

## Khutbah notes - Crisis in Bilad Ash-Sham

1. **Muslims in Syria are being killed by the regime** – for accounting their government and calling for Islam. For this, people are shot in their demonstrations, and are even shot when taking the *janazah* prayers, as well as all kinds of torture of the Muslims taking place. This is like what happened to the people of the ditch - as Allah told us their story in the Qu'ran:

وَمَا نَقَمُوا مِنْهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ

*And they resented them not except because they believed in Allah , the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy*

2. **This is not an issue for Syrians: It is an issue for the whole Ummah – we are one Ummah and so we feel their pain and we support their struggle against oppression**

The Messenger SAW said “*The Muslims are like one man. If his eyes complain then the whole of him complains, and if his head complains then the whole of him complains.*” [Muslim]

المسلمون كرجل واحد إن اشتكى عينه اشتكى كله وإن اشتكى رأسه  
اشتكى كله

3. **Status of Al-Sham in Islam**

Sahabah - like Sayyiduna Bilal - is buried in Damascus/ Great Scholars like Imam al Nawawi were from al-Shams

There are many hadith that address the greatness of Bilad al Shaam - which is what is called Syria

Imams Ahmad and Tirmidhi narrate in their collections on the authority of Zaid ibn Thabit that the Prophet ﷺ said, “How blessed is al-Sham”! The companions around asked: “Why is that”? The messenger ﷺ replied, “I see the angels of Allah spreading their wings over al-Sham”.

طوبي للشام ، إن ملائكة الرحمن باسطة أجنحتها عليها

“If the people of as-Sham are corrupted, then there is no good in you, and there will remain a group from my Ummah who will be Helped, they are not bothered by any whom oppose them, until the hour is established”

إذا فسد أهل الشام فلا خير فيكم ، لا تزال طائفة من أمتي منصورين لا يضرهم من خذلهم  
حتى تقوم الساعة

4. We have a duty before Allah to them:

- To speak out for them and show we are on their side
- To speak out that they are struggling against the worst Zulm: One of the worst Firawn's of today; the son of a man who killed 20 000 in Hama 30 years ago
- Not to fall into sectarian traps - people are trying to make Christians and minorities afraid because Sunni Muslims have been persecuted. Islam protected minorities in a way that this regime has not protected the majority
- To send them sadaqa for refugees if we can find reliable means to send
- To support their Islamic calls - for Allah's help alone; for help from Muslim countries; for Shariah & Khilafah
- Not to betray that and to push Allah and Islam to the side - like Allah Ta'la tells us

The Prophet ﷺ told us – the believer is not bitten from the same hole twice:

The Victory will come from Allah – and we should not call for those who previously supported this dictator and those like him to bring about the change, whether they are Russia China US UN or NATO

Rather –

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ

**O you who believe, if you support Allah , He will support you and plant firmly your feet.**