

CELEBRATING GHADEER AND FORGETTING WILAYAT IS NOT FAIR!

Introduction

One of the biggest and prevalent of the several Eids is the Eid of *Ghadeer*. It is a very important day which unfortunately is celebrated as a *Jashn* (function) only. Imam Mohammad Al Baqar (AS) says, "Whenever the day of Eid arrives, our sorrow gets rejuvenated!" and so the narrator asked the reason for this grief. Imam (AS) replied, "Because this is a day for the Aimmah e Muslimeen (Leaders of the Muslim) and we are not sitting on the throne of Wilayat as the tyrants are unrightfully ruling over the Muslims!"

Similarly, due to our present condition, this day should be a sorrow for us too. It is a tragedy that the Ummah is involved in rejoicing the *Jashn* (function) of *Ghadeer* whereas reality of this day has been elapsed. The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) was commanded by Allah (S.W.T) in Ayah 67 of Surah Al Maidah:

يَا أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ بَلِّغْ مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ ۗ وَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلْ فَمَا بَلَّغْتَ رِسَالَتَهُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ
يَعْصِمُكَ مِنَ النَّاسِ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْكَافِرِينَ {67}

"O Messenger! Deliver what has been revealed to you from your Lord; and if you do it not, then you have not delivered His message, and Allah will protect you from the people; surely Allah will not guide the unbelieving people."

We simply please ourselves by celebrating the day of *Ghadeer* on which the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) gathered 1, 20,000 people at the *Miqaat* of Johfa on the 18th of Zilhajjah, 10th AH whilst returning home from the pilgrimage.

The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) summarized the complete religion in his farewell sermon but unfortunately we have just chosen one statement from the entire sermon to which we haven't paid justice too.

Wilayat - The Most Important Pillar of Islam

Wilayat is the axis of religion. The system of this universe is running around the boundaries of Wilayat and Allah (SWT) being the biggest of *Walee* (guardians), He chose the most of the purified ones to be His representatives on earth. Wilayat is the foundation of religion. Traditions state that the Islam is based on five pillars:

1) Salah (Prayers)

- 2) Sawm (Fasting)
- 3) Hajj (Pilgrimage)
- 4) Zakat (Islamic Tax) and,
- 5) Wilayat (Guardianship)

And amongst these five pillars Wilayat is the most significant pillar such that if it was to be taken out of the list, the remaining four end to be purposeless! Every single act has to take place under the shadow of Wilayat! We have taken everything but we have left Wilayat untouched. Some took Wilayat by the meaning of 'friendship' but unfortunately we haven't understood the real meaning of Wilayat.

Our Understanding of Wilayat as Sufism

A question that we must ask ourselves is that the Wilayat we have understood is the same as the one the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) was ordered to declare on the Day of Ghadeer? And the declaration for which his heart trembled to some extent looking at the present condition of the people around him?

Today the Holy Qur'an is free of any adulteration because the responsibility of preserving it is in the hands of Allah (SWT) but the translation is penned by us. Interpreters have not taken the meaning from the Ayah but have created a meaning themselves because the meaning and perception of Wilayat in our minds is of Sufism. We do not have the Qur'anic concept of Wilayat in our minds.

Sufis take Wilayat as a Spiritual concept where one practices great and unforeseen things which people in their language call a miracle (mojiza) e.g. they give children to those who do not have. They practice different things and are capable to cure others. These kinds of people are far away from this world, away from sins but they do not have any responsibility on their shoulder. But the Wilayat given by Allah is Guardianship (The Responsibility of Governing the Ummah).

The Message of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) at Ghadeer

The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) proclaimed: "Whomsoever's Mola (Guardian) I am, Ali is his Mola".

The one who has all the rights over others is known to be a *Walee*. Wilayat in the Qur'anic concept is something political and not limited to the spiritual aspect only because the announcement which the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) made was at the time when he was leaving the world and therefore there was a requirement of a person who was qualified enough to be his successor. One must even ponder on the tone which Allah (SWT) uses while commanding the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). He is being told that if he doesn't deliver the message, he hasn't fulfilled the responsibility of prophet hood. If the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) was never intimidated with anything during his life then how is it possible that he was fearful right a year ahead his death whilst addressing the *Hajis* (pilgrims)? He was never fearful even in his rival's presence. How is it possible to get afraid in the presence of his companions and friends?

The Fear of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) at Ghadeer

One should know that he was not fearful of people's attack on him because they were not armed with any weapons; in fact they were ready to sacrifice anything and everything for the Messenger (P.B.U.H) of Allah (SWT). They were life givers in the way of the Prophet (P.B.U.H) and the Battles of *Badr*, *Khandaq*, and *Khaibar* are all examples to prove their sincerity.

The reality behind this fear is the fact that there are special fears which Leaders have! When Allah (SWT) grants leadership to a chosen one, He (SWT) eradicates all kinds of fear that are the results of weaknesses and lack of forbearance and tolerance. But He Himself befits the fear which comes as a result of understanding and cognizance. It is reported by the Prophet, "I fear two things, one that my Ummah runs behind fulfilling their desires and secondly they begin to instill long endless hopes". Prophet Musa (AS) also had a fear when he was challenged by the magicians. He was worried that if the people don't understand the wisdom behind his miracle, then the ignorant will get dominant and then such kind of people will become their leaders! And that is what exactly happened. They took Musa (AS) as the greatest of magicians and disregarded his prophecy!

Likewise, same was the fear of Muhammad (P.B.U.H). He was worried the people's understanding of this vital declaration and this fear undoubtedly stays valid till date. Till today people have misconstrued what the Prophet (P.B.U.H) actually meant to say. The Prophet (P.B.U.H) was worried about them taking *Wilayat* simply as a system or as a celebration and a happy gathering! Undoubtedly, we must rejoice on the Messenger (P.B.U.H)'s announcement and reminisce this occasion but what the previous Ummah did and we currently doing is a disgrace for all. We must lament and weep day and night because we don't have the right to be happy due to our present state!

The True Essence of Wilayat

Imam Khomeini (RA) says that *Ghadeer* is something totally political where the Prophet (P.B.U.H) chose his successor to guard and then lead the Ummah. Today we do not witness true politics; we have Satanism prevailing all over the world! Someone asked Imam Jafar Al Sadiq (AS), "What is *Aql* (intellect)?", to which Imam (AS) replied, "It is the capability through which one attains the *Ma'rifat* (recognition) of Allah (SWT) i.e. recognizes his Creator and thus offers servitude to Him and gains the path to salvation."

One man stood and took a name in front of the Imam (AS) asking him if the mentioned man seemed to be an intellectual. But Imam said, "That is not intellect but Satanism. Satanic cleverness and intelligence is not being intellectual!" Hence today, be it democracy or dictatorship, all are different faces of Satanism.

The social planning of the society is known as the true politics. It is the system which has the capacity to run different nations and countries. Politics is actually another name given to religion. It is totally the same. There is no difference what so ever.

When Imam Khomeini (RA) was arrested and imprisoned, the warden suggested Imam (RA) to shun politics. He told Imam (RA), "You are such a holy man and a *Marja' Taqleed* too. Politics is very dirty (*the man uttered a foul word to describe politics*)" but Imam Khomeini (RA) responded saying, "For you it

may be bad but for me my religion is politics. You are telling a jurist to abandon politics! How is it possible that a jurist leaves his religion?" By this we come to know that religion and politics go hand in hand. They are not separate entities which we have split in today's world! The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) was the political governor of his Ummah. He was the Imam (leader) too. He had the power to execute and preach the teachings of religion openly in the society.

The famous poet Iqbal says: "How would a person who leads the 2 unit (*Raka'at*) prayer know the reality of Imamate (Leadership)?"

The Act of Deserting Wilayat after the Holy Prophet (PBUH)'s Death

The true meaning of Wilayat means guardianship and custodianship. Have we ever thought that where did this system disappear since the Day of Ghadeer? Following the announcement, how many hours did this significant message of the Prophet last in the people's hearts who were present there? The famous poet, Hassaan Ibn Sabit promptly composed a poem in praise of Imam Ali (AS) so well that it moved the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) too. Everyone in the ground applauded him and then dispersed leaving the concept and reality of Wilayat on the plains of Johfa! But what happened after the death of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H)? Hassaan, too, didn't accept Imam Ali (AS) as the 4th Caliph and instead went to Damascus to live a life.

It was for this cause that the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) commanded everyone in the crowd to pen down the message, to memorize and then pass it on to others but unfortunately they left everything then and there. They forgot everything in only a matter of two months and ten days when Lady Fatima (SA) had to knock the doors of the companions of the Prophet (P.B.U.H) asking them to recall their memories!

It is the day of *Ghadeer* when Islam was completed. It must actually be a day of mourning for the enemies of Islam but we have extracted the soul from everything! After the declaration, there were a few who understood Wilayat under the meaning of love and friendship with Imam Ali (AS) and thus started to recite *Qaseeda* (poetry) to praise him.

The Concept of Wilayat in Sufism

The Sufis dedicated efforts in order to give religion another look! They tried to kill the soul of religion by abandoning collectivism and introducing individualism in which one is self-centered and carefree about the people around him. Imam Khomeini (RA) named this type of religiousness (Sufism) as *Tahajjur* which means following a religion of Thawab (rewards) which is totally unrelated to the society, environment, politics etc. For a follower of Sufism, his religion is his Salah (prayer) and his Jannah (Paradise). Religion is all about sitting on the *Musallah* (prayer mat). For them, Wilayat refers to all kinds of Holy Saints sitting in different caves, sitting in jungles struggling to make themselves capable to do different miracles and people approaching them with different supplications. People coming to such holy saints seem to be slaves asking from their master!

Why do People change their Course?

The public follows a special group of people who are effective and influential over the society. They don't think much - they simply blindly follow someone and don't bother finding their real path. They wait for someone to take the initiative and once it is taken, they simply start following them.

Blind Practice of Leaders

Wilayat has been misconstrued and many of these distinctive people are responsible. After the death of the Prophet (P.B.U.H), people formed two groups, one were the *Muhajireen* and the other were the part of *Ansaar*. A private meeting was first initiated by the *Ansaar* and they chose Saad Ibn 'Ubadah to be the first caliph of the Muslims. When the *Muhajireen* got to know, a few selected people from them came and rejected the election made by the *Ansaar* and so they had a collective decision later. All this was happening at one end and on the other hand the burial rituals of the Prophet (P.B.U.H) were carried out!

So, it is a universal fact that the public always accepts whatever is decided. The day they understand that they have the power to influence their decisions, none will remain to make any wrong decisions! But as you can see the *Muhajireen* and the *Ansar* presented their system and people without any choice, accepted it. Hence, Wilayat since then has been left idle and considered unimportant! In today's world, people go to different corrupt politicians to meet their needs and use the infallibles appointed by Allah (SWT) for gaining rewards. 'Ashura was a day which saved Wilayat but we have turned this day into a mere tradition too.

The Power of a *Walee* granted by Allah (SWT)

We all are aware that Shiism is based on three pillars (*Arkaan*):

- 1) Announcement of Wilayat (Ghadeer)
- 2) Reviving and sacrificing life to Wilayat (Ashura)
- 3) Enactment and Execution of Wilayat (*Intezarul Faraj*)

Several doubts and qualms are created on the topic of Wilayat. The bandwidth of Wilayat is so wide and vast that anyone who has power over anything is said to be a *Walee* (custodian).

Allah (SWT) has given this authority to his nominated people, to the Holy Messenger (P.B.U.H) and the Imams. The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) once questioned the companions, "Do not I have the power over your souls more than u do?" This shows that he was the *Walee* of the Ummah. Allah (SWT) has then spread and expanded the concept of Wilayat that he has made every father a *Walee* (guardian) of the family because he has the total rights and no one has the permission to overrule his verdicts. The fundamental point which we comprehend by this is that Wilayat is not something which is chosen by elections or by giving votes! Allah (SWT) is the one who has appointed this status He is the one to give power and position to perform things. For everything, some or the other person has been made responsible. Wilayat in simple words means 'the power to do something'. The real power is in the hands of Allah (SWT) and by his *Idhn* (Grace), we have been granted this Wilayat too! All affairs of the Ummah are to be undertaken by the nominated *Walee* who are appointed by Allah (SWT). In no circumstances do we have the right to choose a *Walee* for ourself because this is a designation elected by Allah (SWT).

Islamic System Vs. Satanic System

We can choose a *Wakeel* (lawyer) but not a *Walee* (guardian). Was anyone ever asked to choose his/her parents? Therefore one needs to accept the *Walee* without any choice whatsoever. People in the parliament are your *Wakeel* (lawyers) and so that is why you can choose them. They cannot be dominant over you because you have chosen them. They need to do whatever you say but unfortunately today, we are directed by those whom we have chosen ourselves! Allah (SWT) has made the system of *Wilayat* to govern and direct the Ummah. In an **ISLAMIC SYSTEM**, Allah (SWT) selects the *Walee* but in a **CORRUPT SATANIC SYSTEM** it is we who choose a *Walee* by ourselves! If Imams are considered to be advocates, it is not fair at all. They should be considered as judges who have the final say over everything and none can contradict over their decisions.

The Revival of True Wilayat presented at Johfa

Wilayat is a concept for all times and generations to come. Imam Khomeini (RA) really brought about a miracle. This system which was previously out of the beliefs, philosophies, excluded from the syllabus, out of the course, elapsed and buried deep into the graves was blown life into by Imam Khomeini (RA). He pulled the system from the peak of darkness; he raised the illuminated flag of *Wilayat* by establishing an Islamic revolution in Iran. One should always remember that any system other than *Wilayat* is and has to be corrupt! A *Walee* is appointed as our guardian during the current life for us to overcome any obstacles on our journey towards Allah (S.W.T).

A *Walee* is not to be seen directly in our graves for the first time just for *Shafa'at* (Intercession). He has to be a part of our lives since our birth i.e. from the cradle to the grave.

Ghadeer is a celebration where thousands of sorrows lie therein! *Ghadeer* has to be revived and this is only possible by pondering on 'Ashura and fulfilling our duties whilst waiting for Al Hujjah. Even the brothers of Ahle Sunnah have not been told the true meaning of *Wilayat*! The Jews perceived their destination to be paradise and considered the hell fire to be forbidden on them but Allah (SWT) cleared their misconception by telling them that they are worth nothing till the time they don't execute the system present in the Taurat and Injeel. Their claims were labeled baseless. Ayah 68 of Surah Al Maidah talks about them:

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لَسْتُمْ عَلَىٰ شَيْءٍ حَتَّىٰ تُقِيمُوا التَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ ۗ وَلَيَزِيدَنَّ كَثِيرًا مِنْهُمْ مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ طُغْيَانًا وَكُفْرًا ۗ فَلَا تَأْسَ عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

“Say: O followers of the Book! You follow no good till you keep up the Taurat and the Injeel and that which is revealed to you from your Lord; and surely that which has been revealed to you from your Lord shall make many of them increase in inordinacy and unbelief; grieve not therefore for the unbelieving people.”

Till the time we don't implement the system of Allah (SWT) on the earth, whoever we are, we are worthless. We will be valued only if the system of Allah (SWT) is manifested on earth! Will Imam Ali (AS) appreciate those who are convinced with the corrupt system and deem suffice by attending, celebrating the event of Ghadeer and returning home after praising him?

Conclusion

Brothers and sisters! It is not a very difficult task to revive the system of Wilayat though we have many superpowers against us but we have the support and hand of Allah (S.W.T) because it is His own very system. Reappearance means the dominance of the divine System (the system of Allah SWT) over all other systems! Religion has been descended to us in order to dominate. Not only do we have to preserve religion; we have to work in order to give it dominance!

The conditions of the current world are a great opportunity for us to introduce this system to the world. The system of Wilayat is already implemented in the Islamic Republic of Iran by the great leader Imam Khomeini (RA). He introduced the concept of Wilayat e Faqeh i.e. the government of the jurists which implements an Islamic model of a government in the country where the current Walee (custodian) is the Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Syed Ali Khamenei (May God SWT grant him a long life). Today, everyone is able to influence over Pakistan so why are the holders of the system of Wilayat sitting quiet and silent? Till when will we suffice on reciting *Qasida* (poetry) only? Till when will we leave the reality of Wilayat unheeded?

My dear friends, it is high time to introduce this system of Wilayat in our lives. Today, we are celebrating the event of the announcement of Wilayat made in Johfa but by the will of Allah, a day will definitely come when we will celebrate the system of Wilayat once it is manifested in every corner of the world! We just need to awaken ourselves.

With that hope lasting in my heart,

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