

Focusing on Allah’s Power and the Role of Dua in Strengthening the Ummah

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

The Quran offers not only spiritual guidance but profound insights into the dynamics of life, faith, and our collective struggles. Surah Al-Fath (48), meaning “The Victory,” highlights key lessons on divine control and Muslim unity. This surah teaches us to rely on Allah’s power to decide outcomes and our role in supporting our Ummah.

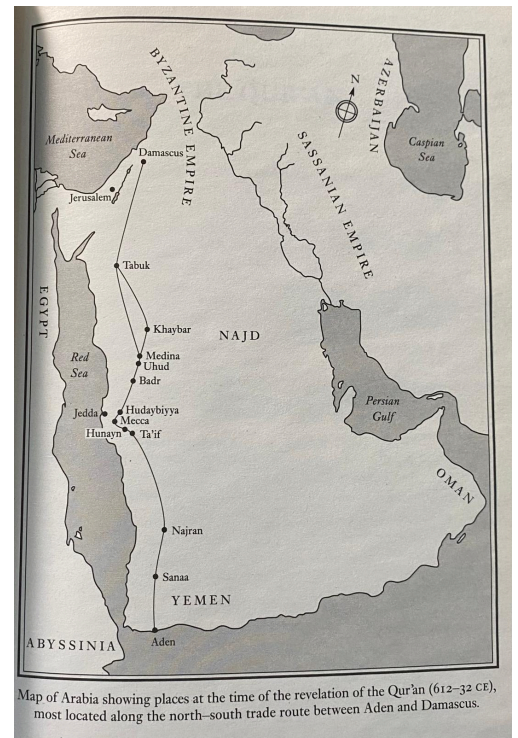
Focusing on Allah’s Perspective and Power

Surah Al-Fath was revealed in Medina and addresses a key event during the Prophet Muhammad’s (peace be upon him) life—the Treaty of Hudaibiyyah. According to “The Quran”, a translation by M.A.S. Abdel Haleem, the Prophet (peace be upon him) had a vision that he and his followers would be performing pilgrimage to Mecca (verse 27). They set out, but the Meccans decided to bar them at Hudaibiyya from reaching the town and sent emissaries to have discussions with the Prophet (peace be upon him).

In the end the Prophet (peace be upon him) agreed to a treaty that he and the believers would not enter Mecca that year, but would do so the next year. Seeing the long-term significance of this treaty, in the interests of peace he agreed to a truce of ten years during which time, if any Meccan went over to his side, he would return him to the Meccans, but if any of his people went over to the Meccans, they would not return them.

Throughout the sura the Prophet (peace be upon him) is assured that this treaty that God has given him is a great breakthrough (cf. verses 1-3, 18-21, 27). The believers are assured that their self-restraint and obedience to the Prophet were inspired by God.

The treaty, despite appearing to be a setback for the Muslims at first, was a decisive victory from Allah’s perspective. Surah Al-Fath teaches us to examine political and other life events from Allah’s perspective, not our own fleeting judgments or predictions of what might happen. In verse 20, Allah tells the believers: “He has promised you [people] many future gains: He has hastened this gain for you. He has held back the hands of



hostile people from you as a sign for the faithful and He will guide you to a straight path.” Along with acknowledging this treaty as an actual victory for the believers, Allah also reminds them and us that He is the one who has the power to control His servants in war and He guides those who are faithful. We also learn that victory is not always immediate or obvious to the human eyes or heart, but Allah’s wisdom and power encompasses all things and people. His plans unfold in ways we cannot always foresee. Allah tells us, “God has full knowledge of all things” (verse 26).

When confronted with global events, let us adopt Allah’s perspective, recognizing that He has ultimate control over all decisions. Although our expectations may not always align with reality, we must trust that Allah has the power to decide the course of actions. Above all decision-makers and actors, He is the One who is able to facilitate and prevent. This perspective is particularly important as the present continues to change. As Allah reminds us In verse 21, “There are many other gains [to come], over which you have no power. God has full control over them: God has power over all things.” This underscores that while our efforts matter, the ultimate outcome rests with Allah.

Allah Rewards Us When We Do What We Can

In the absence of the Prophet (peace be upon him), our commitment to his cause means supporting the broader Ummah. We are called to uplift, unite, and assist our fellow Muslims, acting as if the Prophet were among us, guiding us to serve Allah’s cause and aid oppressed communities globally.

Verse 18 reassures us: “It was He who made His tranquility descend into the hearts of the believers, to add faith to their faith—the forces of the heavens and earth belong to God; He has the knowledge to decide.” This tranquility stems from our trust in Allah’s will, granting us peace and strengthening our resolve to continue striving for what is right, knowing that Allah’s wisdom governs all outcomes.

The Role of Dua in Strengthening the Ummah

Dua is one of the most powerful tools available to Muslims. It is a direct means of seeking Allah’s intervention, acknowledging our limitations, and entrusting our hopes and struggles to Him.

A striking example of Dua’s power comes from the Moroccan resistance during French colonial occupation. As shared in a [SeekersGuidance article](#), the Dua Nasiri, recited by the Moroccan people, was so impactful that the French government outlawed it. The dua became a symbol of resistance, uniting the people in their struggle for justice and

freedom. This historical example demonstrates that sincere and united dua can lead to positive change, even in the most challenging circumstances.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) taught us the importance of making dua for our fellow Muslims. In a hadith, he stated that when a believer makes dua for another without them knowing, the angels respond, "Ameen, and for you the same" (Sahih Muslim). By making Dua for our brothers and sisters around the world, we not only uplift them but also invite blessings upon ourselves.

Acting as One Ummah

The lessons from Surah Al-Fath encourage us to act as one cohesive Ummah, united in faith and action. The treaty of Hudaibiyyah, while initially a setback, was ultimately a great triumph because it exemplified the power of Allah's plan and the commitment of the Prophet and his companions to the mission of Allah. As Muslims, we too must embody this spirit of unity and commitment to the broader Ummah. This means supporting those in need, whether they are our brothers and sisters in Gaza, Syria, or anywhere around the world. It means committing to the causes of justice, peace, and unity, just as the Prophet (peace be upon him) did during his time.

We must remember that while we may not have control over the outcome of every situation, our efforts to make dua, to support each other, and to stay committed to Allah's guidance are actions that will be rewarded by Allah. In the end, He is the One who has full control over all things, and it is through our trust in His decision-making, our unity in dua, and our dedication to His cause that we can hope for true success, both in this world and the Hereafter.

Conclusion

Surah Al-Fath teaches us the significance of recognizing Allah's absolute control over all affairs and the importance of relying on His wisdom. Our duty as members of the Ummah is not just to act in ways that serve our own interests, but to support and uplift our fellow Muslims, especially in times of hardship. Dua is a powerful means of connecting with Allah and bringing about change, both for ourselves and for the global Muslim community. By thinking well of Allah, committing to His cause, and making dua for each other, we strengthen the Ummah and place ourselves firmly under Allah's guidance and protection.

May Allah grant us the strength to be united in faith, the wisdom to recognize His control over all things, and the ability to support our Ummah through sincere dua. Ameen.