

## **The Companion**

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In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. All praise is due to God, and prayers and peace be upon God's messenger and on his family, companions, and allies. O nation of Islam, men of sacrifice, martyrdom, and courage, may God's peace and blessing be upon you. This is how the school of Jihad taught us and this is how we drank and drink from its incessant spring. These are continuous lessons, hardship and ease, joy and sorrow, victory and defeat, lessons and tears, receiving men and bidding farewell to heroes. Success lies in the hope for a reward after patience and firmness on the path of God based on faithfulness to Almighty God. "And slacken not in following up the enemy: If ye are suffering hardships, they are suffering similar hardships; but ye have Hope from Allah, while they have none. And Allah is full of knowledge and wisdom." [Koranic verse, al-Nina, 4:104]

Days of varying fortunes between us and our enemies are by turn. We suffer and they suffer, we are pained and they are pained, we endure and they endure, but the end in this life and in the hereafter is best for the righteous ones. "If a wound hath touched you, be sure a similar wound hath touched the others. Such days (of varying fortunes) We give to men and men by turns: that Allah may know those that believe, and that He may take to Himself from your ranks Martyrwitnesses (to Truth). And Allah loveth not those that do wrong." [Koranic verse, al-Imran, 3:140]

Among the greatest things we have tasted and seen in the arenas of jihad, of the bitter pains and heavy sadness is the parting of the beloved ones, the farewell to companions, and the absence of friends. Our sadness is not only for their killing and departure, for we hope that they will have the honor they have sought and about which they were concerned. However, we are sad because we were left behind them. I swear by God, I wished I had left with my companions when they were bade farewell and buried in their pure tombs.

There are three things when patience becomes difficult and which startle any wise person, these are a forcible departure from a country you love, separation of brothers, and the loss of a beloved one. [Verses of poetry]

We have never known the true friendship, the meaning of the brotherhood in faith, and the consolidation of pure amity except in the arenas of jihad, where souls meet while flying in the sky of longing to God, and where blood is mixed while flowing generously over the land of loftiness and competition over good deeds manifests itself in the best of its images and loftiest forms, especially since there is no fierce struggle over worldly things or perishing pleasures. It is nothing but the spirit of faith, quest for paradise, and concern about martyrdom. Only a deprived person can miss the pleasures of life in this world, and may God protect us from that. O nation of Islam, today, we announce to you the death of one of the courageous heroes of Islam and one of its unique and great leaders who were worried about the situation of their nation and what it is currently experiencing in terms of weakness after strength, humiliation after pride, and lowliness after loftiness. He struggled with life in order to rescue the nation from its decline, save it from its predicament, and bring it back to its past glory. Thus, his loss was a real loss and his absence was a real absence.

Upon your life, heavy loss is not the loss of money or the death of a goat or a camel, but heavy loss is the loss of a free man after whose death many people die. [Verses of poetry]

O beloved nation, we announce to you the death of one of the men who have recorded their stands in the annals of history with the endurance of men, the courage of lions, the firmness of leaders, and the humility of the faithful to another faithful. His end was the best. This is what we believe and God knows better. "And say not of those who are slain in the way of Allah. They are dead. Nay, they are living, though ye perceive (it) not." [Koranic verse, al-Baqara, 2:154] We announce to you the death of a living example of those made by jihad and shaped by faith and who are known of their pride in their religion. Thus, they rejected humiliation, renounced lowliness, and discarded submission and adhered strongly to the Koran and thus, God elevated them by it. "If any do seek for glory and power, to Allah belong all glory and power." [Koranic verse, Fatir, 35:10]

We announce to you the death of one of the lions of wars, protectors of truths, companions of swords, and causers of the death of enemies, mujahid Sheikh, educator, leader, and courageous lion, Abu-al-Layth al-Qasimi, may God have mercy on him, accept him among martyrs, elevate his status in the loftiest paradise, and make him the companion of prophets, saints, martyrs, and righteous people, who are the best of all companions.

On our great loss, we say that the heart is grieved and the eye is full of tears, but we only say what pleases our Lord. O Abu-al-Layth, we are grieved because of your departure. "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, who say, when afflicted with calamity "To Allah We belong, and to Him is our return." [Koranic verse, al-Baciarah, 2:155-156] To Allah we belong, and to him is our return.

I complain to God, not to people, about his loss and about the pain of sadness in the heart.  
[Verse of poetry]

Following a march full of sacrifice, offering, persistent action, and continuous jihad, which are all surrounded with great loftiness, shrewdness, mental acuteness, long and various experiences, and noble manners, our courageous sheikh and lion bade farewell to the arenas of jihad, preparation, and steadfastness. In fact, he bade farewell to life as a whole to hand over the flag to those after him while he seemed to say: "For the like of this let all strive, who wish to strive." [Koranic verse, al-Saffat, 37:61] We believe that he was among those who have been true to their covenant "Among the Believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah. of them some have completed their vow (to the extreme), and some (still) wait: but they have never changed (their determination) in the least." [Koranic verse, al-Ahzab, 33:23]

He had never deviated from the path of the guided ones, but he had always been true to his covenant with God and he had never changed,

Death came to him with a fixed glance, but he did not turn his back and said to it: It is you what I wish and so be prepared. [Verses of poetry]

Yes, he bade farewell to those arenas which he was familiar with and which were familiar with him. He loved them and they loved him. With his pure blood he wrote what he had previously wrote with his friendly ink when he said about his brothers who were martyred before him: O companions, we have received your message and you have presented your argument and paved the way for those after you with the purest thing you have, and we can only say: "It is enough for martyrdom to be the bond of kinship among us if we were not united by the bonds of kinship, and no matter how happy we were with you, we still have a pledge to fulfill." [poetry] By God, we

are fed up with life after you, its sweetness became bitter and its delicious things now cause choking. It is only one of the rounds of truth against falsehood until God grants victory to religion and allows us to join you in the loftiest paradise, God willing.

This is how words come out of the hearts, which are true to their love, which have strong faith, which are certain about the soundness of their path, and which are faithful to their lovers and companions. They come out with the spontaneity of lovers and the smoothness of the longing ones. They are void of affectation, ornamentation, ambiguity or rhymed prose. They infiltrate into hearts to settle deep inside them and activate their hidden things, and they cannot be prevented by anything

Our sheikh spent 19 years in the various arenas of jihad. He attacked, assaulted, and fought. He was patient and stood fast. He waged battles, was used to all kinds of conditions, embarked on risky undertakings and disdained their threats and stormed hardships and cared less about them. He surmounted all difficulties by his will and determination and made them ease by his loftiness and wisdom. I can hear the echo of his voice reverberating between the mountains of Afghanistan, the deserts of Libya, and the prisons of al-Saud.

I would rather make what is difficult easy or die, for hopes can only be achieved by the patient ones. [Verse of poetry]

This in order to explain to his nation the path of glory, the course of enabling, and the road to attain noble things, especially since imamate in religion can only be attained through faith and patience. "And We appointed, from among them, leaders, giving guidance under Our command, so long as they persevered with patience and continued to have faith in Our Signs." [Koranic verse, al-Sajdah, 32:24]

It is impossible for anyone to attain noble things without hard work. [Verse of poetry]

He couldn't bear living under the humiliation of tyrants and the rules of pre-Islamic paganism while hearing God's saying: "He who forsakes his home in the cause of Allah, finds in the earth Many a refuge, wide and spacious: Should he die as a refugee from home for Allah and His Messenger, His reward becomes due and sure with Allah. And Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful." [Koranic verse, al-Nisa, 4:100] He heeded the call for jihad and flew to the arenas of glory and sacrifice soul before body. He tells anyone who clings to life and its vanities and who finds it difficult to leave his family and children: "Your departure for the sake of attaining noble things is not considered a travel, but staying behind with humiliation is travel." [poetry]

Yes, he was determined, just like others who have earnest concern about religion and faith and longing for God, to knock the doors of paradise at all times. He did not pay attention to those who justify their staying behind by the allegations of wisdom, cover their concern about life in this world by patience and wisdom, while reading God's saying: "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. For Allah hath power over all things." [Koranic verse, al-Tawbah, 9:39], and "Say: "The Death from which ye flee will truly overtake you: then will ye be sent back to the Knower of things secret and open: and He will tell you (the truth of) the things that ye did!" [Koranic verse, al-Jum' ah, 62:8] He seemed to say to everyone who fails to perform jihad: "Some people say that my opinion about courage is ignorance, but I believe that when they flee death they are more ignorant, one cannot flee death, and if I avoid death in the battlefield, then I will die somewhere else." [poetry]

God ordained for him the honor of participating in fighting the greatest empires of tyranny and injustice in this age, the Soviet Union, which has become something of the past, and the mother of all evils, America, whose civilization will turn into a waste land and its power will turn into mirage, God willing. He became strong from the lessons of jihad, in words and deeds. He gained experience from developments to the point where he managed to probe their depths and to realize their ins and outs while he seemed to say: "I mastered harms until I made them say: Has death died or fright was frightened?" [poetry]

The storm of the cross blew in its modern war and mobilized its forces and its agents and advanced to the fortress of Islam, from land, sea, and air and the weaklings began to spread the news and despair and to mock the small group of the people of faith. Very few people, including our sheikh, may God have mercy on him, stood, along with their true reliance on God, disdain of falsehood, and pride in their religion and willpower, following the example of their ancestors in good and bad days and saying: "Men said to them: 'A great army is gathering against you': And frightened them: But it (only) increased their Faith: They said: Tor us Allah sufficeth, and He is the best disposer of affairs." [Koranic verse, al-Imran, 3:173]

Every time someone suggests to them the fear of the enemy and its power, they had deep in their hearts, which are full of faith, God's saying: "It is only the Evil One that suggests to you the fear of his votaries: Be ye not afraid of them, but fear Me, if ye have Faith." [Koranic verse, al-Imran, 3:175] Thus, they served as their nation's shield to deter calamities, fighting the sword with a sword, repulsing injustice by decisiveness and shedding the enemy's blood in return for their blood until they healed their breasts and those of the believers. They taught the worshippers of the cross and their hinchmen how men act in the battlefield. They torn their bodies, shed their blood, orphaned their children, and made them swallow chokes of pains, which are still chasing them wherever they go. They have taught them lessons, which their generations will remember one generation after another. So, what is the harm of falling martyrs after this? "Say: Can you expect for us (any fate) other than one of two glorious things- (Martyrdom or victory)? But we can expect for you either that Allah will send his punishment from Himself, or by our hands. So wait (expectant); we too will wait with you." [Koranic verse, al-Tawbah, 9:52]

Our sheikh, may God have mercy on him, knew the road to paradise and adhered to it. He displayed patience toward its adversities because he knows that the road to it is surrounded with adversities. We believe and God knows better, that the saying of the prophet, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, that "every time he heard a cry he flew to it expecting death" applies to him Every time he was in distress he made it easy by his quest for the best end. This distress was kept away from him by what the patient ones were promised, which included in God's saying: "Those who patiently persevere will truly receive a reward without measure!" [Koranic verse, al-Zumar, 39:10] So, O venerable sheikh, sleep happily. By God, we hope that you have won one of two glorious things [martyrdom or victory], or even the best of the two glorious things, martyrdom in the cause of God, which is the ultimate goal and the long-cherished wish, eternal happiness, pleasant life, joy and delight, comfort and easiness, and greater reward from God. We know that you had been very eager about it and serious in seeking it, moving among the things that lead to it, and intercepting it in the places where you can find it. Congratulations to you for you have won what you wished and gained what you have expected, God willing.

We tell you and your brothers who were reddened by their blood along with you, of our beloved ones and companions, that we will continue to pursue the march, keep the pledge, fight and renounce the enemies of religion until we win what you have won or God decides between us and the infidels. Our sadness over your departure will not weaken our adherence to your path. We will not cry like the weak ones, but it is blood for blood and destruction for destruction. "And

soon will the unjust assailants know what vicissitudes their affairs will take!" [Koranic verse, al-Shu' ara, 26:227] "And the close of their cry will be: "Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds!" [Koranic verse, Yunus, 10:10]"