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The Qur'an and Sunnah Speech about People Who Respond to the Commands of Allah

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, "Believers, respond to Allah and His Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life. Know that Allah comes between a man and his heart, and that you will be gathered to Him." I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

The response to the commands of Allah and His Messenger gives life to hearts and proves one's genuine faith and true love for Allah and His Messenger as the Almighty Allah said, "**Believers, respond to Allah and His Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life,**" and said, "**Say, 'If you love Allah, follow me, and Allah will love you and forgive you your sins; Allah is most forgiving, most merciful.'**"

Those who respond to the commands of Allah, Allah guides them to thank Him for His blessings by accepting the truth. the Almighty Allah said, "**Only those who can hear will respond.**" Also, They are promised

with forgiveness, salvation and Paradise on the Day of Resurrection. The Almighty Allah said, **“Our people, respond to the one who calls you to Allah. Believe in Him: He will forgive you your sins and protect you from a painful torment.”** Also, the Almighty Allah said, **“There will be the best of rewards for those who respond to their Lord.”**

There is no doubt that the life of the Companions of our Prophet (PBUH) represents the true and complete response to Allah and His Messenger. For example, in the case of changing the *Qiblah* (direction of Prayer) from *Bayt al-Maqdis* to the Ka’bah, their response was immediate once they heard the command. They were performing the Prayer and they heard that the Prophet received a revelation commanding him to change the *Qiblah*. So, they turned towards the Ka’aba at the same time.

Also, once Companion Abu Talha heard the Saying of Allah, **“None of you will attain true piety unless you give out of what you cherish.”** He gave in charity a garden he owned and this garden was the most beloved item of his properties, but he hoped to would get the love and reward from Allah.

Also, when the Almighty Allah revealed a verse completely and ultimately prohibiting drinking wine, **“You who believe, intoxicants and gambling, idolatrous practices, and [divining with] arrows are repugnant acts- Satan’s doing- shun them so that you may prosper,”** the

Companions said, "We have stopped it our Lord, we have stopped it our Lord."

Undoubtedly, the reward corresponds to the action itself. Thus, he who responds to Allah (Glory be to Him) by doing His commands and avoiding His prohibitions, Allah will answer his supplications. The Almighty Allah said, **"If My servants ask you about Me, I am near. I respond to those who call Me, so let them respond to Me, and believe in Me, so that they may be guided."** Allah also said, **"Their Lord has answered them: 'I will not allow the deeds of any one of you to be lost, whether you are male or female.'" In another verse, The Almighty Allah said, "Your Lord says, 'Call on Me and I will answer you; those who are too proud to serve Me will enter Hell humiliated.'"**

As Prophets (Peace be upon them all) reached the ultimate response to the commands of Allah, their supplications were answered by Allah. The Almighty Allah said about Prophet Noah, "We answered Noah when he cried out to Us: We saved him and his family from the great calamity." About Prophet Ayyoub (PBUH), Allah said, **"Remember Ayyoub, when he cried to his Lord, 'Suffering has truly afflicted me, but you are the Most Merciful of the merciful.' We answered him, removed his suffering, and restored his family to him, along with more like them, as an act of grace from Us and a reminder for all who serve Us."** Regarding Prophet Zakariyya (PBUH) Allah said, **"Remember Zakariyya, when he**

cried to his Lord, 'My Lord, do not leave me childless, though You are the best of heirs.' We answered him--We gave him John, and cured his wife of barrenness- they were always keen to do good deeds. They called upon Us out of longing and awe, and humbled themselves before Us." The one who is guided to make sincere supplication, will have his supplications answered. The Prophet (PBUH) said, "Any Muslim who makes a supplication containing nothing which is sinful or which involves breaking ties of relationship will be given for it by Allah one of three things: Allah will give him a speedy answer, or store it up for him in the next world, or turn away from him an equivalent amount of evil."

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

There is no doubt that rejecting the commands of Allah is among the qualities of hypocrites, as the Almighty Allah said, **"and when they are summoned to Allah and His Messenger in order for him to judge between them, some of them turn away; If they were claiming their right, they would come willingly [to the Prophet]; Do they have sickness in their hearts? Are they full of doubts? Do they fear that Allah and His Messenger might deal with them unjustly? No, it is they who are the unjust ones."** The almighty Allah also said, **"When Allah and His**

Messenger have decided on a matter that concerns them, it is not fitting for any believing man or woman to claim freedom of choice in that matter: whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger is far astray."

As for the sincere believers, the Almighty Allah praised them saying, **"When the true believers are summoned to Allah and His Messenger in order for him to judge between them, they say, 'We hear and we obey.' These are the ones who will prosper."**

So much we need to respond to the commands of Allah and His Messenger, before the escapable day, the Day of Resurrection. The Almighty Allah said, **"So [people] respond to your Lord before there comes a Day that cannot, against Allah's will, be averted- you will have no refuge on that Day, and no possibility of denying [your sins]."**

We ask Allah to protect our country Egypt, and all other countries of the world!