

The image shows the interior of a mosque, likely the Prophet's Mosque in Medina. A prominent feature is a tall, ornate minaret with intricate carvings and Arabic calligraphy. Below it, a large, arched mihrab is filled with detailed golden and blue Islamic calligraphy. The floor is covered with patterned carpets, and a wooden pulpit (minbar) is visible in the foreground. The lighting is warm and focused on the architectural details.

# Significance of Obeying the Messenger

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## Significance of Obeying the Messenger ﷺ

All thanks and praises are to Allâh, Who has prepared Paradise as a favor and honor from Him for His believing slaves, and prepared Hellfire, through His justice and wisdom, for the sinners and disbelievers. I thank and praise Him as He should be praised and ask for His forgiveness and pardon. I bear witness that there is no deity worth of worship except Allâh Alone without partners and that Muhammad is our Prophet, Allâh's slave and Messenger. May Allâh's best peace and blessings be on Muhammad the son of Abdullah, his progeny, Companions and his followers who convey and deliver his call until the Day of Resurrection.

Allâh, the Exalted, the Able, Owner of the Most Honorable and High Names and Attributes, said:

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ  
اللَّهُ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴾

“O you who believe! Answer Allâh (by obeying Him) and (His) Messenger when he (ﷺ) calls you to that which will give you life, and know that Allâh comes in between a person and his heart (i.e. He prevents an evil person to decide anything). And verily, to Him you shall (all) be gathered.” (8:24)

In this noble *Āyah*, Allâh calls His believing slaves by the best and most honored description.

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ﴾

“O you who believe!”

Reminding them of their Faith and good qualities that direct them to answer and obey Allâh's Order with full acceptance and submission, all the while feeling afraid of Him. Allâh commands them:

﴿ اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ ﴾

“Answer Allâh and (His) Messenger (ﷺ).”

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Meaning, obey Allāh, remain on this straight path and be firm on what He has legislated and what His Messenger 𐤎 brought from Him. You are required to obey the commands of Allāh and His Messenger 𐤎 no matter what your circumstances or the hardness of your conditions. For Allāh and His Messenger 𐤎 have called you to that which will give you life.

It is *Imān* (Faith), consisting of the Qur'ān and *Sunnah* that we were called to accept and embrace to ensure our life. This *Āyah* contains a truthful statement and a sure promise from He Who is Able to fulfill the promise. Whoever accepts His call, then he or she will live a good life full of honor and good works. Those who accept this call will live in this life enlightened by the light of Faith that resides in the heart, as well as being remembered and praised for their righteous qualities. In the next Life they will live for eternity and enjoy the everlasting delights.

﴿ جَنَّتٌ عَدْنٍ يَدْخُلُونَهَا يُجْرَى مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ لَهُمْ فِيهَا مَا يَشَاءُونَ كَذَلِكَ يَجْزِي اللَّهُ الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴾

“*Adn* (Eden) Paradise which they will enter, under which rivers flow, they will have therein all that they wish. Thus Allāh rewards the *Muttaqūn* (the pious).” (16:31)

Fear Allāh, dear Muslims, and follow His Messenger 𐤎. Obey Allāh's Commandments and avoid His prohibitions, whether you are feeling active, lazy, in favorable or unfavorable conditions and even if one's rights are not being given to them in full. Obey Allāh and His Messenger 𐤎 and establish Allāh's penal code.

﴿ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقِصَاصِ حَيَوةٌ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴾

“And there is (a saving of) life for you in *Al-Qisas* (the Law of Equality in punishment), O men of understanding.” (2:179)

Establish justice on Allāh's earth and between His slaves, each according to the responsibility that Allāh has endowed him or her.

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِكُمْ أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ ﴾

“O you who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allâh, even though it be against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin.” (4:135)

Establishing justice requires performing *Jihâd* on the military and social fronts, because your enemy, O Muslims, will surely attack you on these fronts if you do not take the initiative. If the enemy invades you militarily, they will adversely affect your livelihood, while their social invasion will destroy your culture and morals. We seek refuge with Allâh from this fate. Therefore, obey Allâh and His Messenger ﷺ, for those who do not obey them will earn humiliation in this life and the Hereafter. There is no doubt that since obeying Allâh and His Messenger ﷺ is a light, its opposite is indeed, total darkness. Since obeying Allâh and His Messenger ﷺ is life, then its opposite is death. Since obeying Allâh and His Messenger ﷺ earns glory and might, then its opposite is humiliation and disgrace:

﴿ وَمَنْ يُنِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ مُكْرِمٍ ﴾

“And whomsoever Allâh disgraces, none can honor him.”  
(22:18)

O Allâh’s slaves! The Most Just Ruler, Who is Most Compassionate with His slaves, informs us in *Āyah* (8:24) that we mentioned previously, that He has full control over the hearts of the slaves, and He changes them as He Wills.

﴿ وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ ﴾

“And know that Allâh comes in between a person and his heart.”  
(8:24)

Al-Bukhari narrated from ‘Āishah رضي الله عنها:

«كَانَتْ يَمِينُ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ: لَا وَمُقَلَّبِ الْقُلُوبِ.»

“The Messenger of Allâh used to swear often by saying, ‘By He Who changes the hearts!’”

The *Āyah* and the *Hadith* indicate Allâh’s perfect ownership of our hearts. He mentioned this fact after He commanded us to obey Him

and His Messenger ﷺ, warning us that refusal to heed by His call will prevent one from the Straight and True Path and from what the heart likes and covets.

﴿فَلَمَّا زَاغُوا أَزَاغَ اللَّهُ قُلُوبَهُمْ﴾

“So when they turned away (from the path of Allâh), Allâh turned their hearts away (from the Right Path).” (61:5)

Fear Allâh, O Allâh’s slaves, and feel His perfect watch, for your final destination and return is to Him Alone. On that Day Allâh will reward the good doers with a good recompense and the evil doers with evil. It will be either a Paradise as wide as the heavens and earth prepared for those who obey, or a blazing Fire, severe torment and evil recompense for those who disobey.

Allâh said, and His Statement is the Truth:

﴿لِلَّذِينَ اسْتَجَابُوا لِرَبِّهِمْ الْحُسْنَىٰ وَالَّذِينَ لَمْ يَسْتَجِيبُوا لَهُ لَوْ أَنَّ لَهُمْ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا وَمِثْلَهُ مَعَهُ لَافْتَدَوْا بِهِ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمْ سُوءَ الْحِسَابِ وَمَأْوَاهُمْ جَهَنَّمُ وَبِئْسَ الْمِهَادُ﴾

“For those who answered their Lord’s Call (believed in the Oneness of Allâh and followed His Messenger Muhammad ﷺ i.e., Islâmic Monotheism) is *Al-Husna*? (i.e., Paradise). But those who answered not His Call, if they had all that is in the earth together with its like, they would offer it in order to save themselves (from the torment, but it will be in vain). For them there will be the terrible reckoning. Their dwelling place will be Hell; and worst indeed is that place for rest.” (13:18)

I reiterate this and ask Allâh the Exalted to grant us obedience to Him and to His Messenger ﷺ and to make us firm on the path that pleases Him until the day we meet Him. We ask Allâh to forgive us and all the believers, male and female, for He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Ahadith Al-Jumu'ah*, by Shaikh Abdullah bin Hasan Al-Qa'ud, vol. 2, p. 127