

## ITA'AT: TO OBEY HIM WITHOUT QUESTION

Allah ﷻ sent the Anbiya to be obeyed. This makes logical sense because this is the first principle of change, that the change must be implemented for people to feel its benefit. Allah ﷻ said about this:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا لِيُطَاعَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ إِذْ ظَلَمُوا  
أَنْفُسَهُمْ جَاءُوكَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا اللَّهَ وَاسْتَغْفَرَ لَهُمُ الرَّسُولُ لَوَجَدُوا اللَّهَ  
تَوَّابًا رَحِيمًا

**Nisa 4: 64.** *We sent no Messenger, but to be obeyed by Allah's Leave. If they (hypocrites), when they had been unjust to themselves, had come to you (Muhammad ﷺ) and begged Allah's Forgiveness, and the Messenger had begged forgiveness for them: indeed, they would have found Allah All-Forgiving (One Who accepts repentance), Most Merciful.*

That is why Abu Huraira ﷺ reported that Rasoolullah ﷺ said, "Everyone from my nation will enter Jannah except those who refuse." They said, "Ya Rasoolullah ﷺ, who will refuse?" Rasoolullah ﷺ said, "Whoever obeys me enters Jannah and whoever disobeys me has refused." *Sahih al-Bukhari 6851 Grade: Sahih*

May Allah ﷻ grant us the Tawfeeq not to refuse to enter Jannah. I remind myself and you that the most common reason we refuse to obey Rasoolullah ﷺ is because of our slavery to our desires, our Nafs. Let us ask ourselves if that is worth the price we will have to pay. Is whatever we want to do which is against the order of Rasoolullah ﷺ and will can result in our being listed among those who refused to enter Jannah, worth that price? Do we really want to live our lives pretending that we are Muslims or as real Muslims? Real Muslims obey Allah ﷻ and His Messenger ﷺ. Pretenders obey their desires and Shaytaan and don't care about the price because they don't believe in Allah ﷻ or the Aakhira. Let us ask where we stand and change before it is too late.

Allah ﷻ made it a condition of Imaan that we should accept every decree of Rasoolullah ﷺ without question and said that if we did not do so we would be out of Islam:

فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ حَتَّىٰ يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِيمَا شَجَرَ بَيْنَهُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَجِدُوا فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ حَرَجًا مِّمَّا قَضَيْتَ وَيُسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

**An-Nisa 4:65** *But no, by your Rabb, they can have no Faith, until they make you (O Muhammad) judge in all disputes between them, and find in themselves no resistance against your decisions, and accept (them) with full submission.*

وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَلَا لِمُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَىٰ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَمْرًا أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا مُّبِينًا

**Al-Ahzaab 33:36** *It is not for a believer, man or woman, when Allah and His Messenger have decreed a matter that they should have any option in their decision. And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger, he has indeed strayed in a plain error.*

إِنَّمَا كَانَ قَوْلَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذَا دُعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَهُمْ أَنْ يَقُولُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

**An-Nur 24:51** *All that the believers say, when they are called to Allah and His Messenger that he may judge between them, is that they say, 'We hear, and we obey: 'it is these who are successful.*

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ

**Al-Anfaal 8:24** O you who believe! Answer Allah (by obeying Him) and (His) Messenger when he (SAW) calls you to that which will give you life,

TO OBEY RASOOLULLAH ﷺ IS TO OBEY ALLAH ﷻ

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ  
إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ

**An-Najm 53:3-4** And he (the Prophet) does not speak out of his own desire. It is nothing but a revelation revealed (to him)

مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ وَمَنْ تَوَلَّىٰ فَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ عَلَيْهِمْ  
حَفِظًا

**An-Nisa 4:80** And whoever obeys the Messenger, thereby obeys Allah. And as for those who turn away We have not sent you as a guardian over them

قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ فَإِن تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْهِ مَا حُمِّلَ  
وَعَلَيْكُمْ مَا حُمِّلْتُمْ وَإِن تُطِيعُوهُ تَهْتَدُوا وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ  
الْمُبِينُ

**An-Nur 24:54** Say: "Obey Allah and obey the Messenger, but if you turn away, he (Messenger Muhammad) is only responsible for the duty placed on him (i.e. to convey Allah's Message) and you for that placed on you. If you obey him, you shall

*be on the right guidance. The Messenger's duty is only to convey (the message) in a clear way (i.e. to preach in a plain way)*

يَوْمَئِذٍ يَوَدُّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَعَصَوُا الرَّسُولَ لَوْ تُسَوَّى بِهِمُ الْأَرْضُ وَلَا  
يَكْتُمُونَ اللَّهَ حَدِيثًا

**An-Nisa 4:42** *On that day those who disbelieved and disobeyed the Messenger (Muhammad) will wish that they were buried in the earth, but they will never be able to hide a single fact from Allah.*

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَرْتَابُوا وَجَاهَدُوا  
بَأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الصَّادِقُونَ

**Al-Hujuraat 49:15** *Only those are the believers who have believed in Allah and His Messenger, and afterward doubt not but strive with their wealth and their lives for the Cause of Allah. Those! They are the truthful.*

**There is no Ayah in the entire Book where the 'obedience of Allahﷻ' has been mentioned alone with no reference to the 'Obedience of the Messengerﷺ'. This is because it is impossible to obey Allahﷻ without obeying Rasoolullahﷺ .**

On the contrary, the Qur'an did not deem it sufficient to refer to the 'obedience of Allahﷻ' without referring to the 'obedience of the Messengerﷺ', to remove even the remotest excuse for ignoring the 'obedience of the prophet' and to leave no doubt whatsoever in the fact that the 'obedience of Allahﷻ' is not complete unless the 'obedience of Rasoolullahﷺ is fully observed with all its implications.

## CONSEQUENCES OF OBEDIENCE

وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ  
النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ وَحَسُنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقًا

**An-Nisa 4:69** *And whoso obeys Allah and the Messenger (Muhammad SAW), then they will be in the company of those on whom Allah has bestowed His Grace, of the Prophets, the Siddiqûn, the martyrs, and the righteous. And how excellent these companions are!*

## CONSEQUENCES OF DISOBEDIENCE

وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَيَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَهُ يُدْخِلْهُ نَارًا خَالِدًا فِيهَا وَلَهُ  
عَذَابٌ مُهِينٌ

**An-Nisa 4:14** *And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger and transgresses His limits, he shall admit him to Fire where he shall remain forever, and he shall have a disgraceful torment.*