

## Lesson 26

## Summary Notes

# Islamic Politics

"We do not endorse rebelling against our leaders and authorities, even if they are unjust. We do not supplicate against them, nor do we withdraw from obedience to them. We view obedience to them as an obedience [stemming] from obedience to Allāh, as long as they do not order disobedience [to Allāh]. We pray for goodness and well-being for them ." [72]

"We follow the Sunnah and the Jamā'ah, and we avoid irregularities, disagreement and disunion." [73]

"We love the people of justice and honesty, and we hate the people of injustice and treachery." [74]

"We view the Jamā'ah as truth and rectitude, and disunion as deviation and punishment." [102]

It is a communal obligation (Farḍu Kifāyah) on the Muslims to have a **Khalīfah** (amir). There is Consensus (Ijma') regarding this, and also regarding the fact that there should be only one Khalīfah.

"Whoever dies without a **bay'ah** in his throat dies in a state of Jāhiliyyah." [Muslim]

"An Imām is a shield for the Ummah, behind which the Ummah fights its enemies." [Muslim]

**Ijma'** of the Companions.

## Election Process

- By Bay'ah from the important authorities in the Muslim nation, such as the Scholars and Muslim leaders. These constitute the **Ahlu'l-Ḥal wa'l-'Aqd**.
- By **'Ahd**, i.e. assignment by the previous Khalīfah.

## Criteria for Ahlu'l-Ḥal wa'l-'Aqd

- political expertise and acceptable witnesses.

## What to do today

Beginning **1924** CE/ 1343 AH, any Muslim country can declare a **Khilāfah** if:

- Sovereignty is for Muslims
- Security is provided by Muslims
- Islamic law is applied promptly
- the Khalīfah fulfils the necessary requirements.

## Requirements for the Khalīfah

- Must be practising Muslim, wise, male, mature, healthy, from Quraysh, free, not an obvious sinner (fāsiq).
- In the case of a ruler *taking power by force*, the only requirements are being Muslim and possessing mental ability.
- If he loses any of the requirements, he is not replaced unless he has lost his mind, or become a disbeliever, or the **Ahlu'l-Ḥal wa'l-'Aqd** reject him.

## Duties of the Khalīfah

The Khalīfah must protect:

- Religion
- Life
- Mind
- Social Structure
- Wealth
- Reputation

## Duties of the people

- To obey, as long as it does not involve a sin.