

OPPRESSION AND WRONGDOING CANNOT GO UNPUNISHED

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ اللَّهَ غَافِلًا عَمَّا يَعْمَلُ الظَّالِمُونَ إِنَّمَا يُؤَخِّرُهُمْ

لِيَوْمٍ تَشْخَصُ فِيهِ الْأَبْصَارُ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

الظُّلْمُ ظُلُمَاتٌ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ.

Honorable Muslims!

In the verse I have recited, our Lord Almighty (swt) states as follows, **“And never think that Allah is unaware of what the wrongdoers do. He only delays them [i.e., their account] for a Day when eyes will stare [in horror].”**¹

This verse is a hope and consolation for the oppressed, and a warning and threat for the oppressors. The oppressors who ignore this threat will find no peace either in this world or in the Hereafter. They will taste disgrace in worldly life, and a greater punishment in the Hereafter. As in the words of the Prophet Muhammad (saw), **“Oppression will be a darkness for oppressors on the Day of Resurrection.”**²

¹ Ibrahim, 14/42.

² Bukhari, Mazalim, 10.

Dear Muslims!

Believers do not take side with or laud oppression. They do not remain silent in the face of oppression or be the voice of oppressors. A believer’s heart is never content with oppression. A believer stands by the truth and justice, always firmly against oppression. A believer is the enemy of oppressors and the hope of the oppressed. No matter where on the face of the earth, a believer’s heart aches in the face of a bleeding wound. For a believer is submitted to Allah (swt) and a walker of the path to Him (swt). A believer knows that the grace and help of Allah (swt) will be with them as long as they are in the service of the truth and justice. As long as they uphold the truth, oppressors will never be able to inflict any harm on the oppressed and the victimized.

Dear Believers!

The Prophet Muhammad (saw) states in a hadith as follows, **“Whosoever of you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; and if he is not able to do so, then [let him change it] with his tongue; and if he is not able to do so, then with his heart — and that is the weakest of faith.”**³

³ Muslim, Iman, 78.