

Press Release

Al-Azhar is not the One that Muslims Must Trust in their Deen, as it is Loyal to the Pharaoh of Egypt, through its Silence over the Absence of Ruling by all that Allah (swt) has Revealed

Al-Azhar issued a Fatwa at the request of Pakistani President Dr. Arif Alvi permitting the suspension of Salah of Jumaah as a measure to control the spread of Coronavirus in Pakistan. The President said in a tweet on Wednesday, 25th March 2020, "I am thankful to Grand Imam Shaikh of Al Azhar and Supreme Council for responding to my personal request to provide guidance to us with regards to Farz Jamaat & Juma prayers in mosques during Coronavirus attack."

Al-Azhar issued a fatwa permitting, rather making it obligatory to cancel the Salah of Jumaah, providing the evidence of the disliking of a Muslim going to the masjid whilst smelling of garlic or onions! Allah (swt) said: ﴿وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّن مَنَعَ مَسَاجِدَ اللَّهِ أَنْ يُذَكَرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ وَسَعَىٰ فِي خَرَابِهَا أُولَٰئِكَ مَا كَانَ لَهُمْ أَنْ يَدْخُلُوهَا إِلَّا خَائِفِينَ لَهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا خِزْيٌ وَلَهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ﴾

"And who are more unjust than those who prevent the name of Allah from being mentioned in His mosques and strive toward their destruction. It is not for them to enter them except in fear. For them in this world is disgrace, and they will have in the Hereafter a great punishment." [Surah al-Baqarah 2:114]. So which of the two views to believe?! The Al-Azhar opinion and its false evidencing for the prohibiting of going to the masajid, on the grounds that the smell of the worshiper is unpleasant, or the words of Allah (swt) that are unambiguous?! Does Al-Azhar, and whosoever sought to take the Fatwa, think that the Ummah is deprived of Ulema, even though many of them are in Pakistan! Then, is it permissible in the first place to take a Fatwa from an institution that is loyal to the Pharaoh of the era, As-Sisi?! How do we secure our Deen from this institution that was the support for whosoever wanted to harm the Deen from the rulers, and was silent about the absence of ruling by all that Allah (swt) has revealed in the country of Al-Kinana (Egypt, the Quiver of Bows) and has always issued Fatwas that are in flagrant opposition to the Kitab of Allah (swt) and the Sunna of RasulAllah (saaw), such as its Fatwa permitting the conclusion of the Camp David treaty with the Jewish occupation and recognition of the "right" of Jews in the blessed land of Palestine, and its Fatwa making interest (Riba) permissible and the permissibility of the current non-Islamic ruling systems ... and other similar Fatwas?! Then how can this understanding be acceptable, wherein there is the making of Qiyas (Juristic Analogy) where Qiyas is not even permitted in the acts of Ibaadah (Worship)?! Or does Al-Azhar and the President of Pakistan think

that this crooked understanding will be swallowed by the people of Pakistan and its Ulema?! Indeed, the greatest mockery is the disregard for the minds of the wise.

O Muslims in Pakistan! The Pakistani President wants to cover up the failure and neglect of the regime in looking after the people's health affairs, by closing the Masajid. The regime was failing to care for the people's health before the emergence of the Coronavirus. It does not have the ability to provide treatment to people in normal circumstances, so how is the situation now suddenly an exception?! Imposing curfews and closing mosques is dodging responsibility, so that people will not be confirmed over another aspect of the regime's failure and corruption. And if the regime cared about what was stated in the Book of Allah (swt) about the Prohibition of closing Masajid, it would have thought deeply about the matter, and if it was necessary, it would have taken measures to protect the Musaleen (performers of Salah) from infection, such as organizing the Musaleen with greater spacing between each continuous, unbroken row and the row behind it, distributing high quality masks, shortening the Khutbah of the Salah of Jumaah and keeping the elderly and the ill away from the Masajid for a short time ... and so on....Indeed if they fear Allah!

The Masajid are the homes of Allah (swt), and whosoever wants cure and healing, let him ask Allah (swt) for He (swt) Alone is the Ash-Shafi (Healer). The origin during affliction is the recourse to the Masajid, the Houses of Allah (swt), within which we pray to Allah (swt) that He (swt) relieves us of affliction. As for the closure of the Masajid, even if it were for a single day, is a sin to add to the previous sins, for which Allah (swt) sends such hardships. So in origin, we draw near to Allah (swt) and repent to Him (swt). And the best thing by which we draw near to Him (swt) is the work to re-establish the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood, which rules by all that Allah (swt) has revealed, so that He (swt) will be pleased with us, relieving us of all afflictions.

Allah (swt) said,

﴿ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ﴾

“Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by [reason of] what the hands of people have earned so He may let them taste part of [the consequence of] what they have done that perhaps they will return [to righteousness].” [Surah ar-Rum 30:41]

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