

Website Posts 2000 Bin Ladin Sermon on Id-al-Fitr, Jihad Against 'Polytheists'

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On 14 October, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website several links to a 66-minute video entitled "Id Sermon by Shaykh Usama Bin Ladin, May God preserve him, Shawwal 1420 hegira (7 January 2000)." The video is produced by Al-Sahab Media Production Organization, the media arm of Al-Qa'ida Organization. The following is the full text of the sermon:

Praise be to God, the lord of the universe. We praise him and we seek his help and forgiveness. We seek refuge with God from the evil in ourselves and the vile consequences of our actions. Whomsoever God guides there is none to lead astray, and whomsoever God abandons and causes to go astray there is none to guide. I testify that there is no God but God, that he has no partners. I testify that Muhammad is his prophet and messenger.

"O ye who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feared, and die not except in a state of Islam." (Koranic verse; Al-Imran; 3:102).

"O mankind! reverence your Guardian-Lord, who created you from a single person, created, of like nature, His mate, and from them twain scattered (like seeds) countless men and women;- reverence Allah, through whom ye demand your mutual (rights), and (reverence) the wombs (That bore you): for Allah ever watches over you." (Koranic verse; Al-Nisa; 4:1)

"O ye who believe! Fear Allah, and (always) say a word directed to the Right; That He may make your conduct whole and sound and forgive you your sins: He that obeys Allah and His Messenger, has already attained the highest achievement" (Koranic verses; Al-Ahzab; 33:70-71)

Id al-Fitr (end of the fasting month of Ramadan) returns with mixed happiness and pain for the Islamic nation and for us. The Id returns at this time with both joy and sadness even though the Id should always be filled with happiness. However, the nation today is overwhelmed by immense pain and unhappiness. The Id comes after this blessed month, the month of Jihad, the month during which the Koran was revealed, the blessed month of Ramadan, the month of fasting and prayers, the month of piety. God 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).

Almighty God gave us this month as a gift to rise to the level of piety so that we might perform our Sharia duties, take care of this great religion, and follow the straight path. The responsibilities of religion are great and heavy, but God makes them easy for those whom he loved. In some of them we find things that we dislike. God said: "Fighting is prescribed for you, and ye dislike it. But it is possible that ye dislike a thing which is good for you, and that ye love a thing which is bad for you. But Allah knoweth, and ye know not." (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah; 2:216)

Jihad, which is the peak of the duties of the Muslims, cannot be undertaken except by those whom God granted success and whose rank is raised to the level of piety. We ask God to make us and you from the pious ones.

This Id returns to be observed by our Muslim brothers in Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq, Sudan, and Somalia, as well as in Bosnia and Chechnya, and you can never imagine how the Id is observed by our brothers in Chechnya. It returns while the roaring of guns is shaking the earth there. It returns while the planes are bombing the oppressed men, women, and children, who are helpless and powerless. The world's polytheism has gathered and deployed its forces against the people of Islam and the Muslims in Chechnya -- Bombing, destruction, and devastation. Bridges are destroyed, homes are demolished, honors violated, and blood is shed. The blood of the Muslims seems to be the cheapest. Power and strength comes from God.

The wounds of the Muslims are very deep everywhere but our wounds today are represented by the conditions of our greatest shrines, in the Ancient House, at the Holy Kaaba, and in the mosque of our prophet, peace be upon him. We have betrayed the place from which our prophet, peace be upon him, journeyed to heaven. In Jerusalem, the Christians and the Jews reached an alliance and invaded the land of Islam and raided our homes. Our power and strength come from God. While these are great and deep calamities, our calamity at the Ancient House is the worst, the greatest, and the most painful and excruciating. This House, which has an immense value in the eyes of Almighty God, was the first house that was built for mankind. To build it, Almighty God chose the father of the prophets, Ibrahim, from among the courageous messengers, may peace be upon him, and his son Isma'il, peace be upon him. God so valued this house that he did not allow any laborers to build it but he ordered the father of the prophets, may the peace and blessings be upon him, to do that.

The value of this house is great. Almighty God will not accept from us any of the five prayers, which are the pillars of our religion, unless we turn our faces in prayer to this Ancient House. Since the mission of our prophet, peace be upon him, began, Muslims have never been afflicted with such a calamity at all. The polytheists had never been able to infringe on the Ancient House. However, before the prophet's mission, the Christians tried to do so. Some 60,000 Abyssinian Christians led by Abrahah, came with the intention of harming the Ancient House. They advanced toward it, and men from the Al-Jahiliyah (pre-Islamic era) confronted them. The only thing that they still kept from the creed of Ibrahim, peace be upon him, was sanctifying this Ancient House. The disunited Arabian tribes came out with the intention of repelling Abrahah and his army but for a reason that God had been planning, these tribes were defeated and Abrahah continued to advance until he arrived in Al-Ta'if. There, he searched for someone to guide him and lead him to the Ancient House. He found only the wretched one; namely Abu-Righal who came out to guide him and lead him to the Ancient House. Curse such a guide. God made him die between Al-Ta'if and Mecca. However, even then, it was impossible for him to escape the wrath of the Arabs, which held this house in great esteem, even during the times of Al-Jahiliyah. Thus a tradition began so that people would learn a lesson after that, and so that the young people would learn a lesson and prevent anyone from transgressing upon the Ancient House. They destroyed his grave and he became notorious in Al-Jahiliyah.

Thus, Abrahah proceeded to the Ancient House. It was then that a miracle took place. It was a sign and a glorious development. These elephants, these dumb animals, understood that Almighty God had a house, that this house had to be honored, and that the Almighty, the lord of this house, should be exalted. They fell and sat on the ground and refused to move. They beat them but they never moved toward the Holy Kaaba by a hair's breath because they were glorifying their Almighty God.

There were 60,000 Abyssinian soldiers. Abd-al-Muttalib (the Prophet Muhammad's grandfather) wanted to defend the Ancient House. But could he do that when the people of Mecca numbered only a few hundreds and there were 60,000 attackers? He confined himself in

the Ancient House and he prayed and besought God to protect his house. Then the entire tribe of Quraysh (the prophet's tribe) went to the mountains to see what would happen. There was another sign of God. The Almighty sent birds of fire to protect this house and defend it and so God caused 60,000 Christians to perish, even though they were from the people of the book (Christians and Jews) and even though the Qurayshites were polytheists. However, this was in order to demonstrate the holiness of the House.

God did not care in which valley they perished. Nobody of them remained alive. God revealed from the seventh heaven a Sura (Koranic chapter) that would be read until doomsday and that would be memorized by young and old, demonstrating Almighty God's desire to protect this Ancient House, and explaining to us that those who plot intrigues against the Ancient House, would be led astray. God said: "Seest thou not how thy Lord dealt with the Companions of the Elephant? Did He not make their treacherous plan go astray?" (Koranic verses; Al-Fil; 105:1-2) By God this was true. He made their intrigues go astray. Nothing was left of them and the Ancient House was spared destruction, thanks to Almighty God.

For the sake of this House, God caused to perish a huge army that sought to destroy this House. The prophet, peace be upon him, said: That an army should attack this house and then this army is destroyed from the beginning to the end (sentence incomplete; five seconds audio interruption). The prophet was told: O Prophet of God, among them were some who were forced to join them; some of them were not belonging to them. Then the prophet said: They were destroyed from the beginning to the end. Then at doomsday they will rise from the dead and will be judged according to their intentions.

This is the punishment of those who befriend those who plot against the House. It is necessary to punish those who betray this House, even if one is forced to do it. Befriending and collaborating with those who plot against the Ancient House will have such a fate; namely, that they should perish on this land. We pray to God to grant us safety.

Now another Abu-Righal has appeared in the Islamic nation. Fourteen centuries and 10 years had passed but during this time and during these centuries Abu-Righal did not appear despite the troubles that occurred during all these generations. However, Almighty God wanted to test our faith. Will we defend the House of God or sit with the those who are sitting and fail to rise up? Only in this time of ours has Abu-Righal and his grandsons appeared in our midst. They have appeared to open to everyone the land of the two holy mosques. Thus this land became an open territory for the tanks of the Americans, for the US soldiers, and indeed for women soldiers of the Jews and Christians, going freely about and reveling on a land in which Muhammad, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, was born, on a land in which the honest Gabriel revealed the great Koran from heaven to Muhammad, may God's peace and blessings be upon him. This land is great. It is the most loved by Almighty God, as our prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, said in the authentic books of his tradition.

The value of this House was very great to Almighty God (three seconds audio interruption). In addition to this Ancient House, God introduced himself to us as well. He ordered us to worship him in many verses, but based on wise planning, orders of worship were coupled with the name of the Ancient House. Almighty God said: "Let them adore the Lord of this House." (Koranic verse; Quraysh; 106:3) Here the word Lord was not defined by a definite article but it was defined in relation to the Ancient House. "Let them adore the Lord of this House, who provides them with food against hunger, and with security against fear (of danger)" (Koranic verses; Quraysh; 106:3-4).

In another verse Almighty God attributed the Ancient House to himself, making it an honorable and glorious house. He said: "In a valley without cultivation, by Thy Sacred House" (Koranic verse; Ibrahim; 14:37) Therefore, the status of this House is great and this khutbah (sermon) will not be sufficient to recall everything that was mentioned about it. It is said that the prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, said: God hates the most an atheist in the House of God.'

Sins are less grave than atheism, but the cardinal sins and disobedience to God are multiplied many times if they committed in the Ancient House, in the house of Almighty God. Likewise the good deeds are also multiplied. As you know, each rak'ah (bowing in prostration in prayer) at the Ancient House is worth 100,000 rak'ahs elsewhere.

Now we might ask: Until when will Muslims fail to support Almighty God and his House and purge the land of the two holy mosques from the filth of the Crusaders and the Jews? Has Almighty God not said: "O ye who believe! Truly the Pagans are unclean; so let them not, after this year of theirs, approach the Sacred Mosque." (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah; 9:28)

Has the prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, not said on his deathbed -- as confirmed in the hadith (the prophet's utterances) related by Ibn-Abbas, may God be pleased with him, and it was on Thursday, when the pains of the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, became very excruciating and then he cried until his tears watered the ground -- and when he ordered us on his death bed and said: Drive out the polytheists from the Arabian Peninsula, drive out the polytheists from the Arabian Peninsula. What answer have we prepared for Almighty God on doomsday, on the day of reckoning, in terms of driving out the polytheists from the Arabian Peninsula? Can we say that we were weak? Almighty God is aware of what is inside our hearts.

Now 10 years have passed since we were led astray in this age. Now 10 years have passed since the entry of the Americans into the land of the two holy mosques. Over seven decades have passed since the place from which our prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, journeyed to heaven, fell into the hands of the Jews. We must look into the book of Almighty God to end this state of disarray and find the reasons and the ailments that afflicted us and made us betray the Ancient House, this great House. In the fifth principle of Islam (the pilgrimage to Mecca) God will not accept our pilgrimage until we go around the Ancient House.

When we read and deeply think of the book of God, from which God did not omit anything -- God said: "Nothing have we omitted from the Book." (Koranic verse; Al-An'am; 6:38) and he made it a guide and advice for us -- we realize that the abhorrence of fighting and the love of the world that has controlled the hearts of many of us is the main reason of these calamities and this submission and humiliation. God said: "Hast thou not turned Thy vision to those who were told to hold back their hands (from fight) but establish regular prayers and spend in regular charity? When (at length) the order for fighting was issued to them, behold! a section of them feared men as - or even more than - they should have feared Allah. They said: 'Our Lord! Why hast Thou ordered us to fight? Wouldst Thou not Grant us respite to our (natural) term, near (enough)?' Say: 'Short is the enjoyment of this world: the Hereafter is the best for those who do right: Never will ye be dealt with unjustly in the very least! Wherever ye are, death will find you out, even if ye are in towers built up strong and high!'" (Koranic verses; Al-Nisa; 4:77-78)

God is great; God be praised for this great path, the perfect and comprehensive path. Consider these verses. What did they say? They said: 'Our Lord! Why hast Thou ordered us to fight? Wouldst Thou not Grant us respite to our (natural) term, near (enough)?'

What would happen after the postponement and the delay? There will be an unceasing pretexts. Almighty God did not mention this heap of pretexts but he explained the basis of these unceasing pretexts. Thus, his response was: 'Short is the enjoyment of this world.' These pretexts are because people cling to this world. Thus, Almighty God warns us, and he knows perfectly well how weak we are, and reminds us that the enjoyment of this world is brief. Then why should he deny him souls that he, the Almighty himself, created, and property that he, the Almighty himself, gave us? "Say: 'Short is the enjoyment of this world: the Hereafter is the best for those who do right: Never will ye be dealt with unjustly in the very least!.'" (Koranic verses; Al-Nisa; 4:77)

Pay attention to the verse that follows it, which explains to the people that the whole thing is either one of these two cases: Adherence to this life or fear of God. His response was very clear and unambiguous: 'Wherever ye are, death will find you out, even if ye are in towers built up strong and high.' The one whose path and mind God has enlightened would respond to God and his messenger by offering a soul which he, the Almighty himself, created.

How ignorant, O son of Adam. You are denying God something that is God's. God is the one that created this soul and gave it property. "Allah hath purchased of the believers their persons and their goods; for theirs (in return) is the garden (of Paradise): they fight in His cause, and slay and are slain: a promise binding on Him in truth, through the Law, the Gospel, and the Qur'an: and who is more faithful to his covenant than Allah?" (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah; 9:111) Yes, who is more faithful to his covenant than Allah the Almighty. God be praised. This is a covenant in the Torah, in the Gospel, and in the Koran. It was a deal between the possessor of the heavens and the earth and this weak creature. However, if faith became weak in the heart, man would not understand what Almighty God prepared for the mujahidin. We hope that Almighty God will make faith attractive to our minds and make us hate blasphemy, viciousness, and disobedience.

God reiterates this idea in many other verses such as his saying, praise be to him, in which he blames the believers and the companions of the prophet, may God be pleased with them. He asks them: What is the matter with you? God said: "O ye who believe! what is the matter with you, that, when ye are asked to go forth in the cause of Allah, ye cling heavily to the earth? Do ye prefer the life of this world to the Hereafter? But little is the comfort of this life, as compared with the Hereafter." (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah; 9:38)

It is the same meaning. Those who fail to join the fighting will give numerous pretexts. You can claim that you are engaged in good deeds and prayers. Those men were better than us. They also were engaged in these good deeds and prayers with which we are busy today. But if they were ordered: O knights of God, ride on your horses, they would leave everything and moved to the battlefield, whether they were equipped lightly or heavily, may God be pleased with them. Those who were late in coming would be reprimanded by the Koranic verses, which explain how they should be punished. 'O ye who believe! what is the matter with you, that, when ye are asked to go forth in the cause of Allah, ye cling heavily to the earth? Do ye prefer the life of this world to the Hereafter? But little is the comfort of this life, as compared with the Hereafter.'

The issue is very clear. Then comes the verse to decide the issue. No room for hesitation, thinking, or watchfulness. "Unless ye go forth, He will punish you with a grievous penalty, and put others in your place; but Him ye would not harm in the least." (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah; 9:39)

O God, as you have granted us success in jihad in your path in Afghanistan, on which we are living today, and in jihad in your path against the Americans and those who collaborated and

backed them, we beseech you by your good names and sublime characteristics, to affirm us on this path until we meet with you, when you would be pleased with us.

Thus, the verses make clear the reasons for the failure to fight; namely, the love of life and the abhorrence of death, as was mentioned in what Tawban said about our prophet, May God's peace and blessings be upon him. He cites the prophet as having said: Debility will thus enter your heart. They asked: What kind of debility would that be, O prophet of God? He said: The love of life and your abhorrence of death. There is another version of the hadith: The love of life and your abhorrence of fighting. That is the source of misguidedness and loss.

Thus, we can understand some of the important causes that led us to what we are in now. Moreover, the Almighty explains his method of punishing those who betray their religion and who betray the holy land. This misguidedness is an inevitable fate of those who abandon God and his prophet. This loss and this bewilderment of the nation and this bane that afflicted us are all punishments from God since we abandoned the religion of God and abandoned jihad in the path of God.

The prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, is cited as having said: If you spend your time trading in Inah (trade principle in early Islam based on selling a commodity for a deferred payment and then re-buying it for less than the price that was paid for it), accept the tilling of the land, followed the tails of the cattle, and abandoned jihad in the path of God, then God will afflict you with humiliation that cannot be lifted off you unless you go back to your religion. This is a clear and manifest quotation from the prophet.

The Arabs bear more blame than others. That is the saying of our prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him. God will afflict them with humiliation that cannot be lifted off them unless they go back to your religion. Therefore, we must return to our religion, we must abandon grave sins, and we must uphold jihad on the path of God. The misguidedness was explained by Almighty God during the exchanges between Moses, peace be upon him, and his people when they were ordered to fight and they failed to respond. God said: "O my people! Enter the holy land which Allah hath assigned unto you, and turn not back ignominiously, for then will ye be overthrown, to your own ruin.' They said: 'O Moses! In this land are a people of exceeding strength: Never shall we enter it until they leave it: if (once) they leave, then shall we enter.' (But) among (their) Allah-fearing men were two on whom Allah had bestowed His grace." (Koranic verses; Al-Ma'idah; 5: 21-23)

God is great, God is great. From a big and numerous nation, God mentioned two men who had fear. This means that fear is connected with this jihad. Fear and trepidation are both greatly connected with this jihad. The one who fails to join the jihad fears men but the one who carries his head in the palm of his hand fears God. We have seen in the previous verses when God says: "A section of them feared men as - or even more than - they should have feared Allah." (Koranic verse; Al-Nisa; 4:77). These do not want to fight, saying "Wouldst Thou not Grant us respite to our (natural) term, near (enough). (Ibid)"

Here, two men fear but they fear Almighty God. The one who fears Almighty God, the one who fears the day of reckoning, would rush for the battle without taking his full equipment until he meets God and wins his satisfaction. "(But) among (their) Allah-fearing men were two on whom Allah had bestowed His grace." Ibn-Kathir, may God have mercy on him, in explaining this verse, says that God's grace for them was great and his favor to them was big. God bestowed this grace on them. Do you not want to be among those on whom God would bestow his grace?

God said: "(But) among (their) Allah-fearing men were two on whom Allah had bestowed His grace: They said: 'Assault them at the (proper) Gate: when once ye are in, victory will be yours; But on Allah put your trust if ye have faith.'" (Koranic verses; Al-Ma'idah; 5:23)

However, the fleeing one cannot be brought back and nothing can stop the coward. May the cowards not have any moment of sleep. Here we have been -- and thanks to God and his grace -- in the mouth of the lion for over 20 years. The Russian Scud missiles pursued us for over 10 years. Now the American Cruise missiles have been pursuing us for the past 10 years. The faithful is aware that lives and deaths cannot be delayed or come sooner. "Wherever ye are, death will find you out, even if ye are in towers built up strong and high." (Koranic verse; Al-Nisa; 4:78) The faithful is aware that no soul would die until it reaches its time, as our prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, told us.

The argument continued. The people of Moses said: "'O Moses! while they remain there, never shall we be able to enter, to the end of time. Go thou, and thy Lord, and fight ye two, while we sit here (and watch).'" (Koranic verse; Al-Ma'idah; 5:24)

There is no power or strength except from God. That was a great betrayal. That was why there was punishment. Moses, peace be upon him, said: "He said: 'O my Lord! I have power only over myself and my brother: so separate us from this rebellious people!'" (Ibid; 5:25) He called them rebellious. God reiterates their rebelliousness in many verses.

Then Allah said: "Therefore will the land be out of their reach for forty years: In distraction will they wander through the land: But sorrow thou not over these rebellious people." (Ibid; 5:26)

That is what God does to those who betray his religion. This is a clear misguidedness. Today, the Islamic nation lives in great misguidedness. We have not yet escaped the misguidedness that was imposed on us because we abandoned the Al-Aqsa Mosque, the place from which our prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, journeyed to heaven. Then we were led into a bigger misguidedness, and only God can help us. The way is the jihad and the hijrah (emigration) and on the path of God. Religion cannot be reestablished except by the book of God and the tradition of the prophet.

The prophet, May God's peace and blessings be upon him, preached his message and he fought on the path of God. He fulfilled his mission and delivered the trust, may God's peace and blessings be upon him. God rewarded him better than any other prophet. Today, the inheritors of the prophethood must uphold this right, guided by his word, may God's peace and blessings be upon him. Religion cannot be established if the ulema of the Islamic nation are in the grip of the atheists, the licentious, the oppressors, the blasphemous, and the ungodly. They cannot utter the true word. Muhammad, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, the most favorite one to receive the revelations, and the best Arabic-speaking person, spent 13 years urging people to believe. A few hundreds followed him. When he declared the religion of God in the open and for the sake of God, people started to join the religion of God in droves and the state of Islam was established.

Today we use the hegira calendar because of its great impact on the growth of this religion. Today, we are on the first day of Id in the year 1420 of the hegira (7 January 2000) and 10 full years have passed since the Crusaders invaded the country of the two holy mosques. We seek power and strength from God.

Therefore, now that we have diagnosed the ailment, here is the medicine and the cure in the book of God: The hijrah (emigration) and jihad. These are the greatest landmarks in the book of God: Faith, hijrah, and jihad. Almighty God has praised the best of mankind, the companions of the prophet, may God be pleased with them, using these three attributes. Think deeply about the book of Almighty God. At the end of the Al-Anfal Chapter, Almighty God, praising the esteemed companions, the best of mankind after our prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, using these three attributes and giving them rare and unique descriptions, even in terms of the book of God, and even in terms of the descriptions reserved for the esteemed companions, says: "Those who believe, and adopt exile, and fight for the Faith, in the cause of Allah as well as those who give (them) asylum and aid,- these are (all) in very truth the Believers: for them is the forgiveness of sins and a provision most generous." (Koranic verse; Al-Anfal; 8:74). He emphasizes their true faith because they had faith, they chose exile, and joined jihad.

Religion will not be resuscitated if the successors of Muhammad, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, not choose exile, and unless they submit to the truth, as the esteemed companions were exiled, and as our messenger, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, was exiled. These are God's ways in his religion.

A'ishah, may God be pleased with her, when the revelations began, mentioned a story about our messenger, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, with Waraqah Bin-Nawfal, who became Christian in pre-Islamic days. When the messenger of God explained to him the first revelations, he said: These are the laws that God revealed to Moses, peace be upon him. Then he said: I earnestly wish to be there when your people will expel you. Then the prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, said: Will they expel me? He replied: Yes. No man ever came up with anything like what you have come up with without facing hostility from them. I hope that when this day comes to pass, and if I am still alive, I will back you very strongly.

All those who preach the truth face hostile stands. Those who face no enemies, those who are proven to be loyal to the polytheists and who rule not by the sharia of God, must know that they are not on the right path and on the right course. No man ever came up with anything like what you have come up with without inviting their hostility. They do not accept the people of the truth unless the people of the truth appease them. "Their desire is that thou shouldst be pliant: so would they be pliant." (Koranic verse; Al-Qalam; 68:9)

Do you want to eat and drink with them and perform some rituals that do not go against their religious line? You can do that. But if you want the entire religion to be God's religion, then you cannot attain this except by emigration and jihad, as the best of mankind, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, did.

The esteemed companions of the prophet emigrated when injustice was heaped over their heads. Abu-Bakr, who was a prominent man of Quraysh, left Mecca. While he was on the road, far from Mecca, he was met by Ibn-al-Dughunnah. He said: Where to, Abu-Bakr? He said: I have left as an emigrant on the path of God. My people expelled me. He said: A man like you should not be expelled.

This man was a jahili (pre-Islamic man), but they had values, magnanimity, morals, and virtuous considerations. He told Abu-Bakr: A man like you should not be expelled because you are a man who feeds his guests, relieves those who are under duress, and supports the people. Come with me and under my protection. Abu-Bakr returned and when he openly declared the truth once again, they insisted on his expulsion and inflicted harm on him until God was generous to him and he emigrated with the best of mankind, Muhammad, may God's peace and

blessings be upon him. "If ye help not (your leader), (it is no matter): for Allah did indeed help him, when the Unbelievers drove him out: he had no more than one companion; they two were in the cave, and he said to his companion, 'Have no fear, for Allah is with us.'" (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah; 9:40)

The companions left for Abyssinia and with them was the daughter of the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, and her husband, Uthman. With this emigration, religion spread and the truth was declared and the truthful word by which God exposed falsehood, was accepted. The modest convoy left for Abyssinia. Umm-Abdallah Bint Abi Hatmah, may God be pleased with her, as Ibn-Hisham, may God have mercy on him, said in his book, The Sirah (biography of the prophet): We were preparing for emigration to Abyssinia. Amir, that is, Abu-Abdallah (her husband), went to bring some of our household needs. Then Umar arrived -- you do not know how Umar was in the Jahiliyah? He was cruel and pitiless, one of the strong men of Quraysh, who harmed the believers to a great degree. She said: Umar arrived and said: Are you emigrating, O Umm-Abdallah? She said: Yes, by God. You have harmed us and oppressed us. Umar did not bear to see what he had seen. The cruel and ruthless person could not bear to see the oppressed people -- men, women, and children -- leaving the land in which they were born, and leaving their tribes, their fathers, and their mothers. He could not bear this. In his heart there was a struggle between his arrogance to defy the truth and his insistence on harming these believers on the one hand, and this extremely heartrending scene. Where will they go? Will they cross the sea? They have no experience with the sea. Where will they go? To the strangers and aliens? No relations, no intermarriages, and no brotherhood in religion. However, the good part of him triumphed. He said a kind word. He said: May God be with you.

God is great, God is great. The heart of Umar, the cruel and the ruthless man, is being torn apart because he saw these little children, the oppressed men, women, and children (here, Bin Ladin weeps audibly). They are leaving their land, their property, and their relatives to escape with their religion, for the sake of God and his messenger, may God's peace and blessings be upon him. Umar could not bear what he saw and said: God be with you.

When Amir returned, she said: You should have seen Umar. She told him that Umar came there a short while before and said these things. He asked her: Do you think that he will embrace Islam? She said: Yes. He said: This man, whom you saw, will not embrace Islam until the donkey of Al-Khattab embraces Islam. His heart was like the heart of a donkey because it was so hard. He was influenced by the scenes that he witnessed (Bin Ladin weeps against). Where will they go? May God be pleased with them.

However, the heart of the contemporary Qurayshis has not softened because of the conditions of the heirs of Muhammad, may God's peace and blessings be upon him. I swear by Almighty God that they are languishing in the prisons of the Arabian Peninsula, in Ha'il and other places, while the Americans are going freely about over the land of the prophet of God, may God's peace and blessings be upon him. Do people not have faith? Do they not have the zeal to defend the religion of the prophet of God, may God's peace and blessings be upon him? O God, I dissociate myself from what Abu-Righal, his brothers, and his collaborators have done. I apologize to you on behalf of the believers who are failing to come to the rescue of your sacred house.

O God, return us back to our religion in a kind way. O God, give to this nation an order of guidance which will make those who obey you proud, which will make those who disobey you humiliated, and which will urge virtue and prevent vice. O God, make faith look good in the eyes of the Muslim youths. Make them hate blasphemy, wrongdoing, and disobedience. O God, we

pledge to you that we will continue our journey in order to raise the banner of 'There is No God but God and that Muhammad is the Prophet of God' until this banner triumphs or until we are killed along this path. O God, accept our prayers, you are the all hearing.

This is the path, O worshipers of God: Emigration and jihad in addition to faith. That is how our prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, has taught us. The reward for emigration and jihad is so great. This is sufficient for us.

Our prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him. Spoke to Amr Bin-al-As, may God be pleased with him, when he came to him with the aim of claiming some possessions. The messenger of God, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, said: Did you not know that Islam destroyed everything that is before it and that the emigration (from Mecca to Medina) cancels what preceded it? God bless the emigrants. With the emigration, man is cleansed of his previous sins and he opens a pure and white page in which great things are recorded.

Our prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, said: One hour of standing in fighting in the path of God is worthier than 60 years of prayer. God is great. God is great. This is a great generosity. Those who live today -- and the average longevity in the Islamic nation is close to 60 or 70 years -- should not fail, lose, or be distant from the path of God because their situation will be indescribable on doomsday. "On the Day that the Hour (of Reckoning) will be established, the transgressors will swear that they tarried not but an hour: thus were they used to being deluded." (Koranic verse; Al-Rum; 30:55) On the day of judgment, they would feel and imagine that 60 years pass as only one hour. For the mujahid, one hour in fighting is better than 60 years of prayers. God is great. God be praised for this new bounty.

Another saying by the prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him. Abu-Fatimah relates that he came to the prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, asking for a job to do, a lasting job. The prophet said: You have to emigrate because there is nothing like emigration. The one who wants to resist evil while he is ruled by evil contravenes the teachings of Almighty God. At each moment, each cell of the body of the muhajir cries out from the bottom of his heart: You have come out to liberate the Ancient House. Each moment, every tiny part of his body, cries out, in his heart and ear: Do not forget the Ancient House. He will remain a muhajir until the banner of true monotheism flutters over the land of the two holy mosques.

The reward of jihad is great. Suffice it to say that the master of the sons of Adam, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, the one who can intercede with God on doomsday when nobody will be able to speak, when the prophets will just say: O God, save them, save them, the prophet, whose sins -- both the ones that were done and the ones that are yet to be done -- were forgiven, said in the confirmed books of tradition, and he is the truthful one: I swear by the one who has the power over my soul, that my desire is to raid in the path of God and be killed, then raid again and be killed, and then raid again and be killed. That is the path to follow, O followers of Muhammad, may God's peace and blessings be upon him.

Do not devote your time to doing ordinary work. You must work like as the messenger of God was working. Do not do too many deeds, even if they are good because they may not be necessary at this time. If the call is raised for jihad and the land of Islam is attacked, then this is your duty. When the Christians, during his rule, arrived for the first time, the prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, did not leave a faqih, a reciter of the Koran, or a teacher staying behind. He shouted at all of them and only three failed to go for jihad. This is the tradition of the prophet.

As Ka'b says, and this related in the books of the tradition, those who stayed behind were punished: A general boycott by the entire Islamic nation. There is no time left to explain the entire things that were told by Ka'b.

In the Al-Jami book about the prophet's tradition, the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, explains the value of the martyr. He said: The best of martyrs are those who fight in the first line, those who do not turn their faces until they are killed. These will reside in the highest rooms of Paradise and their God would smile at them. If our God smiles at one of his slaves, all his sins will be wiped out. What else do we want? Do we not want the satisfaction of God? Do we not want Paradise? Do we want to spend our time accumulating the things that we will be held to account for if we fail to come to the support of the religion of Almighty God?

We hope that God will restore us to his religion with kindness and save us from this misguidedness because we betrayed God's sanctities and religion, and to grant us the reward of going back to jihad, adopting jihad, and abandoning the perpetration of wrongdoing. We hope he will reward us with a migration along his path, and a martyrdom on his path, turning our faces, and not our backs, to the enemies until we win his satisfaction. The ancient Islamic ulema said that every good deed should be linked to work.

In the prophet's tradition, Abu-Musa al-Ash'ari relates how the prophet said: Paradise is under the shadow of the swords. God is great. So look at the path of the ancient Muslims.

A man came to Abu-Musa and said: O Abu-Musa, did you hear the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, say this? He replied: Yes. The man left immediately. He broke the scabbard of his sword and bade farewell to his people and then he went and fought until he was killed.

He wanted to implement what he learned. He wanted to be certain that the saying of the prophet was correct. He did not want to gather the sayings of the prophet only to ignore them, and thus they would be held against him. O Abu-Musa, did you hear the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, say this? He said: Yes. That is all what there is to it.

There are so many correct sayings about jihad and the rewards of jihad and so many verses that urge jihad. We pray to God to forgive us our sins and mistakes and grant our nation guidance by which those who obey God will be esteemed and those who disobey God will be humiliated, and where virtue is preached and vice is prevented.

O God, grant us patience, make our feet firm on the ground and grant us victory over the polytheists. O God, free our ulema everywhere. O God release Shaykh Umar Abd-al-Rahman from US jails. O God have mercy on his weakness and his gray hair. O God release our ulema in the Arabian Peninsula and other countries. O God release Shaykh Sa'id Bin-Zu'ayr and his brothers in the jails of the land of the two holy mosques. O God hasten the release of young Muslim men everywhere. You can do that, O god.

O God, support the attacks of our brother mujahidin in Chechnya. O God affirm them. O God shake the ground under the feet of their enemies. O God, support our brothers in the State of Afghanistan, support the Taliban who established the shari'a of Almighty god on this land, giving the mujahidin a land in which they can seek safe haven and settle after many decades of residence in states that do not rule by the revelations of God.

In conclusion, we hope that the Almighty will accept our fasting, prayers, and zakat. He is the most able to do that. Our final words will be: God be praised, the lord of the universe; and may the blessings of God be upon Muhammad, and all his family and companions. peace be upon you.