

### **The wounds of Jihad fighters**

The Prophet said, "A wound which a Muslim receives in Allah's cause [i.e. Jihad] will appear on the Day of Resurrection as it was at the time of infliction; blood will be flowing from the wound and its color will be that of the blood but will smell like musk." (*alBukhari 1:238*)

### **Martyrdom guarantees Paradise for Muslim fighters**

Muhammad said: "Allah guarantees that He will admit the *mujahid* ('jihad fighter') in His cause into Paradise if he is killed." (*alBukhari 4:46*)

alMughira said: "Our Prophet has informed us our Lord's Message that **whoever of us is martyred, will go to Paradise.**" (*alBukhari 9:621*)

"Allah guarantees to the person who carries out Jihad for His Cause and nothing compelled him to go out but the Jihad in His Cause, and belief in His Words, that He will either admit him into Paradise or return him with his reward or the booty he has earned to his residence from where he went out." (*alBukhari 9:549, 555; 4:46, 352; 1:35*)

Al-Mughira told the Persians who they were attacking: "Our Prophet, the Messenger of our Lord, has ordered us to fight you till you worship Allah Alone or give *Jizya* (i.e. tribute); and our Prophet has informed us that our Lord says: Whoever amongst us is killed (i.e. martyred), shall go to Paradise to lead such a luxurious life as he has never seen, and whoever amongst us remain alive, shall become your master'." (*alBukhari 4:386*)

### **Jihad horses earn rewards for Muslims**

Muhammad asked a man: "Can you, while the Muslim fighter is in the battlefield, enter your mosque to perform prayers without cease and fast and never break your fast?" The man said, "But who can do that?" Abu Huraira added, "The *mujahid* (i.e. Muslim fighter) is rewarded even for the footsteps of his horse while it wanders about (for grazing) tied in a long rope." (*alBukhari 4:44*)

Muhammad said: "The one for whom [horses] are a source of reward, is he who keeps a horse for Allah's cause (i.e. Jihad) tying it with a long tether on a meadow or in a garden with the result that whatever it eats from the area of the meadow or the garden where it is tied will be counted as good deeds for his benefit, and if it should break its rope and jump over one or two hillocks then all its dung and its foot marks will be written as good deeds for him; and if it passes by a river and drinks water from it even though he had no intention of watering it, even then he will get the reward for its drinking." (*alBukhari 4:112; 3:559; 4:686; 9:454*)

### **The call to fight must be obeyed**

Allah's Apostle said, "There is no *hijra* (i.e. migration) (from Mecca to Medina) after the conquest (of Mecca), but Jihad and good intention remain; and if you are called (by the Muslim ruler) for fighting, go forth immediately." (*alBukhari 4:42*)

### **Muhammad's opponents will be persecuted**

At his final pilgrimage to Mecca, standing on Mount Arafat, surrounded by 100,000 Muslims, Muhammad declared: "**I descended by Allah with the sword in my hand, and my wealth will come from the shadow of the sword. And the one who will disagree with me will be humiliated and persecuted.**" (Ibn Hisham *The Life of Muhammad* (Beirut: Dar-al-Jil, 1998) Vol.3. p.8)

# Muhammad on Jihad

*Some sayings  
of  
Islam's prophet  
about  
War, Fighting  
& Violence*

**as recorded  
in the *Hadith*  
(traditions)  
of Islam  
& the *Sira*  
(biography)**

### **MUHAMMAD PROMISED WARFARE AGAINST THE MECCANS EVEN BEFORE HE WENT TO MEDINA**

When Muhammad started to preach in Mecca, some people said "injurious things" about him. He threatened them: **"By him who holds my life in His hand I bring you slaughter!"** (*Sira p.131*).

When his Meccan opponents were killed by Muslim troops a few years later, he addressed their corpses, saying: "Have you found true what your Lord promised you?" (*al-Bukhari 2:452*)

### **THE REASONS FOR FIGHTING**

Muhammad said: "I have been ordered (by Allah) to **fight against the people until they testify** that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and that Muhammad is Allah's Apostle." (*alBukhari 1:24*).

### **FIGHTING CAN BE USED FOR SPREADING ISLAM**

[Muhammad] said, "He who fights so that Allah's Word (Islam) should be superior, then he fights in Allah's cause." (*alBukhari 1:125; 4:65, 355; 9:550*)

### **FIGHTING BROUGHT WEALTH TO THE MUSLIMS**

**The Arabs were poor before Muhammad came**

Mughira told the Persians: "We are some people from the Arabs; we led a hard, miserable, disastrous life: we used to suck the hides and the date stones from hunger; we used to wear clothes made up of fur of camels and hair of goats, and to worship trees and stones." (*alBukhari 4:386*)

### **JIHAD MADE THE MUSLIMS WEALTHY**

"Allah made the Prophet wealthy through conquests" (*alBukhari 3:495*).

Muhammad told his followers: **"Allah made you rich through me."** (*alBukhari 5:619*)

Muhammad promised his men that the Roman and Persian leaders Caesar and Khosrau would be "ruined" and that "you will spend their treasures in Allah's cause." (*alBukhari 4:267,349,350, 793,815,816; 8:625,626*)

### **JIHAD WAS EFFECTIVE BY TERROR**

Muhammad said: "I have been made victorious with terror." (*al-Bukhari 4:220*)

"Allah made me victorious by awe, (by His frightening my enemies) for a distance of one month's journey." (*alBukhari 1:331*)

### **FIGHTING IS THE GREATEST DEED**

"A man came to Allah's Apostle and said, 'Instruct me as to such a deed as equals Jihad (in reward).' Muhammad replied, 'I do not find such a deed.'" (*alBukhari 4:44*).

At other times, *jihad* is described as the most excellent action after belief in Allah (*alBukhari 1:25; 2:594*). Sometimes it is in third place behind prayer and duty to parents. (*alBukhari 1:505; 4:41; 8:1; 9:625; B.1:25; 2:594*)

### **MUHAMMAD DESIRED MULTIPLE MARTYRDOMS FOR HIMSELF**

Muhammad said: "Had I not found it difficult for my followers, then I would not remain behind any *sariya* [military expedition] going for Jihad and I would have loved to be martyred in Allah's cause and then made alive, and then martyred and then made alive, and then again martyred in His cause." (*alBukhari 1:35; 4:54; 9:332, 333*)

You can read the Hadith online at: [Searchtruth.com](http://Searchtruth.com). You can download a copy of the *Sira* (biography of Muhammad) on [www.justislam.co.uk/islamic books](http://www.justislam.co.uk/islamic%20books)

### **MUSLIM MARTYRS DESIRED SECOND MARTYRDOMS**

Muhammad said: "There was no believer who had parted from the world and wanted to return to it for a single hour even if he could possess it with all it has except the martyr who would like to return and fight for God and be killed a second time." (*Sira p.400*)

### **THE CLOSE CONNECTION BETWEEN JIHAD AND PARADISE**

#### **Paradise is beneath the sword**

Muhammad said: "Paradise is under the blades (or shades, or shadow) of the sword." (*alBukhari 4:73, 210, 266.1*)

#### **One of the gates of Paradise is called 'Jihad'**

Muhammad said: "Whoever was amongst the people who used to participate in Jihad will be called from the gate of Jihad." (*alBukhari 3:121*)

#### **Jihad fighters earn a higher place in Paradise**

Muhammad said: "Paradise has one-hundred grades which Allah has reserved for the *mujāhidīn* [jihad warriors] who fight in His cause, and the distance between each of two grades is like the distance between the Heaven and the earth." (*alBukhari 4:48; 9:519*)