In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Holiday in Islaam By Irshad Mahmood - Director, Siraat-al-Mustaqeem Dawah Centre

O you who believe! when the call is made for prayer on Friday, then hasten to the remembrance of Allah and leave off trading; that is better for you, if you know; and when the prayer is ended, then disperse abroad in the land and seek of Allah's grace, and remember Allah much, that you may be successful; (Al_Quraan_062.009-010).

(There is No such thing like Weekly Holiday in Islaam. So Work, Work and Work even on Friday as well as on Eid Day)

Friday Khutba (Speech) is a very essential part in which we have a "Repeating and Reminding Sessions", which is a key to the success of Effective Communication. Think, how many of Men explains the Friday Khutba (Speech) to their women after going to their home, may be less than 2% and out of which how many of them explains 100% of the Friday Khutba (Speech) 0%. So what education we are giving to our Women, almost Nothing. So what will happen to our generations? We must have enough space at the Masjid to accommodate our Women. Women are not slave; they are an essential part of the community on which our future generation is fully dependent.

Don't apply exceptional rules over general rules like for patients, pregnant women, etc. Specially, those women who are working have no choice other than do break for Friday Prayers. Those women who can manage to go for Friday Prayers without Great Difficulty, must go for it. They must also know when they are not allowed to offer prayers as well.

Allah has allowed Women to work as well:

And in no wise covet those things in which Allah hath bestowed his gifts more freely on some of you than on others: to men is allotted what they earn and to women what they earn: but ask Allah of His bounty: for Allah hath full knowledge of all things. (Al_Quraan_004.032)

How Enemy of Islaam succeeded on diverting Ummah from Quraan?

In the struggle for power and domination Quraan had been the biggest challenge to the Enemy of Islaam. Although, they could not stop Muslims from obedience of the Quraan BUT they succeeded in giving them very wrong concepts about it. That was a great conspiracy which took them three centuries to establish false beliefs and practices among the Muslims. These beliefs and practices are now called Hadeeth or Sunnah of the Prophet (Peace-Be-Upon-Him).

During the life time of the Prophet and his companion, it was impossible to say anything against the Quraan but after them there was no check. The Enemy of Islaam has flooded the Muslims' world with LIES and fabrications against the Quraan. If anyone questioned that such and such belief or practice is against the Quraan the reply had always been, like today, that this is Sunnah of the Prophet. This way the enemies of Islam took away the Quraan from Muslims and succeeded in inflicting upon them an ignominious life.

Now, what happens they read lot of Quraan but for Thawab only and not for guidance. They establish prayers but to worship God and not to combat Fohsha wal Munkarat. They pay regular charity but to purify the wealth and not for its circulation among all classes in the society. And, when you ask them why they are doing this? Everyone will reply this is Sunnah of the Prophet (Peace-Be-Upon-Him). And if asked who told this is Sunnah? They will name anyone from among the Companions who lived during the first century - for example, Omer (ra) or Aisha (ra) reported this and that. When asked who told this? They will name anyone from Taabe'heen or Tabb'a Taabe'heen who lived during the second century. When asked further they will ultimately confess that all this stuff came to us through Bukhari and other Mohaditheen who lived during the third century.

In other words, the Muslims are trapped in a great conspiracy. They are deceived to follow the path which is not found in Quraan. They think they are treading into the footsteps of the Prophet but, in fact, they are treading into the footsteps of Shaitaan. The interesting aspect of this conspiracy is that no one feel guilty. In spite of, all the sufferings and humiliations they are proud of what they are doing in the name of the Prophet and Islaam. No one likes to come out of this darkness. And, if any blessed soul endeavors to show them the right path they consider him an agent of the Enemy of Islaam. One wonders, what else the Enemy of Islaam want to do with the Muslims? They had already sent them to the bottom of hell.

The truth is that the real source of Muslims' unity and honor is Quraan. The Prophet (Peace-Be-Upon-Him) and his great companions followed nothing except the Quraan. They never looked for guidance to any other historical or ideological source. They were solely inspired and motivated by the Quraan. When the Prophet (Peace-Be-Upon-Him) was alive and his life was the perfect embodiment of Quraanic Values. After his (Peace-Be-Upon-Him) death, Muslims kept treading in his footsteps and followed the Quraan with more zeal and devotion. Quraan elevated them to the highest level of morality and wisdom. They achieved great success and honor in the contemporary world and remained dominant as long as they followed the Quraan.

Non-Practicing Muslims are like ASS / Donkey carrying books, (Ref: Al_Quraan_062.005). None argue concerning the revelations (Ayaat) of Allah but those who disbelieve ..., (Ref: Al_Quraan_040.004).