

Jihad is made Obligatory

In this Ayah, Allah made it obligatory for the Muslims to fight in Jihad against the evil of the enemy who transgress against Islam. Az-Zuhri said, "Jihad is required from every person, whether he actually joins the fighting or remains behind. Whoever remains behind is required to give support, if support is warranted; to provide aid, if aid is needed; and to march forth, if he is commanded to do so. If he is not needed, then he remains behind." It is reported in the Sahih:

«سَيَلِّهَاجَ هَتَيِّم تَام، وَزَعَلَّابُ هَسْفَن تَتَدَّخِي مَلَو زَغِي مَلَو تَام نَم»

(Whoever dies but neither fought (i.e., in Allah's cause), nor sincerely considered fighting, will die a death of Jahiliyyah (pre-Islamic era of ignorance).)

On the day of Al-Fath (when he conquered Makkah), the Prophet said:

«أورُفُنْ أْف مُتْرَفُنْ تُسَا إِذِو، هُيْ نَو دَاهِجْ نَكْلَو حَتَفَلَا ذَعَبَ هَرَجَه أَل»

(There is no Hijrah (migration from Makkah to Al-Madinah) after the victory, but only Jihad and good intention. If you were required to march forth, then march forth.)

Allah's statement:

[مُكَلِّ رُكَّ وَهُوَ]

(...though you dislike it) means, 'Fighting is difficult and heavy on your hearts.' Indeed, fighting is as the Ayah describes it, as it includes being killed, wounded, striving against the enemies and enduring the hardship of travel. Allah then said:

[مُكَلِّ رُيَخَ وَهُوَ أَيُّ شِئٍ أَوْ هُرُكْتِ نَأَى سَعَو]

(...and it may be that you dislike a thing which is good for you) meaning, fighting is followed by victory, dominance over the enemy, taking over their lands, money and offspring. Allah continues:

[مُكَلِّ رَشَّ وَهُوَ أَيُّ شِئٍ أَوْ بُحْتِ نَأَى سَعَو]

(...and that you like a thing which is bad for you.)

This Ayah is general in meaning. Hence, one might covet something, yet in reality it is not good or beneficial for him, such as refraining from joining the Jihad, for it might lead to the enemy taking over the land and the government. Then, Allah said:

[نَوْمَلَّ عَتَّ أَلْ مُتْنَأَو مَلَّ عَيَّ هَلَّلَاو]

(Allah knows, but you do not know.) meaning, He has better knowledge than you of how things will turn out to be in the end, and of what benefits you in this earthly life and the Hereafter. Hence, obey Him and adhere to His commands, so that you may acquire the true guidance.

مَارَحَلَا إِجْسَمَلْ أَوْ هِبْ رُفْنَكْ وَهَلَّلَا لِي بَسْ نَعْ دَصَو وَرِي بَكَ هِي فَالْ اتَّقِ لَقْ هِي فَالْ اتَّقِ مَارَحَلَا رَهْشَلَا نَعْ كَنَ وَلَسَيَّ
نَا مُكْنِي دِنَعْ مُكُو دُرِّي يَتَّحْ مُكْنِ وَلَسَقُيْ نَو لَأَزِي أَلْ وَلَسَقُيْ أَنْ مَرْبَكْ أَقْنَسَفَلَا أَوْ هَلَّلَا دِنَعْ رَبَكْ أَهْنَمْ هَلَّ هَاجَ أَرَحْ أَوْ
كَيْلُ وَوَأَوْ هَرَحَلَا أَوْ أَيَّنْ دَلَا يَفْ مَهْلَمَّ عَأْ تَطْبَحْ كَيْلُ وَأَوْ رَفَاكْ وَهُوَ تَمَّ يَفْ هِي دِنَعْ مُكْنِمْ يَدْتُرِّي نَمَو أَوْ عَاطَتَسَا

لَلَّامِحَرَّ نَوْجَرِي لَكِيْلُوْا لَلَّالِيْبَسْ يِفْ اُوْدَهَجَوْ اُوْرَجَاهْ نِيْدَلْ اَوْ اُوْنَمَاءْ نِيْدَلْ اِنْ اِ - نُوْدِلْ خَاهْ يِفْ مُهْ رَانَ لَابْ خَصًّا
[مِيْحَرُّ رُوْفَغُ لَلْ اَوْ

(217. They ask you concerning fighting in the Sacred Months. Say, "Fighting therein is a great (transgression) but a greater (transgression) with Allah is to prevent mankind from following the way of Allah, to disbelieve in Him, to prevent access to Al-Masjid Al-Haram (at Makkah), and to drive out its inhabitants, and Al-Fitnah is worse than killing." And they will never cease fighting you until they turn you back from your religion (Islamic Monotheism) if they can. And whosoever of you turns back from his religion and dies as a disbeliever, then his deeds will be lost in this life and in the Hereafter, and they will be the dwellers of the Fire. They will abide therein forever.) (218. Verily, those who have believed, and those who have emigrated (for Allah's religion) and have striven hard in the way of Allah, all these hope for Allah's mercy. And Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most-Merciful.)