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## The Solution to the Global Crisis of the Ummah Today

Currently, in all parts of the world, Muslims are undergoing hardships and difficulties. At a national and international level, Muslims are facing many challenges. The plight of the Muslims in Gaza and Sudan, China and Burma, and other parts of the world, is well known to us. Similarly, the xenophobia and Islamophobia in our country is also evident before our eyes.

The question lingering in the heart of each person is “What should Muslims do at this time, and what is the solution to all the problems of the ummah?”

Before understanding the solution, it is imperative for us to understand that Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى is the Sole Controller of all affairs, and it is the system of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى that when man is obedient to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, then Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى sends down conditions of prosperity and ease. Conversely, when man disobeys Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, then Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى sends down difficulties and hardships in the form of hurricanes and tornados, floods and natural disasters, earthquakes and tsunamis, etc.

Therefore, for us to change the condition of this country and the condition of the world, the only way is to turn back to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and become obedient to Him, as He is the One who is in control of all affairs.

It is reported that Aflatoon (Plato) wished to test Nabi Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ to see whether he was a Nabi of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى or not, so he decided to ask him the following question. He said to Nabi Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ, “If the sky became bows firing arrows towards the earth, and each arrow was like a calamity falling on the earth, and the one firing the arrows from the sky is Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, then how would one on earth be able to save himself from the arrows striking him?”

Nabi Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ immediately responded saying, “Go on the side of the one who is firing the arrows, and you will be safeguarded.” In other words, you go on Allah’s تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى side, and Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will protect you from His calamities and punishments. (*Tafseer Mazhari 8/278*)

Whenever the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ faced any difficulty, then their immediate response which they learnt from Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ was to turn to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, for Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى is the Only Being who can help His servant at the time of difficulty.

### Taqwa – the Key to Draw the Special Help of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى

In the time of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, there was a Sahaabi by the name of Hazrat Awf bin Maalik Ashja’ee رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ. Once, he came to Madinah Munawwarah and complained to Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ that a tribe of the kuffaar had come to their village and looted their wealth, stole his camels and even kidnapped his son.

This Sahaabi was overcome by grief and sadness and he asked Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ for some assistance. He even mentioned to Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ that his son sent a message to him, informing him that the kuffaar had tied him up in leather straps and were oppressing him.

Rasulullah ﷺ said to him that the people of Madinah Munawwarah are also undergoing poverty and starvation. Rasulallah ﷺ said to him, “I do not possess anything through which I will be able to assist you, but you and your family should turn to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى in dua.” Rasulallah ﷺ also told him to tell his son to recite the following two ayats in the morning and evening:

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٧٨﴾ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ

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Rasulullah ﷺ also told him to tell his son to recite “لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله العلي العظيم” in abundance.

When Hazrat Awf bin Maalik رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ returned home, his wife was eagerly awaiting the response of Rasulallah ﷺ. She asked her husband what Rasulallah ﷺ said. Her husband replied, “Rasulallah ﷺ said that he does not have anything to assist us with, as there is poverty in Madinah Munawwarah, but we should turn to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and beg Him for His mercy!”

Hearing this response, his wife said, “He gave you the best advice by asking us to turn to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى (in this time of difficulty, as Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى alone is the Controller of all affairs).”

The Sahaabi then sent the message to his son, telling him to recite the two verses of the Qur’aan Majeed in the morning and evening, and to recite “لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله العلي العظيم” in abundance.

The son did as Rasulallah ﷺ had instructed, and after a few days, when the kuffaar were all asleep, the chains with which the Sahaabi’s son were tied up automatically broke and fell off. At nightfall, he fled and brought back with him his father’s animals, and he also brought with him a lot of animals and wealth of the kuffaar. All this wealth he acquired from the kuffaar as booty which was halaal for him.

When he returned to his parents, he informed them of what had transpired. His parents were overjoyed and delighted, as Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى had freed him in this miraculous way and also blessed them with wealth and sustenance.

The Sahaabi, Hazrat Awf bin Maalik رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, immediately came to Rasulallah ﷺ and informed him of what had happened. Rasulallah ﷺ ascended the mimbar and recited the following verses before the Sahaabah which were revealed to him from Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى on that occasion:

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا ﴿١٧٩﴾ وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ ﴿١٨٠﴾ وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ ﴿١٨١﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَادِعُ أَمْرِهِ ﴿١٨٢﴾ قَدْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدْرًا ﴿١٨٣﴾

The meaning of these verses is that the one who adopts taqwa and piety in his life (and he fears Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى at all times and refrains from sins) – then Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will make an exit for him from every problem, and Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will grant him sustenance from avenues least expected, and the one who places his trust on Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will be sufficient for him. Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will complete his plan, and Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى has a time for everything. (Incident taken from Fazaal-e-Sadaqaat 2/383-384)

In other words, how beautifully Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى is explaining to us, “O My servant! Don’t lose hope! Turn to Me, and I will take care of you - but become obedient to Me!”

How will we become obedient to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى? We should perform salaah in the masjid with jamaat. We should treat the servants of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى with kindness and compassion. We should refrain from all sins and all types of disobedience, whether it be with the cell phone, internet, watching TV, Youtube videos, etc. We should fulfil the rights we owe to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and the creation. If we are disobeying Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى all the time, and we are complaining

about conditions and are not turning to Him, then how can we expect the mercy of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى to fall and rain upon us?

### Earthquakes Taking Place in the World

Just recently, there was a major earthquake in the Philippines. A few years ago, there was a major earthquake in Turkey. When an earthquake strikes, lava comes out from the volcano and it erupts, and we know what happens. Sometimes, earthquakes take place in the sea and this causes tsunamis which strike the countries and leave everything in smithereens.

One group of scientists say that the cause of earthquakes are the plates under the ground. When the plates move, you get earthquakes. The second group of scientists say that there are treasures of minerals under the ground. There's iron, gold, silver and other minerals. When all these minerals are locked in the ground, then there are gases that are produced. These gases have nowhere to vent and go, so when they become too much and have no place to go, then to get released, it causes an earthquake.

This is what the kuffaar say about earthquakes and their cause. However, in the Hadith, we are informed that earthquakes take place because of the sins of insaan. The Hadith mentions that when sins become rife in the ummah, such as drinking wine, listening to music, dancing, people showing disrespect to the house of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, disobeying their parents, the latter people reviling the former pious servants, etc. then Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى sends down His punishment upon the ummah in the form of earthquakes and other natural calamities. (Sunan Tirmizi #2211)

Once, during the blessed era of Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, an earthquake occurred. Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ addressed the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ and said to them:

إِنْ رَبِّكُمْ يَسْتَعْتَبِكُمْ فَأَعْتَبُوهُ

“Your Lord wants you all to turn to Him in taubah, so turn to Him and repent for your sins.” (Musannaf Ibnu Abi Shaybah #8420)

Britain thought that they are far from the plates so they will be saved from earthquakes, but when an earthquake struck Britain, Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى showed them that Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى is in complete power and control of everything and Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى causes earthquakes to take place wherever He wishes.

### The Assistance of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى in the Midst of the Tsunami

In 2004, a tsunami struck Indonesia as well as certain other countries. One jamaat from Indonesia came to South Africa, and one brother in the jamaat was present in Indonesia at the time when the tsunami struck one of the islands of Indonesia.

He says that from the masjid windows, the jamaat saw the tsunami coming towards the masjid, and they were greatly terrified and worried. The ameer of the jamaat told the brothers to engage in Aamaal and dua. Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى caused the water to go around the masjid, not allowing even one drop to enter the masjid. The hot, boiling water came from the sea through a volcanic eruption in the sea and flattened the whole island. The homes, the people, buildings and everything was destroyed. However, the masjid remained intact and protected.

One brother from the island was also present with the jamaat in the masjid, spending time with the jamaat. When he came out of the masjid and went home, he found that his house was intact. Even the chicken cage outside his house with the chickens and eggs were all intact.

Allah is showing us that Allah's تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى help is with deen and the people of deen. Allah's تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى help is with the sunnah of Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, so come onto the sunnah and you will see that the divine help of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will be with you.

The deeni condition of the ummah in most parts of the world is on a decline, and we are not receiving the help of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى on account of the ummah being involved in many sins. When the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ were tested with various trials and tribulations, they turned to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, and immediately, His divine help came to them because they were loyal and faithful to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى. Today, the ummah is not faithful to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, therefore the help of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى is not coming down like how it came to the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ.

Therefore, we should make dua for ourselves and for the ummah at large, and make effort to bring deen into our lives. Wherever we are able to assist the ummah financially, then we should do so to the best of our ability.

### **The Only Solution in the Time of Fitnahs and Trials**

The only solution to remove problems is to go back to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى as He is the One who sends down conditions on man. Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ mentioned in his Mubaarak Hadith that the one who recites the following dua every morning (and he lives his life accordingly):

رضيت بالله رباً وبالإسلام ديناً وبمحمد نبياً

*I am pleased with Allah as my Lord, and I am pleased with Islam as my way of life, and I am pleased with Muhammed صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ as my Nabi (as my guide and as my role model in life).*

Then Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

فأنا الرعيم لأخذن بيده حتى أدخله الجنة

*I give him guarantee that I will hold his hand on the Day of Qiyaamah and usher him into Jannah. (Majma'uz Zawaa'id #17005)*

The meaning of this dua is that one is saying to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, "Oh Allah! I am pleased with You as my Lord and the One who will take charge of all my affairs, and I am pleased with Islam as my way of life, and I am pleased with Muhammed صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ as my Nabi (to guide me in life)."

In this dunya, when a person encounters a difficult situation, he looks for contacts to solve his problem. In this Hadith, Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ is showing us that the actual "contact" that will get us into Jannah is loyalty to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, loyalty to Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, and loyalty to Islam. These three things are the pathway to success in this world, in the grave and the Hereafter. In the grave, we will be questioned about these three things – "من ربك ما دينك من هذا الرجل" and in the Hereafter as well, we will be asked about these very same three things.

### **How the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ Showed Loyalty to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ By Holding Onto the Sunnah and Refraining from Sin**

#### **(1) Refraining from Attending a Waleemah wherein Sin Takes Place**

Hazrat Abdullah bin Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was once invited to a waleemah. As he drew close to the gathering, he heard the sound of music being played at the waleemah, and immediately turned away and refrained from attending.

When he was later asked as to why he had returned and did not attend, he said, "I heard Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ saying, 'The one who adds to the numbers of a people (involved in sin) will be counted from among them (in the sight of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى).'" (Ithaaful Khiyarah #3297)

## (2) Refraining from Riba Transactions

Hazrat Raafi bin Khadeej رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ reports that at one time, the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ were conducting a certain type of business deal and were earning abundant profits. However, the uncle of Hazrat Raafi bin Khadeej رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ then came to them with a message from Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, informing them that this type of business deal was impermissible as the element of riba was found in it.

The uncle of Hazrat Raafi رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ addressed them saying, “Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has prohibited us from a deal that outwardly is beneficial for us, but the obedience of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and His Rasul صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ is better for us and more beneficial.” Hence, on receiving the message, the Sahaabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ immediately refrained from this business deal. (Saheeh Muslim #1548)

## (3) Refraining from Pictures and Photography

On one occasion, while Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ was out on a journey, Hazrat Aaishah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا hung a curtain with pictures of animate objects on the door. At that time, Hazrat Aaishah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا was unaware that pictures of animate objects were prohibited.

When Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived at his home and his sight fell on the curtain, he was greatly displeased. Hazrat Aaishah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا greeted him, but he did not reply to her greeting and immediately went to the curtain and tore it.

On seeing the reaction of Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, Hazrat Aaishah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا realised that she had committed a serious mistake, on account of which the Rasul of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى was displeased with her. With extreme humility and remorse, she exclaimed, “O Rasul of Allah! I turn to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and His Rasul صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ in repentance! Explain to me the sin that I have committed.”

The heart of Hazrat Aaishah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا was so filled with the love of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and His Rasul صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ that she could not tolerate their displeasure for a single moment. Hence, even though she did not have knowledge of the sin she had committed, she first hastened towards taubah and thereafter begged Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ to explain to her the sin that she committed in order that she does not repeat it in future.

Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ then explained to her the evil consequence of those involved in the grave sin of picture-making. Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “O Aaishah! Indeed, the people who are involved in making pictures of animate objects will be subjected to the worst punishment on the Day of Qiyaamah.” (Saheeh Bukhaari #2105, 5954 & Mustakhrāj Abi Awaanah #9187)

## The Sign of True Love for Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and Islam

We all claim to love Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and Islam, but the question we need to ask ourselves is, “Do we really have the true love of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and His beloved Rasul صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and Islam in our hearts? Or are we only claiming so?”

The sign of having true love and loyalty for Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and Islam is that one will be obedient to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ by following Islam correctly in all facets of his life.

1. A person should grow the beard and conform to the sunnah of Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ in his dressing and attire.
2. He should perform all his salaah in the masjid with jamaat. Just as one regards jumuah salaah to be extremely important and he ensures that he comes to the masjid for jumuah, he should also regard performing every fardh salaah in the masjid with jamaat to be extremely important in his life.
3. He should run his business according to the laws of Shari’ah without getting involved in riba and other sins.

4. He should fulfil the rights he owes to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى, the rights he owes to Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, and the rights he owes to the servants of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى in the manner Shari'ah has prescribed.
5. He should discharge his zakaat correctly with a happy heart.
6. He should refrain from looking at haraam on the cell phone, watching TV and YouTube videos, etc.

If a person says “I love Allah and Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ!” but he is involved night and day in these haraam actions, then what type of love is he claiming to have when he is adopting the ways of the enemies of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and disobeying Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and His beloved Rasul صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ in his life?

Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ mentioned that the people to be subjected to the worst punishment in the Akhirah will be the picture makers and anybody involved in photography.

Recently, a student in a madrasah had a dream. He saw that Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ was on one side, and Dajjaal was on the other side. Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ was calling everyone towards him, and Dajjaal was also calling everyone towards him. The student then saw people who are involved in YouTube all going towards Dajjaal to join him.

The student was also thinking about going to Dajjaal to join him, but then he thought, “How can I leave Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and go to Dajjaal?” He then went towards Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and began to cry in front of Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. This dream clearly indicates that Youtube, the TV, etc. are all tools of Dajjaal and are created to destroy the deen of the ummah. Similarly, we should not refer to AI and Google for our deeni guidance. All these are shaitaani devices which will destroy our deen.

#### **Four Things to do to Save Oneself from the Punishment of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى**

(1) Firstly, we should turn to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى and beg Him for forgiveness for all our sins. In the Hadith, Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

من لزم الاستغفار جعل الله له من كل ضيق مخرجا ومن كل هم فرجا وورقه من حيث لا يحتسب

*The one who holds on firmly to istighfaar (i.e. makes istighfaar in abundance), Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى will make a way out for him from every difficulty, grant him relief from every worry, and bestow him with sustenance from avenues he does not expect. (Sunan Abu Dawood #1518)*

(2) Secondly, we should give sadaqah and assist the servants of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى who are undergoing difficulties in the world, as sadaqah removes calamities and cools down the anger of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى. Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ mentioned in the Hadith:

إن الصدقة لتطفئ غضب الرب

*Certainly, sadaqah cools down the anger of Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى. (Sunan Tirmizi #664)*

(3) Thirdly, we should make dua daily for own hidaayat and hifaaizat, and the hidaayat and hifaaizat of the ummah. Dua is the weapon of a believer, and Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ taught the ummah to turn to Allah تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى in dua at the time of difficulties. Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

حصنوا أموالكم بالزكاة وداووا مرضاكم بالصدقة واستقبلوا أمواج البلاء بالدعاء والتضرع

*Protect your wealth by discharging zakaat, treat your sick by giving sadaqah and combat the waves of calamities by resorting to dua and humility. (Targheeb #1112)*

(4) Fourthly, we should reform our lives by leaving out all types of sin. We should bring the Mubaarak Sunnah of Rasulallah ﷺ in our lives and abandon the ways of the kuffaar.

The Mubaarak Sunnah of Rasulallah ﷺ is the thing that is lacking in the lives of the Muslims, and this is the gateway to drawing the mercy of Allah ﷻ towards us and the ticket to Jannah.

Once, a certain Aalim told Hazrat Shaikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammed Zakariyya Kaandhelwi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ that the Muslims are suffering hardships in most parts of the world. What is the solution for the crisis of the ummah?

Hazrat Shaikh رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ mentioned to him that all this is on account of the sins of the ummah and on account of them leaving the mubaarak sunnah of Rasulallah ﷺ. Hazrat Shaikh رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ told him, “If we bring the sunnah of Rasulallah ﷺ into our lives, then Allah ﷻ will change the condition of the ummah.” (*Ma'arif-e-Shaikh-ul-Hadith pg. 111*)

On the occasion of Aashura, this was the heartfelt desire of Rasulallah ﷺ for his ummah, that we should firmly hold onto his mubaarak sunnah in all facets of our lives, and we should leave following the way of the kuffaar. Rasulallah ﷺ said, “Oppose the way of the Jews and fast two days (the ninth and tenth, or the tenth and eleventh of Muharram).” This command of Rasulallah ﷺ to the ummah is not confined to only fasting, but applies to all departments of our worldly and deeni lives.