

All praise are due to Allah (s.w.t), and I bear witness that there is no God worthy of worship save Allah (s.w.t), and I bear witness that Mohammad (s.a.w) is His Servant and Messenger.

Brothers and Sisters in Islam!

Allah (s.w.t) says in Surat Mohammed -meaning-: *“O ye who believe! If you help (support) (the cause of) Allah, He will help and support you and make your foothold firm.”* -47/7 This is because the reward is comparable to the type of deed that is performed. So, Allah’s help and support will arrive after the believers have fulfilled their side of the bargain i.e. after they had helped and supported Allah (s.w.t).

But how can man help Allah (s.w.t)? Answer: by helping His cause through true Imaan (sincere faith) and doing virtuous deeds. These are the main pillars of Allah’s support. The believers have to prepare and make ready their strength to the utmost of their power within the means provided to them by Allah (s.w.t) and not more than they can bear.

Allah (s.w.t) says -meaning-: *“On no soul doth Allah place a burden greater than it can bear...”* -2/286 Allah (s.w.t) knows how much He bestowed upon them of His favours and how best they can prepare if they were to receive Allah’s help and victory over their enemies. What this means is that a small group of true believers practicing righteousness with little materialistic means can have great victory over their enemy who may possess all the materialistic means and technology - but have not true faith in Allah (s.w.t).

The Quran reminds us of such a situation in many places, for example the Day of Badr which took place around these days of Ramadan 17th or 19th when a small number of true believers gained a very major victory of the Truth over the false that had three times the numbers. Allah (s.w.t) says -meaning-: *“Indeed, Allah will surely support those who support Him (His cause).”* -22/40

So what really happened on the Day of Badr? Allah (s.w.t) calls that Day, the Day of Criterion. Allah (s.w.t) says in Surat-al-Anfal -meaning-: *“If you do believe in Allah and in the revelation We sent down to Our servant, on the Day of Discrimination (Criterion), the Day when the two forces met, for Allah has Power over all things.”* -8/41

Ibn Kathir said in Tafsir: *“Allah is making His favours and compassion towards His creation known when He distinguished between truth and falsehood in the battle of Badr. That Day was called Al-Furqan because Allah raised the word of faith above the word of falsehood. He made His religion apparent and supported His Prophet (s.a.w) and his group.”* -Tafsir 4/322

The Day of Badr was around these days of Ramadan. The believers led by the Prophet (s.a.w) were just over 310 men. The Mushier (disbelievers) were between 900 and 1000 men. Allah (s.w.t) defeated the large army of disbelievers and gave major victory to the small group of believers. This is in fact the way with Allah (s.w.t) that He always supports and gives victory to true believers even when they are fewer in number.

As Allah (s.w.t) says -meaning-: *“How often, by Allah’s will, has a small force overcome (vanquished) a big (mighty) one. And Allah is with As-Sabirin (those who steadfastly preserve).”* -2/249

Brothers and *Sisters* in Islam,

Maybe from *Badr* and similar events, today’s Muslims can find the answers to their downfall, humiliation and continuous defeat. How many Muslims today, what percentage of them do have and possess true Imaan (real Faith) backed up by practice (righteous deeds) based on Sabr. It is all in Allah’s hands but remember the famous saying “If we equaled them in sin, they will defeat us by numbers and armour”.

Reported by Imams Al-Bukari and Muslim (r.a), narrated by Ibn-Omar (r.a): “Whenever we took a pledge of allegiance with the Messenger of Allah (s.w.t) to hear and obey, he (s.a.w) would say: *‘As far as you are capable of - within your ability.’*” -Riyad 666