



PREPARATION FOR THE BATTLE OF BADR

On the 17th of Ramadaan 2 AH (the night before Friday), the entire army was resting except Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) who spent the entire night making Dua to Allah Ta'ala. When the time of Fajr had arrived, he awakened them for Salaah, performed it and recited verses of the Holy Qur'an wherein Jihad was mentioned, thereafter giving an eloquent lecture in preparing the Mujaahideen for war. The Sahaabah-e-Kiraam of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) were now prepared to go to war against the disbelievers.

During the night, Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) proceeded to inspect the battlefield with a few devoted Sahaabah. He held a stick with which he used to mark lines on the earth, saying as he did so, "This is where so and so Kaafir shall die, and tomorrow his corpse will be here." Indeed whatever the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said was true! The death of each Kaafir mentioned by him had occurred precisely where he had foretold it to, not even a single hair's distance from the markings. [*Muslim Shareef; Abu Dawood*]

From this Hadith, two types of Knowledge of Unseen (Ilm-e-Ghaib) given by Allah Ta'ala to Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) are evidently clear; the knowledge of who shall die and where.

On Friday the 17th of Ramadaan 2 AH, Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) ordered the formation of lines of soldiers. With a stick in his hand, he straightened the lines of the Mujaahideen in making them uniform, ordering them not to cause any noise or disruption but to be occupied in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. A short while before the commencement of the battle, two incidents took place which are worthy of being mentioned.

While straightening the battle-lines with his stick, Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) hit the stomach of Hazrat Sawad Ansari (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) (in order to gesture him back into the lines) and said, "Sawad, stand straight." He replied, "Ya Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), I seek recompense for you hitting me with a stick," upon which Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) immediately removed his shirt and said, "My back is present; you may pick up my walking stick and hit me in compensation." The Companion then rushed to Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), kissed his blessed body and embraced him. And after being asked about this, he replied, "Ya Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam)! While standing in the battle-line I began to think about the proximity of death, and it was my fervent wish that I embrace you before it." Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) praised the love of Hazrat Sawad (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) and made Dua for Barkat and goodness for him. The Companion then excused the compensation while the other Sahaabah-e-Kiraam simply stared in astonishment at his love for Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). [*Seerat Ibn Hishaam*]

In the second incident, Hazrat Huzaifa bin Yaman (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) and Hazrat Abu Haseel (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) were both returning from a certain area when the Kuffaar stopped them and asked if they were heading for Badr to help Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). They replied in the negative and promised not to assist the Muslim army, and were later let go by the disbelievers. After informing Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) of this, he separated both of them from the battle-line and said, "We always fulfil our promises no matter what the circumstance. We require the help of Allah Ta'ala alone, and He is sufficient as a helper." [*Muslim Shareef*]

Any person can recognize the value of a brave soldier against the enemy at the time of war, yet in this instance, with an already weak army of 313 soldiers, Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) deprived his army of two extra courageous soldiers only to demonstrate the character a Muslim should possess – that he should be true to his word even to a Kaafir (disbeliever).

Subhanallah! Is there any other personality in the entire creation that can match the ethics and character of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam)? Indeed there is none and shall never be anyone equal to our Beloved Master Muhammad Mustafa (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), as A'la Hazrat Imam Ahle Sunnat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) has stated:

*Teri Khulq ko Haqq ne Azeem Kaha Teri Khalq ko Haqq ne Jameel Kaha
Koyi Tuj sa Huwa he na Hoga Shaha Tere Khaaliqe Husno Ada ki Qasam*

Allah (Haqq) has mentioned your mannerism to be great, Allah has mentioned your creation to be beautiful; Oath on Allah, the Creator of your beauty and mannerism, there was never, and shall never be anyone equal to you!

The moment which staged the confrontation between Haqq (truth) and Baatil (Falsehood) had arrived. The Holy Qur'an states, "No doubt, there was a sign for you in two groups that encountered each other. One group fighting in the way of Allah and the other disbelievers." [Surah 3, Verse 13]

At that crucial time, Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) attentively supplicated to Allah Ta'ala saying, "Ya Allah, fulfil the promise which You made to me today." So lost he was in the meditation and remembrance of Allah Ta'ala that he did not even feel his shawl fall off his blessed shoulders. Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) also made Sajdah and beseeched the following, "O Allah! If these servants of Yours are destroyed, there shall be none to worship you until the Day of Judgment." [Seerat Ibn Hishaam]

The beloved Companion of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) could not bear to see him in such a state of restlessness. He thereafter lifted the shawl of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), placed it on his shoulders once again and respectfully said, "Allah Ta'ala will indeed fulfil the promise that He made to you." Hearing this, Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) ceased making Dua and recited the following verse, "Now this multitude is being driven out and they will turn their backs." [Surah 54, Verse 45]

In this verse, which was recited several times by Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), an indication of victory is given, even before the battle had commenced.

From just the preparation for the Battle of Badr there are so many important lessons that we learn. Firstly we learn that Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) indeed possessed Knowledge of the Unseen and more especially the Uloom-e-Khamsa (the 5 special secrets). Furthermore, we learn about how much love and honour the Sahaabah-e-Kiraam had for Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), and Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) further teaches us about the beautiful character that a Muslim should have, no matter what the situation might be.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the Taufeeq to seek the knowledge of our Deen and to sacrifice our lives for Rasoolullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam the way the Sahaabah-e-Kiraam did, Ameen.

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