



### 3. Preservation of Safety

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Indeed, all praise is due to Allaah. We praise Him, seek His assistance, and ask His forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allaah from the evils of our own souls and from the evil results of our actions. If Allaah guides someone, none can lead that person astray; and if Allaah leaves someone to stray, none can guide him. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah alone, without any partner, and I further testify that our Prophet Muhammad is Allaah's worshipping servant and Messenger. May Allaah grant commendation and protection to His Messenger as well as to the Messenger's family and Companions.

"People of eemaan, observe taqwaa of Allaah as He rightfully deserves [by fulfilling His commands and avoiding His prohibitions,] and do not die except submitting to Allaah in Islam."<sup>1</sup> "Mankind, observe taqwaa of your Lord who created you from a single person, and from him created his spouse, and then spread from the two of them multitudes of men and women. Observe taqwaa of Allaah by whom you make requests of one another and do not sever ties of kinship. Indeed, Allaah is always watchful over you."<sup>2</sup> "People of eemaan, observe taqwaa of Allaah and speak words that are correct. If you do so, Allaah will guide you to perform righteous deeds, and forgive your sins. When a person obeys Allaah and His Messenger, he will achieve the greatest success."<sup>3</sup>

One of Allaah's sublime names in the Qur'aan is "al-Mu'min". Allaah said,

﴿هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْمَلِكُ الْقُدُّوسُ أَسَلَمُ الْمُؤْمِنُ الْمُهَيْمِنُ﴾

﴿الْعَزِيزُ الْجَبَّارُ الْمُتَكَبِّرُ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ﴾

"He is Allaah. None has the right to be worshipped except Him. He is al-Malik<sup>4</sup>, al-Quddoos<sup>5</sup>, as-Salaam<sup>6</sup>, al-Mu'min<sup>7</sup>, al-Muhaymin<sup>8</sup>, al-'Azeez<sup>9</sup>, al-Jabbaar<sup>10</sup>, and al-Mutakabbir<sup>11</sup>. Allaah is perfect in every way and He is exalted far above all that people ascribe to Him as partners."<sup>12</sup>

Among the meanings understood from Allaah's name "al-Mu'min" are those of safety and security. He is the One who grants security to His worshipping servants who have eemaan (sound beliefs and righteous deeds). He grants them safety in this world as well as peace that they find in their hearts when they have correct beliefs about Him and sincerely devote all worship to Him alone. He also secures for all of His creatures what will enable them to live until the end of their decreed lifespans, by granting them provision and averting harms.

<sup>1</sup> Soorah Aali 'Imraan (3):102.

<sup>2</sup> Soorah an-Nisaa' (4):1.

<sup>3</sup> Soorah al-Ahzaab (33):70-71.

<sup>4</sup> The Supreme Sovereign and Owner.

<sup>5</sup> The One who is perfect.

<sup>6</sup> The One who is free of all faults.

<sup>7</sup> The One who grants security, and the One who establishes the truthfulness of His Prophets and Messengers.

<sup>8</sup> The All-Encompassing Witness to the deeds of all His creatures.

<sup>9</sup> The Almighty.

<sup>10</sup> The One who overpowers all else, and the One who sets matters right for His creatures.

<sup>11</sup> The One whose greatness is absolute.

<sup>12</sup> Soorah al-Hashr (59):23.



Servants of Allaah, safety and security are essential requirements of life. How does a person live when he finds no safety or stability? How can his life ever be enjoyable when it lacks safety? Every community requires safety in order to be protected from turmoil and ills. Safety is what allows for peace, prosperity, and progress. When safety prevails, people's interests, lives, dignity, and property are safeguarded; transport routes remain secure; and a penal code can be enforced. When safety is absent, people's rights cease to be upheld, their best interests cease being served, chaos ensues, the powerful oppress the weak, properties are usurped, lives are lost, dignity is violated, and other products of safety's absence become manifest.

Safety is a priceless blessing whose true value is only recognized when the bitterness of its absence is tasted. During such a time, fear, panic, unrest, displacement, and chaos spread. There are many who have lost their homelands, been separated from their families, have nowhere to turn for shelter, and feel no sense of tranquility or stability. May Allaah grant all of you His mercy. Think about the various ways in which safety has been undermined in our world today. There are many people who face the tests of crises, wars, panic, starvation, poverty, and crime.

Servants of Allaah, safety is a necessity of life. All people wish to have security and be protected from fears and dangers. Due to the importance of safety, Allaah's beloved Prophet Ibraaheem prayed for the residents of Makkah by saying, "My Lord, make this land a sanctuary that remains protected from danger. Provide its residents with various types of fruits and grant that provision to those among them who have eemaan in Allaah and the Last Day."<sup>13</sup> In this prayer, Ibraaheem requested safety before requesting provision. This is because safety is a necessity of utmost importance. People would not find enjoyment in provisions when they remain in fear. If we contemplate some passages in the Qur'aan which discuss safety and fear, we would clearly see the relationship between safety and prosperity on the one hand, as well as between fear and starvation on the other. Allaah, the Most Exalted, said about His favours to the tribe of Quraysh,

﴿الَّذِي أَطْعَمَهُمْ مِنْ جُوعٍ وَآمَنَهُمْ مِنْ خَوْفٍ﴾

**"He alone is the One who fed them so that they would not remain hungry, and protected them so that they would not remain in fear."**<sup>14</sup>

In addition, due to the utmost importance of safety, Allaah – the Most Exalted – promised the people of eemaan (sound beliefs and righteous deeds) that He would replace fear they may experience with safety, tranquility, and peace of mind. He promised to do that for them provided that they worship Him alone, remain steadfast in obeying Him, and not devote worship to anything or anyone besides Him. Allaah, the Most Exalted, said,

﴿وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ

وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا

﴿وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ﴾

**"Allaah has promised those among you who have eemaan and perform righteous deeds that He will certainly grant them successive authority upon the Earth as He granted succession to those before them. He has further promised them that He will certainly establish the religion which He is pleased with for them to practice. He also promised them to change their former state of**

<sup>13</sup> Soorah al-Baqarah (2):126.

<sup>14</sup> Soorah Quraysh (106):4.



fear into one of safety. That applies when they worship Me and not associate anything as a partner along with Me. If people willfully reject the truth or deny My favours after being granted succession, authority, and safety, such people are utterly rebellious and disobedient.”<sup>15</sup>

Something else that underscores people’s need for safety is that it is something which the Prophet (may Allaah grant him commendation and protection) requested from his Lord. Ibn ‘Umar (may Allaah be pleased with him) narrated that when Allaah’s Messenger (may Allaah grant him commendation and protection) would see the new moon, he would supplicate,

اللَّهُمَّ أَهْلُهُ عَلَيْنَا بِالْأَمْنِ وَالْإِيمَانِ وَالسَّلَامَةِ وَالْإِسْلَامِ، رَبِّي وَرَبُّكَ اللَّهُ

“O Allaah, let our sighting of the crescent be accompanied by safety and eemaan, as well as protection and submission to You in Islam. The Lord of both myself and you – the moon – is Allaah.” This was collected by at-Tabaraanee.<sup>16</sup> In another supplication, the Prophet (may Allaah grant him commendation and protection) used to say,

اللَّهُمَّ اسْتُرْ عَوْرَاتِي، وَأَمِنْ رَوْعَاتِي

“O Allaah, conceal my faults and calm my fears.” This was collected by Ahmad and Aboo Daawood.<sup>17</sup>

My dear brothers, the presence of safety is something that all peoples and societies aim to achieve. Allaah reminded the people of Saba’ about the blessing of security which they enjoyed as they journeyed between their towns. He said,

﴿سِيرُوا فِيهَا لَيَالِيَ وَأَيَّامًا أَمِينٍ﴾

“You may travel throughout them safely both by night and day.”<sup>18</sup> Allaah – who is perfect in every way – also reminded the people of Quraysh about the blessing of security. He said,

﴿أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّا جَعَلْنَا حَرَمًا آمِنًا وَيُخَطَّفُ النَّاسُ مِنْ حَوْلِهِمْ﴾

“Have they not seen that We made this land an inviolable place of security while other people around them are afflicted?”<sup>19</sup>

Additionally, the Prophet (may Allaah grant him commendation and protection) said, “If someone reaches the morning with his family and dwelling safe, his health intact, and possessing his provision for that day, it is as though everything in the world was gathered and given to him.” This was collected by at-Tirmithee and ibn Maajah.<sup>20</sup>

Dear Muslims, when safety is compromised or undermined, there are inescapable negative consequences such as strife and various ills which escalate. Undermining safety brings about turmoil, crime, and deplorable actions. This is precisely why safety is a major priority in Islam, and various rulings have been prescribed in order to ensure its preservation. Many of Islam’s texts convey how crucial it is to preserve five indispensable necessities: religion, life, intellect, dignity, and property. Islam’s teachings obligate safeguarding them, and the penal code prescribed is a deterrent against violating them. In fact, Islam prohibits all actions which compromise safety, calm, and stability. Islam also warns against any act which induces fear, panic, and unrest. This is all due to the importance it gives to preserving the blessing of safety...

<sup>15</sup> Soorah an-Noor (24):55.

<sup>16</sup> See Silsilah al-Ahaadeeth as-Saheehah (1816).

<sup>17</sup> Sunan Abee Daawood (5074). Graded saheeh by al-Albaanee.

<sup>18</sup> Soorah Saba’ (34):18.

<sup>19</sup> Soorah al-‘Ankaboot (29):67.

<sup>20</sup> Jaami’ at-Tirmithee (2346), Sunan ibn Maajah (4141). Graded hasan by al-Albaanee.



...Servants of Allaah, an individual whose eemaan is genuine would not be pleased when any lands of Islam are affected by ills, let alone the Land of the Two Sacred Mosques. Such an individual would stand against anyone who seeks to undermine their values, compromise their foundational principles, spread chaos throughout them, or support anyone who seeks to do away with their stability and safety. There is nothing strange about this. Preserving safety in our society is an act of worship by which we seek nearness to Allaah, the Almighty and Most Exalted, and it is a duty that we all share. Thus, it is necessary to consolidate efforts against those who aim to undermine the safety of Allaah's servants and their lands, and against all calls which seek to compromise security and stability. Life does not bring enjoyment when safety is absent, and property does not bring happiness when stability is lacking. Allaah, the Almighty and Most Majestic, has granted His servants very many blessings and prescribed for them a number of duties. Part of that is Him blessing them with safety which they bear the duty of preserving, working towards its longevity, and not violating it or eliminating the priceless fruits that it produces. Dear Muslims, there is no doubt that individuals who work to spread panic among the people of Islam, undermine their safety, or sabotage their financial interests do things that are among the greatest forms of causing corruption in our world. Allaah said,

﴿ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يُعْجِبُكَ قَوْلُهُ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيُشْهَدُ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ مَا فِي قَلْبِهِ ۗ

وَهُوَ أَلَدُّ الْخِصَامِ ﴿٢٠٤﴾ وَإِذَا تَوَلَّىٰ سَعَىٰ فِي الْأَرْضِ لِيُفْسِدَ فِيهَا وَيُهْلِكَ الْحَرْثَ وَالنَّسْلَ ۗ

وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفُسَادَ ﴿٢٠٥﴾ وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُ اتَّقِ اللَّهَ أَخَذَتْهُ الْعِزَّةُ بِالْإِثْمِ ۗ

فَحَسْبُ جَهَنَّمَ وَلَيْسَ الْمِهَادُ ﴿٢٠٦﴾

“There are people whose apparent eloquence may appeal to you in the life of this world and it may seem that they are being honest. One of them would even swear by Allaah about the goodness in his heart when, in reality, he is the staunchest of people in lying and opposing the truth. When he departs and is out of your presence, he actively endeavours to spread wrongdoing upon the Earth, destroy people's crops, and kill their livestock. Allaah does not love such corruption. When that person is told, ‘You must observe taqwaa of Allaah,’ his arrogance leads him to persist in wrongdoing and committing further sins. Thus, the hellfire is sufficient to give him the punishment he deserves, and it is the worst final destination there could be.”<sup>21</sup> Allaah also said,

﴿ وَلَا تَبِعِ الْفُسَادَ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ۗ

“Do not seek to spread corruption upon the Earth. Allaah certainly does not love those who spread such corruption.”<sup>22</sup> This means that you must not perpetrate sins and acts of oppression since Allaah does not love those who transgress His bounds by such acts.

With that being said, it can readily be understood that the recent attacks and acts of aggression perpetrated against two oil facilities amount to instances of spreading corruption upon the Earth and represent flagrant violations of safety. Further compounding the gravity of the horrendous crime is its occurrence during Muharram which is a month that Allaah told us is inviolable. He said,

<sup>21</sup> Soorah al-Baqarah (2):204-206.

<sup>22</sup> Soorah al-Qasas (28):77.



﴿ إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ مِنْهَا أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرْمٌ ذَلِكَ  
الَّذِي نَتَّبِعُ الْعِلْمَ وَالشُّعُورَ الْمَسْبُورَ الْحَرَامَ وَالْمَسْجِدَ النَّبَوِيَّ ﴾

“Indeed, the number of months Allaah decreed is twelve months, recorded with Him since the day He created the heavens and the Earth. Among them are four which are inviolable. That is the upright and correct religion. Therefore, you must not wrong yourselves during those months.”<sup>23</sup> Wrongdoing during them is more grave and sinful since the perpetrators combine between the audacity to disobey obey Allaah by committing sins, and the utter disregard of doing that during a time that He made sacred.

May Allaah grant all of you his mercy. In conclusion, invoke Allaah’s commendation and protection upon His Prophet. Allaah instructed us to do so when He said,

﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴾

“Indeed, Allaah grants His commendation to the Prophet, and the angels invoke Allaah to grant him even further commendation. People of eemaan, invoke Allaah to grant the Prophet commendation and grant him protection as well.”<sup>24</sup>

<sup>23</sup> Soorah at-Tawbah (9):36.

<sup>24</sup> Soorah al-Ahzaab (33):56.