

Al-Sahab Releases New Abu Yahya al-Libi Speech on Occasion of Id al-Fitr 2008

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Terrorism : Al-Sahab Releases New Abu Yahya Al-Libi Speech on Occasion of Id al-Fitr 2008 On 28 October, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website a statement issued by the Al-Sahab Media Production Organization, the media arm of the Al-Qa'ida Organization, entitled "New: Al-Sahab Presents: The Id al-Fitr Speech for 1429 by the Eminent Shaykh Abu Yahya al-Libi." The statement contained the banner advertising Al-Libi's most recent speech and numerous links to the video file. The Al-Sahab video itself is 44 minutes and 41 seconds long and in it, Al-Libi offers encouragement and incitement for all mujahidin to remain steadfast and not veer off the "path of righteousness." He urges them to continue on the path of jihad but does not refer to specific individuals except for the Egyptian president, whom he strongly rebukes for not coming to the aid of the Palestinians. Toward the end, he prays for the downfall of all those who fight against Islam, specifically the US, the coalition allies, and US President Bush, and calls upon God to humiliate him and destroy him.

A translation of the speech follows:

"All that they said was: 'Our Lord! Forgive us our sins and anything We may have done that transgressed our duty: Establish our feet firmly, and help us against those that resist Faith" (Koranic verse; Al-Imran 3:147). (The video starts with an image of Abu Yahya al-Libi walking among a group of men on a hillside. He hands his rifle to one of his companions, while the faces of those around him are blurred to prevent identification. The image changes and he is standing on the hill speaking to a number of men seated at his feet.) Al-Libi approaching his audience.

"Praise be to God, whom we praise and from whom we ask for aid and seek forgiveness. We seek the exorcism from the evils of our souls and from the sins of our actions. He who is called to righteousness by God will never be led astray; and he who leads others astray can never be led to the path of righteousness. I witness that there is only one God, and He has no partners. I witness that Muhammad is His slave and His prophet. He (Muhammad) is the best of His creations and His people. (Muhammad) was sent by God with the message of proselytization and the true religion to reveal it to all other religions, even if that was detested by the non-believers. May the prayers of God be upon him and upon his family and companions and upon those who accept his proselytization and follow his path of Sunnah until Judgment Day. Al-Libi among his audience.

"Praise be to God who has led us on the path to this point. We would not have followed the righteous path if it was not for God. Praise be to God who made us Muslims. Praise be to God who made us of the people who say 'There is no god but God and Muhammad is the prophet of God.' Praise be to God who made us of the people who know the truth of these words. Praise be to God who chose us from among his creations to make us His worshippers who forsake everything for Him, conduct jihad (for him), and remain steadfast (for his sake). These are all blessings of God Almighty upon us, and they are the most glorious, wonderful, and magnificent. 'But if ye count the favors of Allah, never will ye be able to number them'(Koranic verse; Ibrahim 14:34). Oh you who have accepted God as your god, Islam as your religion, and with Muhammad, prayers and peace of God be upon him, as the prophet and messenger. Remember the blessings of God Almighty upon you. Increase mention of (these blessings) so that you may increase your thankfulness of them. Thankfulness is the provision of blessings and only through being thankful does a man receive more blessings from God Almighty. 'And remember! Your

Lord caused to be declared (publicly): 'If ye are grateful, I will add more (favours) unto you' (Koranic verse; Ibrahim 14:07).

"Oh brothers, this is the journey of life. Coming and going; presence and absence. Yesterday, we were awaiting the month of Ramadan, and today we bid farewell to one of the stations of life which has been fulfilled, ended, and gone. Blessed be he who fulfills it with the obedience of God Almighty. Blessed be he who fasted during the month with faith and in fear of God. Blessed be he who has prayed during the month with faith and in fear of God. Blessed be he who has filled his time during the month with mentions of God Almighty, the recitation of His Book (Koran), praising Him, repentance unto God, and seeking forgiveness from God.

"Woe unto those who have wasted these precious days which are the most precious days of life. Woe unto those who wasted them in disobedience of God Almighty. Shame on those who spent the time hibernating in front of the (television) screens of waste and degeneration; shame upon those who spent the time in the markets of clamor, in the worlds of pleasure, and in the worlds of waste. Oh brothers, we have bid farewell to the month of Ramadan and the days we spent will never come back to us, but it is according to that with which we have filled these days, whether obedience or disobedience, honesty and goodness, or evil and the violation of the command of God Almighty. We exorcise ourselves from disobeying Him. This station (the month of Ramadan), was granted by God Almighty to be days with which the believer becomes closer to the people of righteousness and the people of goodness and good deeds. The Almighty said: 'O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that ye may (learn)self-restraint' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah 2:183). 'That you may learn self-restraint' is this amazing gift and blessing which God Almighty desired his worshipping believers to attain. It is the gift of devotion, and the blessing of devotion is from God Almighty. Is there anything more glorious, magnificent, bigger, or more superior than for a human being to be devoted to God Almighty? Devotion is the key to every goodness in the world and in the after-life. He who fears God will be given a passage to paradise and will be blessed from unexpected sources. He who fears God will be given ease in matters. He who fears God will be forgiven his sins, and his rewards will be multiplied. Therefore, this month was decreed by God as an opportunity for His worshippers to be elevated to the highest levels and to the most superior levels which God Almighty desires for them.

"The believer, when he stops and thinks about his circumstances and looks at his deeds and reflects on how he has spent these days, should praise God if he sees that he has done good deeds, but if he finds otherwise, he should only blame himself. Yes, it is an opportunity of which the human being should take advantage because the journey of life is a long one. The journey of life is one of trials, tribulations, tests, hard work, adversity, distress, and trembling. Abu Yahya al-Libi

"In this ordeal, the human being needs provisions so that the ship of life would settle at the end of the journey either in everlasting comfort or in hell and torture, God forbid. Then, oh brothers, we bid farewell to the month of Ramadan, where we found ease in what God, the Great and Almighty, had made available for us and where He opened the portals of goodness, obedience, and benefaction. We should approach the coming days with higher determination, greater persistence, stronger challenge, and stronger belief because we are in a continuous diligent battle without interruption--a battle with ourselves: 'Nor do I absolve my own self (of blame): the (human) soul is certainly prone to evil' (Koranic verse; Yusuf 12:53).

"This self that loves to rest, clings to meekness, and leans toward reliance, laziness, and slothfulness along with a battle against the devil who swore that he would assault us from before

us and behind us, from our right and our left. 'Then will I assault them from before them and behind them, from their right and their left: Nor wilt thou find, in most of them, gratitude (for thy mercies)' (Koranic verse; Al-A'raf 7:17). He is the one who positioned himself to prevent the worshipers of God from His righteous path and a battle against the supporters of the devil and his soldiers, about whom God, the Great and Almighty, says: 'Nor will they cease fighting you until they turn you back from your faith if they can' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah 2:217). Therefore, it is a vicious battle and a continuous battle. Its fronts are many and with different soldiers, during which the human being needs be more confident in God, the Great and Almighty, relying greatly upon God, the Great and Almighty, and seeking refuge in his Lord, the Great and Almighty, more frequently.

"Consequently, oh brothers, so that we should know the value of our Lord whom we worship, the value of our Lord to whom we seek to be close, and the value of our Lord for Whose sake we fight in order to raise His word, I found that I would stop at a significant, great Hadith which the scholars knew for its value and to which they gave great significance. That Hadith, which is narrated by the Imam Muslim, with whom God is pleased and may He bless his soul, about Abu Dharr, with whom God is pleased, about the messenger of God, prayers and peace be upon him, regarding what he narrates about his Lord, he said: 'God the Great and Almighty says 'and contemplate in this Hadith and look into its words and go deep into its meanings so that you would know your Lord to whom you are seeking to be close, the One who you are striving to meet, the One whom you are seeking to be lucky to see, the Great and Almighty. (He said:) 'Oh My servants, I have forbidden oppression for Myself and have made it forbidden among you, so do not oppress one another. Oh My servants, all of you are astray except for those I have guided, so seek guidance of Me and I shall guide you. Oh My servants, all of you are hungry except for those I have fed, so seek food from Me and I shall feed you. Oh My servants, all of you are naked except for those I have clothed, so seek clothing from Me and I shall clothe you. Oh My servants, you sin by night and by day, and I forgive all sins, so seek forgiveness from Me and I shall forgive you. Oh My servants, you will not attain harming Me so as to harm Me, and will not attain benefiting Me so as to benefit Me. Oh My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you, to be as pious as the most pious heart of anyone man of you, that would not increase My kingdom in anything. Oh My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you, to be as wicked as the most wicked heart of any one man of you, that would not decrease My kingdom in anything. Oh My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you, to rise up in one place and make a request of Me, and were I to give everyone what he requested, that would not decrease what I have any more than a needle decreases the sea if put into it. Oh My servants, it is but your deeds that I reckon up for you and then recompense you for, so let him who finds good praise God, and let him who finds otherwise blame no one but himself'" (Hadith Qudsi).

"Abu Idris al-Khawlani, God bless his soul, who was one of the narrators of this Hadith, when he used to narrate it, he would kneel due to the greatness of this Hadith and because of its strong meanings, for it points out for us the effective capability of God and His great mercy and great wisdom, the Great and Almighty. See how Your Lord calls His servants, 'Oh My servants.' He shows love to them, and perhaps one of them would listen to His call. Then he would answer to Him, go back to Him, and listen to His words and ask forgiveness from his sins. 'Oh My servants, I have forbidden oppression for Myself' (part of the Hadith). The ownership is the ownership of God, the decision is the decision of God, and the entire matter is up to God, the Great and Almighty, and even so, God, the Great and Almighty has forbidden the oppression of any of His servants 'nor is thy Lord ever unjust (in the least) to His Servants' (Koranic verse; Fussilat 41:46). 'We did them no wrong, but they were used to doing wrong to themselves' (Koranic verse; Al-Nahl 16:118). 'Allah is never unjust in the least degree: If there is any good

(done), He doubleth' (Koranic verse; Al-Nisa 4:40). This is our Lord, our Lord the Just, His judgment is the judgment of justice, and His laws are the laws of justice. This law is one that He legislated for us through his messenger, prayers and peace be upon him, and it has been descended to us in His precious book (Koran), in which (God said:) 'No falsehood can approach it from before or behind it: It is sent down by One Full of Wisdom, Worthy of all Praise' (Koranic verse; Fussilat 41:42). This Shari'ah is the Shari'ah of justice, equity, and moderation. (God Said:) 'Allah commands justice, the doing of good, and liberality to kith and kin' (Koranic verse; Al-Nahl 16:90). 'Oh My servants, I have forbidden oppression for Myself' (Hadith, Qudsi). No one should fear God. (God said:) 'Either of short account or of any injustice' (Koranic verse; Al-Jinn 72:13).

"If you come on Judgment Day as a pious good believer, a monotheist, be assured that God will not wrong you. (God said:) 'Allah is never unjust in the least degree' (Koranic verse; Al-Nisa 4:40). (God said:) 'I have forbidden oppression for Myself and have made it forbidden among you, so do not oppress one another' (Hadith Qudsi), meaning that God has forbidden oppression among people, so no one should oppress the other.

"As you know dear brothers, the greatest injustice is polytheism. Injustice as defined by the scholars is to place something in an inappropriate place with infringement and abuse. The greatest is associating something as being equal to God. God has created you and you worship with Him another God and rule without the Shari'ah of your creator and sustainer, who gave you and protected you. This is among the greatest injustices. Polytheism is a great injustice. 'I have made it forbidden among you' (Hadith Qudsi). Do not commit oppression against one another. For this reason, the prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, said: 'A Muslim is a brother of another Muslim, so he should not oppress him, nor should he hand him over to an oppressor' (Hadith).

"The prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, said: 'The whole of a Muslim for another Muslim is inviolable: his blood, his property, and his honor' (Hadith). The prophet said: 'Oppression will be darkness on the day of judgment'. (Hadith). What will those people who filled all the land with the darkness of oppression do? They unjustly shed the people's blood, looted their money without justification, pillaged their homes without the right to do so, and violated their honor without justification. They will come on Judgment Day as (God said:) 'Bear their burdens on their backs, and evil indeed are the burdens that they bear?' (Koranic verse; Al-An'am 6:31) Abu Yahya al-Libi

"Oh Brothers, our religion to which we should adhere and about its correctness we should be certain is the only way that will lead us to the pleasure of Almighty God. It is the way of justice, fairness, and equality; it is a way of compassion. Those who seek justice, compassion and equity elsewhere, will only find stress and difficulty; as Almighty God said: 'But whosoever turns away from My Message, verily for him is a life narrowed down, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Judgment' (Koranic verse; Ta-Ha 20:124). (God said:) 'Whoever works righteousness, man or woman, and has Faith, verily, to him will We give a new Life, a life that is good and pure and We will bestow on such their reward according to the best of their actions' (Koranic verse; Al-Nahl 16:97).

"Yes, this is our Shari'ah that we call and fight for and we are patient on tribulations for the sake of propagating it. This is our Shari'ah, which Almighty God has revealed in the precious book. What about the people whom God had guided to this great good and plentiful piety and they run East and West, North and South, seeking meekness and comfort and seeking justice (somewhere else) without the revelation of Almighty God. This is only misguidance, madness, and loss. (God

said:) 'Allah commands justice, the doing of good, and liberality to kith and kin' (Koranic verse; Al-Nahl 16:90). Yes, Almighty God, commanded us to call for His religion and to follow his Shari'ah and to be just with all, (God said:) 'Now then, for that reason, call them to the Faith, and stand steadfast as thou art commanded, nor follow thou their vain desires' (Koranic verse; Al-Shura 42:15).

"There are two ways: straightness on the path of truth that will lead you to Almighty God, 'And stand steadfast as thou art commanded, nor follow thou their vain desires' (Koranic verse; Al-Shura 42:15). This is the way to the truth and there are desires. (God said:) 'Follow thou their vain desires; but say: 'I believe in the Book which Allah has sent down' (Koranic verse; Al-Shura 42:15). Abu Yahya al-Libi

"Do not oppress each other. Nowadays we see the land filled with different kinds of injustices, oppression, discontent, arrogance, tyranny, and humiliation against the weak from the believers and others in a way that was never heard of before by the predecessors and the present people. Have you seen injustices that are worse and uglier than what your brothers in Gaza are experiencing? One and a half million Muslims in one closed prison! What is their guilt and their crime? Are all those terrorists? Did they all carry arms, shell, kill, or destroy? No, by God, it is a war against religion and a war against faith. There is Hizballah, there are the righteous and good people, and there are all those who joined this religion and adhered to it and knew its value. There is Satan's party, the party of tyranny, haughtiness, and corruption, which burned the land and filled it with what? They filled it with their corruption and insolence. What is the guilt of these nursing infants and pious elderly? What is the guilt of these vulnerable women? If this injustice we are facing was from the Jews, the matter would have been easy as this is their behavior, their way, and their legacy, as God Almighty stated, 'And they strive to do mischief on earth' (Koranic verse; Al-Ma'idah 5:64). A Jew is inclined to be corrupt; this is his way of life and it is in his nature. But those are criminals who affiliate (themselves) with Islam. We say this so that the people of faith know who their enemies are because there is no way that we can be victorious in our battle or firmly establish Shari'ah unless we know the true nature of our enemies.

"The cold-hearted, evil, tyrannical, despot, the modern day pharaoh from Egypt...why? Why does he sick his cronies that he has groomed over the years on these feeble people? What have they done to deserve this? What crime have these feeble ones committed? Is there a greater injustice than what is taking place against your brothers in Palestine? There isn't enough time (that could be allotted) to mention the different forms of injustice that are currently taking place, and even if we wanted to, we couldn't.

"Therefore, 'oh My servants, indeed I have forbidden oppression upon Myself and I have also made it forbidden amongst you, so do not oppress each other' (Hadith). This is our Shari'ah (way of life) that we call for. But justice is not democracy or capital; it is Islam that He revealed in His book and revealed through His prophet, prayers and peace be upon him. We cannot adulate any portion or part of Shari'ah, but rather, 'So hold thou fast to the Revelation sent down to thee; verily thou art on a Straight Way' (Koranic verse; Al-Zukhruf; 43:43).

"Yes, do not oppress each other. 'Oh My servants, all of you are astray except for those I have guided, so seek guidance of Me and I shall guide you' (Hadith). Therefore, there is only one source of guidance, one path to guidance, and he who seeks guidance must seek God Almighty. He who seeks guidance must seek guidance of God Almighty. Anything other than that straying from the right path, then, 'Show us the straight way, the way of those on whom Thou hast

bestowed Thy Grace, those whose (portion) is not wrath, and who go not astray' (Koranic verse; Al-Fatiha; 1:6; 1:7).

"Yes, 'oh My servants, all of you are astray except for those I have guided' (Hadith). Therefore, guidance to the right path can only be achieved by adhering to God Almighty's Shari'ah. Guidance to the right path can only be achieved through God's light, therefore enabling it to become part of the monotheist ummah. God will guide those who He wants by opening their hearts to Islam. He will make the hearts of those who he wants go astray, cold and closed off. Yes, even if the world's riches were bestowed upon him, he would still feel an endless sense of distress. Why you ask? It is because this heart, or this small piece of it, will not feel peaceful or content until it returns to its origin, the way it was created by God, as the belief in God Almighty and the adherence to His Shari'ah, monotheism, the love, and the fear of God.

"As for a person who disperses his heart (beliefs) left and right by following more than one ideology--sometimes worshipping a rock, sometimes worshipping a tree, sometimes worshipping air, and other times worshipping laws gone astray--he will never achieve happiness. 'But whosoever turns away from My Message, verily for him is a life narrowed down, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Judgment' (Koranic verse; Taha; 20:124).

"Oh you Muslims who have violated God's Shari'ah and the light of his prophet and left it all behind you as you search for worldly pleasures, happiness, and contentment in the ideological trash of the grandchildren of pigs and monkeys, return to your God and ask for His guidance, 'so seek guidance of Me and I shall guide you' (Hadith). Yes, oh My servants, all of you are astray except for those I have guided' (Hadith).

"Oh My servants, all of you are hungry except for those I have fed, so seek food from Me and I shall feed you. Oh My servants, all of you are naked except for those I have clothed, so seek clothing from Me and I shall clothe you' (Hadith). This is our God; all the wealth and blessings of this world and the hereafter are in His hands. He who desires a portion of worldly pleasure, whether big or small, whether it is food or clothes or good health and well-being, must seek God Almighty for guidance.

"God does not consider anything too great that he is asked for by his worshippers. Ibrahim, peace be upon him, amidst the worst of his ordeal, was alone, a stranger among his people, yet still declared among them, loud and clear, as every Muslim should, his devotion to monotheism, his confidence in God Almighty, his reliance on Him, and the realization of His worth by saying to his people, 'What worship ye? They said: 'We worship idols, and we remain constantly in attendance on them.' He said: 'Do they listen to you when ye call (on them)' Or do you good or harm?' (Koranic verses; Al-Shu'ara; 26:71-73). He also says, 'Who created me, and it is He Who guides me, Who gives me food and drink, And when I am ill, it is He Who cures me; Who will cause me to die, and then to life (again); And who, I hope, will forgive me my faults on the day of Judgment. O my Lord! Bestow wisdom on me, and join me with the righteous' (Koranic verses; Al-Shu'ara; 26:78-83).

"Yes, this how the confidence and certainty of Muslims in their God Almighty should be. (They must) rely on Him and trust in Him, take refuge in Him, beseech Him, and have confidence in what He, the Almighty, has (revealed) and place their faith in his hands and be confident of what He, the Almighty has to offer.

"Oh My servants, all of you are hungry except for those I have fed.' Then, all the sustenance of heaven and earth are from the hands of God Almighty, thus, with all that God has to offer, it is

not possible for the springs of terror to dry up. Why? It is because all sustenance is from the hands of God Almighty. This calling for which all these summits have been held and upon which the devils of humanity and jinn converge, has been discussed previously. They said, 'Do not spend on the followers of the messenger of God so that they may disperse.' This is an old calling and not a new one, seeking to dry out the springs of terror. To that we say that the hands of God control the wealth of the heavens and earth so you can cut off what you wish, dry up what you want, and forbid what you desire, but if God Almighty sought anything, all He has to do is command it to be, and so it shall be. If God was to command something to be, the heavens and earth would not be able to stop Him. Abu Yahya al-Libi

"My brothers, this sense of confidence must be planted in our hearts. Oh people of the mujahidin, across the world from East to West, you must be fully confident in your Lord, in your faith, and in your lives. Seek substance from God Almighty. Seek more from what He has to offer, for your Lord is calling you to seek him, to ask him, and to supplicate to him. 'All of you are hungry except for those I have fed, so seek food from Me and I shall feed you.' So much so that some of the elders at that time would ask God for the salt of their foods or the food of their cattle. This is how our ancestors were, so we should not be embarrassed to ask God Almighty for anything since this action pushes us toward Him, the Almighty.

'Oh My servants, all of you are hungry except for those I have fed, so seek food from Me and I shall feed you. Oh My servants, all of you are naked except for those I have clothed, so seek clothing from Me and I shall clothe you. Oh My servants, you sin by night and by day, and I forgive all sins, so seek forgiveness from Me and I shall forgive you.' All human beings are sinners and among the best of them are those who repent. God Almighty has informed us that there are no human beings who do not make mistakes by day or night. God Almighty opens His hands at night to forgive those who have sinned by day and extends His arms by day to forgive those who have sinned at night. There is nothing that will bring more trials and tribulations than to have sinned, whether it is against a person or against a community. Also, 'Such is the chastisement of thy Lord when He chastises communities in the midst of their wrong: grievous, indeed, and severe is His chastisement' (Koranic verse; Al-Hud; 11:102). 'But the Unbelievers, - never will disaster cease to seize them for their (ill) deeds, or to settle close to their homes, until the promise of Allah come to pass, for, verily, Allah will not fail in His promise' (Koranic verse; Al-Ra'd; 13:31).

"This is true for us my brothers, and especially true of the mujahidin, for you are in biggest need of repentance to the Almighty God and need to seek His forgiveness. Why? It is because your sins pose the greatest obstacle between yourselves and victory. God will not grant victory to people who disobey him. This is why the people of faith, before they ask God to grant them victory over the nonbelievers, must supplicate: 'Our Lord! Condemn us not if we forget or fall into error; our Lord! Lay not on us a burden Like that which Thou didst lay on those before us; Our Lord! Lay not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear. Blot out our sins, and grant us forgiveness. Have mercy on us. Thou art our Protector; Help us against those who stand against faith' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah; 2:286).

"Then, we are in need of increasing our seeking of forgiveness and repentance to God Almighty. Seek this true and honest repentance in which what is hidden and what is displayed become one: that of which you speak and what you keep secret. This is true because God does not judge you based on your appearance or your color, however He does judge you by looking into your hearts and seeing the kind of honesty, truthfulness, and monotheism. He also judges you by your actions and how they compare to what the prophet, peace and blessings upon him, has prescribed.

"So, if we are looking for victory and triumph, we must seek a true repentance and constant supplications of forgiveness from God Almighty. 'How many of the prophets fought (in Allah's way), and with them (fought) Large bands of godly men? But they never lost heart if they met with disaster in Allah's way, nor did they weaken (in will) nor give in. And Allah Loves those who are firm and steadfast. All that they said was: 'Our Lord! Forgive us our sins and anything We may have done that transgressed our duty: Establish our feet firmly, and help us against those that resist Faith" (Koranic verse; Al Imran; 3:146-147).

"My brothers, we need to remind ourselves of this great issue for, by God, this is one of the greatest paths to victory, glory, and triumph, as long as the people of the mujahidin are close to God Almighty, seeking repentance from God Almighty, and seeking forgiveness from God Almighty, and the more they seek his intervention, the closer they will be to victory.

"'Oh My servants, you sin by night and by day, and I forgive all sins, so seek forgiveness from Me and I shall forgive you.'

"God almighty says, 'Oh My servants, you sin by night and by day, and I forgive all sins, so seek forgiveness from Me and I shall forgive you.' God Almighty has no need for us, for our guidance, for our obedience, for our welfare, or for our sincerity. God Almighty commands what is in the heavens and earth: 'O ye men! It is ye that have need of Allah. But Allah is the One Free of all wants, worthy of all praise' (Koranic verse; Fatir; 35:15). This is so no man can become arrogant with faith or not be impressed by his good deeds, those to whom God has guided him. Almighty God explained this fact to us in a clear and explicit way which everyone can understand: 'Oh My servants, you will not attain harming Me so as to harm Me and will not attain benefiting Me so as to benefit Me' (Hadith), and 'Let not those grieve thee who rush headlong into Unbelief; Not the least harm will they do to Allah' (Koranic verses, Al-Imran, 3:175) and 'Those who reject Allah, hinder (men) from the Path of Allah, and resist the Messenger, after Guidance has been clearly shown to them, will not injure Allah in the least, but He will make their deeds of no effect' (Koranic verse; Muhammad 47:32). Yes, then God said; 'Oh My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you to be as pious as the most pious heart of any one man of you, that would not increase My kingdom in anything' (Hadith).

"Almighty God does not need us or need our prayers, jihad, strife, binding, or supplication, and that is why God says at the end of the Hadith (Qudsi): 'It is but your deeds that I reckon up for you and then recompense you for, so let him who finds good praise Allah and let him who finds otherwise to blame no one but himself.' So, a Muslim must not be conceited or deceived by his good deeds that God enabled him to comply with, for it is a blessing and gratitude to worship Almighty God and to rejoice for what God granted him and increase his appreciation.

"'Oh My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you to rise up in one place and make a request of Me, and were I to give everyone what he requested, that would not decrease what I have. Oh My servants, it is but your deeds that I reckon up for you and then recompense you for, so let him who finds good praise Allah and let him who finds otherwise to blame no one but himself' (Hadith). God owns the universe.

"In saying; 'Oh My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you to rise up in one place and make a request of Me, and were I to give everyone what he requested, that would not decrease what I have, any more that a needle decreases the sea if put into it' (Hadith), scholars agreed that these words meant that nothing could reduce God's might, but then how could words decrease God's might and grant when (God) create the universe How could anything decrease God's might? Almighty God has all the universe of day and night with

everything in between." God said: "They are the ones who say, 'Spend nothing on those who are with Allah's Messenger, to the end that they may disperse (and quit Medina).' But to Allah belong the treasures of the heavens and the earth; but the Hypocrites understand not' (Koranic verses, Al-Munafiqun, 63:7). The meaning of these words, dear brothers, shows how merciful and gracious Almighty God is.

"The words of 'Oh my Servants who have transgressed against their souls! Despair not of the Mercy of Allah. For Allah forgives all sins: for He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful' (Koranic verses, Al-Zumar, 39:53) show the immense and vast power of God to 'the first of you and the last of you' and He says: 'that would not decrease what I have, any more that a needle decreases the sea if put into it' (Hadith). Therefore, the power of Almighty God is immense as He adds: 'and will not attain benefiting Me so as to benefit Me' (Hadith). This shows that God does not need His believers at all, but when these words take root in the heart of a believer and when he is aware of them and knows that he worships a God whose description is such, God Almighty then calls him to increase his adherence to that which came from Him, and an awareness that every single word that comes from the book of God is truth and that every ruling made according to the Shari'ah of God is truth from God Almighty. All this calls toward increasing efforts, increasing giving, and sacrificing for the sake of the religion of God Almighty. It should call him toward having more patience and endurance in the face of everything he faces. It is important that we know, oh brothers, that the path on the road to enabling the religion of God Almighty is one of the trials, tribulations, ordeals, trembling, and adversity, and after all this comes the victory from God Almighty. Yes, God Almighty promised to empower his servants if they support Him. God Almighty said: 'If ye will aid (the cause of) Allah, He will aid you and plant your feet firmly' (Koranic verse; Muhammad 47:7).

"However, this victory does not take place through laziness, sluggishness, and wishes. Rather, it comes through effort, sacrifice, suffering, and patience. Then, the victory of God Almighty takes place. God Almighty said: 'Or do ye think that ye shall enter the Garden (of bliss) without such (trials) as came to those who passed away before you? they encountered suffering and adversity, and were so shaken in spirit that even the Messenger and those of faith who were with him cried: When (will come) the help of Allah?' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah 2:214)

"The prophet, to whom the revelations of God were sent, says: 'When (will come) the help of Allah?' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah 2:214). Why does he say it? He says it due to the significant difficulty, shock, and adversity that he and his companions encountered. 'Verily, the help of Allah is (always) near!' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah 2:214)

"Therefore, oh mujahidin, whether in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Algeria, or Chechnya, you should adapt to this truth. You must resign yourself to the fact that it is not an easy task to empower God Almighty. It cannot be achieved through wishes, imaginations, sluggishness, and laziness. You must adapt to consecutive trials and hardships. Later, once your ranks are purified, when the evil is distinguished from the good and the people who are truly sincere in their faith are distinguished from the hypocrites who infiltrate the ranks of the mujahidin claiming they are with them, after all this, the victory of God, to Whom belongs might and majesty, will come to us. (The victory will take place) when God sees that we are qualified to receive that great trust which is to rule per the law of God Almighty, be just with people, and pass on His rules.

"Do not let the hardships you are experiencing make you give up! Do not think that the path of jihad, victory, and strengthening is easy. Rather, it is the path of shortage in money, souls, and rewards. Today, you find the field of jihad full of heroes, commanders, and experts. Suddenly,

you find that the battle has crushed them and that they are gone. This is a trial of which God, to Whom belongs might and majesty, informed us. 'Be sure we shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss in goods or lives or the fruits (of your toil), but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah2:155).

"Oh God, bring victory to your servants, the mujahidin, anywhere they might be, and support that victory!

"Oh God, support your servants, the faithful mujahidin, assist them, and grant them a manifest victory!

"Oh God, support your servants, the mujahidin, anywhere they might be!

"Oh God, grant them the blessings of the heavens and the earth!

"Oh God, the Lord of mankind, overwhelm them with patience!

"Oh God, bring them victory in Afghanistan!

"Oh God, bring them strength with which you are pleased!

"Oh God, bring them back their control that is better, stronger, larger, and quicker than in the past!

"Oh God, bring victory to your servants, the mujahidin, in Iraq!

"Oh God, remove their hardship!

"Oh God, remove their loss!

"Oh God, the Lord of mankind, remove their trial!

"Oh God, the Strong and able to enforce His will, enrage your enemies through them!

"Oh God, bring victory to your servants, the mujahidin, in Somalia!

"Oh God, Lord of mankind, bring them strength with which you are pleased, through which you empower your servants and humiliate your enemies!

"Oh God, bring victory to your servants, the mujahidin, in Algeria!

"Oh God, remove their estrangement!

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"Oh God, grant them a manifest victory!

"Oh God, Who defends Muslims, defend them!

"Oh God, grant them the blessings of the heavens and the earth!

"Oh God, Lord of mankind, make them only need you instead of needing others!

"Oh God, bring victory to the mujahidin in Chechnya and Palestine!

"Oh God, grant them a manifest victory!

"Oh God, Lord of mankind, humiliate your enemies and theirs!

"Oh God, Lord of mankind, release our brothers who are imprisoned in prisons of the Jews and Christians, the atheists and apostates, rejectionists and Buddhists, and Hindus!

"Oh God, make every hardship a relief for them, and find an exit to every difficulty and grant them means of living from places they do not count on!

"Oh God, Lord of mankind, bring them back to their families safe and sound, with spoils and reward!

"Oh God, Lord of mankind, replace them with good deeds to their families, and substitute every mujahid and martyr with good deeds!

"You are the one Who is close to us, Who listens, and Who responds to our supplications!

"Oh God, take on your enemies, the enemies of Islam!

"Oh God, take on those who fight your religion!

"Oh God, take on those who fight your religion, humiliate your servants, and reject your Shari'ah!

"Oh God, count them by the numbers, kill and remove them, and do not leave any one of them!

"Oh God, take on the US and its allies!

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"Oh God, Lord of mankind, pour agony on them like rain and inflict them with calamities from every corner!

"Oh God, Lord of mankind, humiliate them in their land, overwhelm them by each other, by their people, by your soldiers, and by your faithful servants!

"Oh God, take revenge on them for your oppressed servants!

"Oh God, take revenge on them for your conquered servants!

"Oh God, Lord of mankind, humiliate Bush and his party!

"Oh, God, degrade and defy him!

"Oh God, Lord of mankind, defy him!

"Oh God, make him live a day like the day the pharaoh, Haman, and Qarun experienced, making him a warning example to those who fear God and a remedy for the hearts of the believers!

"You are the one Who is close to us, listens, and responds to our supplications!

"May God's prayers and peace be upon the best of your creatures, Muhammad, and upon his family and all of his Companions!"