

Allah's greatest favor to humanity



Surat Al Ma'ida (verse no. 3) Allah (SWT) says "...This day I have perfected/completed for you your religion, and completed my favor upon you and accepted Islam as your religion..."

So what can we take from this verse?

1- Allah (SWT) states very clearly that the religion/way of life (Islam) has been completed/perfected at the time of its revelation. This verse was revealed to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ during his delivery of the Farewell sermon in the year 631 CE.

What this means is that we should not accept any innovation (Bid'ah) in Islam, it is complete and no addition or subtraction is necessary or acceptable

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"...and the best speech is the Speech of Allah, and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad ﷺ, and the worst of all affairs are the newly invented matters (in the religion)"
(Sahih Muslim)

"He who innovates something that is not in agreement with our matter (Islam), will have it rejected." (Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

"..Beware of newly invented matters, for every invented matter is an innovation and every innovation is a going astray, and every going astray is in Hell-fire."
(Abu Dawud & Al-Tirmidhi)

2-Allah (SWT) says He has completed His Favor upon us and His favor is Islam i.e. the

Quran and the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Allah (SWT) has indeed given us a great favor by giving us Islam and a way/path to attaining His mercy on the Day of Judgment.

Allah (SWT) has sent mankind many prophets & messenger to guide and warns us, He has given us the tools needed to defend ourselves from the accursed shaitan and to build a hereafter in Jannah. Indeed Islam is the greatest favor and blessing for mankind.

3-Finally Allah (SWT) says He has chosen & accepted Islam as our religion/way of life. This is an amazing statement. If we understand that Jannah is not something simple or cheap and Allah deserves so much more that we can give. Yet Allah has made Islam easy/achievable , practicable and He accepts this religion from us and in return has given us everything and this too is an amazing favor.

This once verse tells us so much and shows us that Allah is truly compassionate and merciful.

Narrated by Omar bin Al-Khattab (RA): "Once a Jew said to me, "O the chief of believers"! There is a verse in your Holy Book which is read by all of you (Muslims), and had it been revealed to us, we would have taken that day (on which it was revealed as a day of celebration." 'Omar bin Al-Khattab asked, "Which is that verse?" The Jew replied, "This day I have perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion." (5:3) 'Omar replied, "No doubt, we know when and where this verse was revealed to the Prophet. It was Friday and the Prophet was standing at 'Arafat (i.e. the Day of Hajj)" (Sahih Al-Bukhari).

To understand the Religion Islam (Which Allah choose for humanity) can only be understood by reading, understanding and pondering over Quran, The greatest gift of knowledge and guidance revealed to humanity by Allah (SWT). In conjunction to reading, understanding and pondering over Quran Verses, one must also learn Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Without the Sunnah of Prophet, no one can understand or implement Quran in his/her life. Quran was not only revealed to humanity through Prophet Muhammad (SAW), but he showed by his own example how to implement in our lives. According to Hazrat Ayesha (Mother of the believers), the Prophet was a walking Quran.

As Muslims this verse is a blessing and for this we must be grateful servant to Allah (SWT) and His and our beloved Prophet (SAW) in Shaa Allah.