* taken from the Qur'aan and the Sunnah.**

And this applies to affairs of trials and affliction and turmoil that occurs in whatever capacity, whether it is in your house or in your neighborhood, community, or it is in your country, your continent, or it is in the world, **you have to take all affairs back to the legislation.**

فَإِنْ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ

{“And if you disagree among yourselves over anything then refer it back to Allāh and the Messenger if you truly believe in Allāh and the Last Day. That is better (conduct) and (leads to) the most excellent outcome”. (Surah an-Nisaa verse 59)}

And that is, that Allāh عز وجل said: If you dispute in any affair, "في شيء" in **any** affair.

"فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ"

So, take it back to Allaah, meaning take it back to the Qur'aan.

" وَالرَّسُولَ "

and take it back to the Messenger ﷺ, to the Messenger ﷺ if he is alive and take it back to his Sunnah after his ﷺ death,

إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ

If you truly believe in Allaah and the Hereafter.

And here, Allaah تبارك وتعالى mentions the importance of taking affairs of dispute back to the Qur'aan and the Sunnah, and it is indeed a sign of one's *Eemaan*, (a sign) of one's belief and faith, and it is indeed also (here in this verse) a threat that we will meet Allaah تبارك وتعالى and that Allaah will take us to account and we will answer for our deeds.

إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ

**"If you truly believe in Allaah and the Last Hour".**

Because we will be taken to account for everything we say and do.

So, it has to be in accordance to the legislation (the rulings of Islaam).

And also, we take our affairs especially affairs where it is affecting a community or a country on a large scale, to the Scholars. We take all our affairs (especially these affairs), like the turmoil that is occurring in Nigeria, or the turmoil that is occurring in America or in England, **it has to be taken back to the Qur'aan and Sunnah and the Understanding taken from the Scholars.**

وَإِذَا جَاءَهُمْ أَمْرٌ مِّنَ الْأَمْنِ أَوْ الْخَوْفِ أَدَاعَوْا بِهِ ۗ وَلَوْ رَدُّوهُ إِلَى الرَّسُولِ وَإِلَىٰ أُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْهُمْ لَعَلِمَهُ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَنْبِطُونَهُ مِنْهُمْ ۗ وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ لَاتَّبَعْتُمُ الشَّيْطَانَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا

{“And when there comes to them a matter pertaining to public security or fear, they spread it (among the people). But if only—(before spreading it)— they had referred it back to the Messenger and to those in authority over them, then those (of sound

opinion and reason) who could derive the correct conclusions regarding it would have known it. And were it not for the favour of Allāh upon you and His mercy, you would have followed Satan, except a small (number).” (Surah an-Nisaa verse 83)}

Where He سبحانه وتعالى said;

If an affair comes to them pertaining to peace or security and fear, they broadcast it "أذاعوا به", if only they took it back to the Messenger (i.e. to the Sunnah) and to those in charge of the affairs (the Scholars),

لَعَلِمَهُ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَدِطُونَهُ مِنْهُمْ

They will indeed extrapolate and bring the correct understanding to the affair; The Scholars, the people who will judge the affair according to the Qur'aan and Sunnah, because that is what we want, that is what we all need and want. **That is what we have to accept, that which is in accordance with the Qur'aan and Sunnah.** So, we need to go back to the Scholars with these affairs, and they will indeed extrapolate and bring about the correct conduct that is required for us to deal with these affairs.

We do not make *idhaa'a* (broadcasting), protesting, we do not make noise on Twitter, make noise on whatever *wasaa'il* "al-'ilaam any type of mode of social media, we don't do this. We have *huduu'* (calmness), *tarayyuth* (patience). We are calm. **We take it back to the Scholars who indeed give us advice as it relates to these affairs.**

So, based upon that, regarding the affairs of *mudhaharaat* (demonstration) and protests, wherever they may be, whatever they may be for:

Shaykh Saaleh Al-Fawzaan, the *Allaamah*, he says حفظه الله تعالى;

"المظاهرات ليست من دين الإسلام"

**Protesting is not from the religion of Islaam.** Meaning: that protesting was not done by the Messenger ﷺ when he was in Mecca, and he was oppressed by the Quraysh, but he called to *Tawheed*. He called to *Tawheed*:

أَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرِهِ

**Worship Allaah! You have no *Ilaah* but Him**

(This is) the dawah of the Prophets. **All the Prophets called to this *Tawheed*.** He ﷺ did not protest. And neither was protesting done by the companions رضي الله عنهم أجمعين. So, it not from the *deen* of Al-Islaam.

And the Messenger ﷺ said:

مَنْ عَمِلَ عَمَلًا لَيْسَ عَلَيْهِ أَمْرُنَا فَهُوَ رَدٌّ

**"Whoever does a deed or action that is not from our affair, it is rejected."**

(Meaning) It is not fruitful.

So, the Shaykh said,

المظاهرات ليست من دين الإسلام

**Protests are not from the Religion of Islaam.**

And then he mentions after that the reason from the many reasons why;

لما يترتب عليها من الشرور من ضياع كلمة المسلمين من تفريق بين المسلمين لما يصاحبها من التخريب وسفك الدماء لما يصاحبها من الشرور

The first evil, no doubt, it is not from the *deen* of Islaam, this is the first evil. It is not from Islaam. **Protesting is not from Islaam. That is evil number one.**

And then he mentions other evils, and from the evils is;

The harm that it can cause to the Muslims and to the unity of the Muslims, and that which can occur from *Takhreeb* (Anarchy), and demolition of people's

properties, and the spilling of blood - bloodshed, the harm that can come with the protesting.

Then he said حفظه الله,

وليس المظاهرات بجل صحيح للمشكلات

He said that, protesting is not the correct remedy for problems

And that is that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ did not give us the remedy for problems, *baaraka Allaah feekum*, (this is me saying this now): **The Messenger ﷺ did not give us remedy for problems through *mudhaharaat***. But he ﷺ gave us the remedy, didn't he? When he said

إِنَّهُ مَنْ يَعْشُ مِنْكُمْ بَعْدِي فَسِيرِي اخْتِلَافًا كَثِيرًا فَعَلَيْكُمْ بَسَنَّتِي وَسَنَّةَ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمَهْدِيِّينَ مِنْ بَعْدِي تَمَسَّكُوا بِهَا وَعَصُوا عَلَيْهَا بِالتَّوَّاجِدِ وَإِيَّاكُمْ وَمُحَدَّثَاتِ الْأُمُورِ فَإِنَّ كُلَّ بَدْعَةٍ ضَلَالَةٌ

"Those of you who live long will see a lot of differing, so upon you is my Sunnah" (so differing is the problem, there will be anarchy, there will be confusion, there will be splitting and the cure he ﷺ gave us is straight afterwards) **"Upon you is my Sunnah and the Sunnah of the *Khulafaau ar-Raashideen*"** (Upon you is to follow the Sunnah in those times of differing, those times of hardships, those times there is anarchy, you take the order. You be upon that order that Allaah has placed and that is

فَعَلَيْكُمْ بَسَنَّتِي وَسَنَّةَ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمَهْدِيِّينَ مِنْ بَعْدِي

Upon you is his Sunnah ﷺ and the Sunnah of the *Khulaafaa*, the companions رضي الله عنهم أجمعين. That is the remedy.)

**So *Mudhaharaat* (protesting) is not the correct way to deal with problems.**

Shaykh Saaleh Al-Fawzaan حفظه الله says;

ولكن الحل يكون بإتباع الكتاب والسنة

but rather the remedy is to follow the Book and the Sunnah.

وما جرى في الأزمان السابقة أكثر مما يحصل الآن من الفتن، ولكن يعالجونها على ضوء الشريعة لا على ضوء نظم الكفار والمظاهرات المستوردة هذا ليس من دين الإسلام، الفوضى ليست من دين الإسلام، يدعو إلى الانضباط يدعو إلى الصبر يدعو إلى الحكمة يدعو إلى رد الأمور إلى أهل الحل والعقد، إلى العلماء، (فَإِنْ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ)، نعم.

He (Shaykh Saaleh Al-Fawzaan) حفظه الله تعالى said: **And these problems and so forth have occurred in the past from *fitan* and trials but these trials obviously we cannot even enumerate them but they all should be dealt with, and the remedy for all these trials should be done and implemented according to the legislation (rulings of Islaam) not according to the disbelievers' methods or the disbelievers' types of remedies, NO. *Mudhaharaat* (Protesting) is something that has indeed been placed and it is a new type of method and it's not from the *deen* al-Islaam and it causes anarchy, and it is not from the *deen* of al-Islaam, it causes anarchy. The *deen* of al-Islaam calls to being calm and having restraint and having patience. And the *deen* of al-Islaam calls to wisdom, it calls to *hikmah*. The *deen* of al-Islaam calls to returning the affairs to the people who are to deal with the affairs from the rulers and the scholars. Taking these affairs to the *Ulamaa'*, taking these affairs of trials and turmoil to the Scholars.**

And then he (Shaykh Saaleh Al-Fawzaan) mentions and concludes with the statement of Allaah تبارك وتعالى

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"If you dispute in anything, then take it back to Allaah and His Messenger ﷺ if you truly believe in Allaah and the Hereafter"

And the People of knowledge are the ones that have the knowledge of that which is in the Qur'aan and that which is in the Sunnah of the Messenger ﷺ – (I, Uways is saying) – so, we take it back to them

And the Shaykh (حفظه الله), he concludes, and he says نعم, yes.

So, this is my advice and **that is the advice of Shaykh Saaleh Al-Fawzaan and Shaykh Bin Baaz, Scholars of the Sunnah; and that is that protesting is impermissible, it is not from the *deen* of al-Islam.** But rather, for any trouble, turmoil, trial that occurs, we take the correct procedures: and that is taking it back to Allaah and His Messenger ﷺ and taking it back to the Scholars who can extrapolate the correct way that we should conduct ourselves in these affairs that is linked to the Qur'aan and Sunnah.

هذا، والله أعلم وأحكم.

We ask Allaah سبحانه وتعالى to ease the difficulties of our Muslim brothers in all lands and He returns us all to the Qur'aan and Sunnah and to His Obedience سبحانه وتعالى

وصلى الله وسلم على نبينا محمد وعلى آله وأصحابه أجمعين، والحمد لله رب العالمين