

**An Introduction to Jihād:**

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﴿وَجَاهِدُوا فِي اللَّهِ حَقَّ جِهَادِهِ هُوَ اجْتَبَاكُمْ وَمَا جَعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ مِنْ حَرَجٍ مَثَلَهُ بِيُكُلِّمُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ هُوَ سَمَّاكُمُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَفِي هَذَا لِيَكُونَ الرَّسُولُ شَهِيدًا عَلَيْكُمْ وَتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ فَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِاللَّهِ هُوَ مَوْلَاكُمْ فَنِعْمَ الْمَوْلَى وَنِعْمَ النَّصِيرُ﴾

Thus strive, [O believers,] for [the sake of] Allah ﷻ [to uphold His ﷻ commandments]. With the [kind of] striving that is thoroughly worthy of Him ﷻ.

For it is He ﷻ [alone] Who has chosen you [for this faith] nor has He ﷻ placed on you any [undue] strain in [your] religion. It is the sacred way of your forefather Abraham ﷺ. [And] it is He ﷻ [Alone] who Has [in honor] named you Muslims [in the Scriptures] of old and in this [Qur'an], so that [Muhammad] the Messenger ﷺ [of Allah] may be a witness [to Allah's truth] before [all of] you and that you may, [in turn] be witnesses [to the revealed truth] before all people. So, [duly] establish the Prayer and give the Zakāt-Charity and hold fast to Allah ﷻ [with all certainty].

He ﷻ [Alone] is your Patron. Then how commendably blessed a Patron [is Allah ﷻ]! And how commendably blessed a Supporter!

(Sūrat al-Ḥajj Q: 22:78)

﴿وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمَعَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ﴾

But [as to] those who strive for Us ﷻ [alone, against every evil], We ﷻ shall, most surely, guide them upon Our ﷻ pathways [to salvation] For, indeed, Allah ﷻ is, most surely, with those who excel in [doing] good.

(Sūrat al-ʿAnkabūt Q: 29:69)

﴿أُذِنَ لِلَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَ بِأَنفُسِهِمْ ظَلَمُوا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ نَصْرِهِمْ لَقَدِيرٌ﴾

﴿الَّذِينَ أُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ إِلَّا أَنْ يَقُولُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ وَلَوْلَا دَفْعُ اللَّهِ النَّاسَ بَعْضَهُمْ بِبَعْضٍ لَفُتَّتْ صَوَامِعُ وَبِعِبَّ وَصَلَوَاتٌ وَمَسَاجِدٌ يُذَكَّرُ فِيهَا اسْمُ

اللَّهِ كَثِيرًا وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ﴾

Permission [to retaliate] is given to those [who believe] who are being fought because they have been wronged. And, indeed, Allah ﷻ is All-Able to give them victory.

These [are the ones who] have been expelled from their homes without any right, for nothing more than saying: Our Lord is Allah ﷻ [Alone]!

For had Allah ﷻ not [decreed to] repel some people by means of others, demolition would certainly have come to [many] hermitages, and churches, and synagogues, and mosques, in which the name of Allah ﷻ is much mentioned [in praise]. Yet, most surely, Allah ﷻ shall support whoever supports [faith in] Him ﷻ. Indeed, Allah ﷻ is, most surely, All-Powerful, Over-Powering.

(Sūrat al-Ḥajj Q: 22:39-40)