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JIHAD IN THE WAY OF ALLAH

Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said “Someone who does jihad in the way of Allah is like someone who fasts and prays constantly and who does not slacken from his prayer and fasting until he returns.”

(MUWATTA 21.1 Abu Huraira)

Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said, “Allah guarantees either the Garden or a safe return to his home with whatever he has obtained of reward or booty, for the one who does jihad in His way, if it is solely jihad and trust in his promise that brings him out of his house.”

MUWATTA 21.2 Abu Huraira

Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said, “Horses are a reward for one man, a protection for another, a burden for another. The one who has them as a reward is the one who dedicates them for use in the way of Allah, and tethers them in a meadow or grassland. Whatever the horse enjoys of the grassland or meadow in the length of its tether are good deeds for him. If it breaks its tether and goes over a hillock or two, its tracks and droppings are good deeds for him. If it crosses a river and drinks from it while he did not mean to allow it to drink it, that counts as good deeds for him, and the horse is a reward for him.

Another man uses his horse to gain self reliance and up-standingness and does not forget Allah’s right on their necks and backs (i.e. he does not ill treat or over-work them). Horses are a protection for him.

Another man uses them out of pride to show them off and in hostility to the people of Islam. They are a burden on that man.”

The Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, was asked about donkeys, and he said, “Nothing has been revealed to me about them except this single all-inclusive ayat, ‘Whoever does an atom of good will see it, and whoever does an atom of evil, will see it.’ ” (Sura 99: 7,8).

MUWATTA 21.3 Abu Huraira

Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said, “Shall I tell you who has the best degree among people? A man who takes the rein of his horse to do jihad in the way of Allah. Shall I tell you who has the best degree among people after him? A man who lives alone with a few sheep, performs the prayer, pays the Zakat, and worships Allah without associating anything with him.” MUWATTA 21.4 Ata ibn Yasar (R)

Ubada (R) said, ‘We made a contract with the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) to hear and obey in ease and hardship, enthusiasm and reluctance, and not to dispute with people in authority and to speak or establish the truth wherever we were without worrying about criticism.’ MUWATTA 21.5

Ubayda ibn al-Jarrah (R) had written to Umar ibn al-Khattab mentioning to him a great array of Byzantine troops and the anxiety they were causing him. Umar ibn al-Khattab wrote in reply to him, “Whatever hardship befalls a believing slave, Allah will make an opening for him after it, and a hardship will not overcome two eases. Allah the Exalted says in His Book, ‘O you who trust, be patient, and vie in patience; be steadfast and fear Allah, perhaps you will profit.’ ” (Quran 3 : 200). MUWATTA 21.6

Messenger of Allah, (pbuh) saw the corpse of a woman who had been slain in one of the raids, and he disapproved of it and forbade the killing of women and children. ‘ MUWATTA 21.9 Ibn Umar (R)

Abu Bakr as-Siddiq (R) was sending armies to ash-Sham. He went for a walk with Yazid ibn Abi Sufyan who was the commander of one of the battalions. It is claimed that Yazid said to Abu Bakr, "Will you ride or shall I get down?" Abu Bakr said, "I will not ride and you will not get down. I intend these steps of mine to be in the way of Allah."

Then Abu Bakr advised Yazid, "You will find a people who claim to have totally given themselves to Allah. Leave them to what they claim to have given themselves. You will find a people who have shaved the middle of their heads, strike what they have shaved with the sword. "

I advise you ten things: Do not kill women or children or an aged, infirm person. Do not cut down fruit-bearing trees. Do not destroy an inhabited place. Do not slaughter sheep or camels except for food. Do not burn bees and do not scatter them. Do not steal from the booty, and do not be cowardly."

MUWATTA 21.10

Umar ibn Abdul Aziz wrote to one of his governors, "It has been passed down to us that when the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) sent out a raiding party, he would say to them, 'Make your raids in the name of Allah in the way of Allah. Fight whoever denies Allah. Do not steal from the booty, and do not act treacherously. Do not mutilate and do not kill children.' Say the same to your armies and raiding parties, Allah willing. Peace be upon you." MUWATTA 21.11

Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said, "By He in whose hand my self is! I would like to fight in the way of Allah and be killed, then be brought to life again so I could be killed, and then be brought to life again so I could be killed." Abu Huraira said three times, "I testify to it by Allah!" MUWATTA 21.27 Abu Huraira

Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said, "By He in whose hand my self is! None of you is wounded in the way of Allah – and Allah knows best who is wounded in His Way, but that when the Day of Rising comes, blood will gush forth from his wound. It will be the colour of blood, but its scent will be that of musk."

MUWATTA 21.29 Abu Huraira

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A man came to the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) and said, "O Messenger of Allah! If I am killed in the way of Allah, expectant for reward, sincere, advancing, and not retreating, will Allah pardon my faults?" The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said, "Yes." When the man turned away, the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) called him - and he was called to him. The Messenger of Allah, (pbuh) said to him, "What did you say?" He repeated his words to him, and the Prophet (pbuh) said to him, "Yes, except for the debt. Jibril said that to me."

21.33

Yahya related to me from Malik that Yahya ibn Said said, "The Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, was sitting by a grave which was being dug at Madina. A man looked into the grave and said, 'An awful bed for the mumin. 'The Messenger of Allah, may Allah blesshim and grant him peace, said, 'Evil? What you have said is absolutely wrong.'

The man said, 'I didn't mean that, Messenger of Allah. I meant being killed in the way of Allah.' The Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, 'Being killed in the way of Allah has no like! There is no place on the earth which I would prefer my grave to be than here (meaning Madina). He repeated it three times.'"

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Yahya related to me from Malik from Zayd ibn Aslam that Umar ibn al-Khattab used to say, “O Allah! I ask you for martyrdom in Your way and death in the city of Your Messenger!”

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Yahya related to me from Malik from Yahya ibn Said that Umar ibn al-Khattab said, “The nobility of the mumin is his taqwa. His deen is his noble descent. His manliness is his good character. Boldness and cowardice are but instincts which Allah places wherever He wills. The coward shrinks from defending even his father and mother, and the bold one fights for the sake of the combat not for the spoils. Being slain is but one way of meeting death, and the martyr is the one who gives himself, expectant of reward from Allah.”

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Yahya related to me from Malik from Yahya ibn Said from Abu Salih as-Samman from Abu Hurayra that the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, “Had I not been concerned for my community, I would have liked never to stay behind a raiding party going out in the way of Allah. However, I do not find the means to carry them to it, nor do they find anything on which to ride out and it is grievous for them that they should stay behind me. I would like to fight in the way of Allah and be killed, then brought to life so I could be killed and then brought to life so I could be killed.”

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Yahya related to me from Malik from Yahya ibn Said that the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, stimulated people for jihad and mentioned the Garden. One of the Ansar was eating some dates in his hand, and said, “Am I so desirous of this world that I should sit until I finish them?” He threw aside what was in his hand and took his sword, and fought until he was slain .

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Yahya related to me from Malik from Nafi from Abdullah ibn Umar that the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, “Blessing is in the forelocks of horses until the Day of Rising.”

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