

The main purpose of Ghazwat-e-Nabawi was to establish peace. explain

## I Introduction:

During lifetime of Prophet (P.B.U.H), he waged couple of wars primarily against the disbelievers of Makkah. The purpose of these wars were not to gain any material benefit from them, far from it, infact it was to establish peace in land. There are four conquests which are of prime significance namely Battle of Badr, Battle of Uhud, Battle of Trench and lastly Conquest of Makkah. The motive behind all these conquests was to establish the deen of Allah, in other words, to bring peace to the lands.

## II Concept of peace in Islam:

The terminological meaning of Islam is "to submit one's will to Allah Almighty to get peace."

It is mentioned in Quran that prophet was not sent but as a mercy for all mankind. A renowned foreign author is a staunch believer of that

"Islam is religion of peace and it's prophet preached tolerance and co-existence."

— Karen Armstrong



وما ارسلناك الا رحمة للعالمين.

"And we have not sent you but as mercy to all worlds."

The commandments of Islam are such that when applied and acting upon, they shun the evil prevalent in society and bring peace to it.

### ③ Purpose of Ghawat-e-Nabwi: Peace:

Wars are generally waged to attain material gains whether it is wealth or power.

However the purpose of Ghawat-e-Nabi was very different from these conventional motives behind these wars.

The Holy prophet was commanded to wage war to make deen of Allah prevalent. This brings peace to land.

The importance of peace can be known by analysing following verse of Quran

والفتنة اشرون القتل -

"for mischief is far worse than killing.

Mischief - opposite of peace, is stated worse than killing.



This verse makes it clear that peace is of paramount importance. To attain it, there will be loss of lives, which is inevitable. But for some higher gains, some actions need to be taken which cannot be avoided. Thus wars had to be waged to efface the mischief which had plagued the tribes of Makkah during time of holy prophet.

Furthermore, the saying of prophet:  
"Your blood and your property are as sacred as this day, this month and this city."

— Last sermon of Prophet

This also makes it clear that he would never wage war to get hold on others' properties or for bloodshed. But he did so, to make peace prevalent in the world.

#### (IV) Analyzing major Ghazwat-e-Nabwi:

To further back the statement that the purpose of Ghazwat-e-Nabwi was to establish peace, it will be beneficial to analyse the Ghazwat-e-Nabwi.

a. Ghazwat-



a. **Battle of Badr:**

The battle of Badr was fought in response to was started by infidels. When the captives of war came, the prophet asked for opinion of both Hazrat Omar and Abu Bakr.

Hazrat Omar asked to kill all the captives whereas Abu Bakr suggested to take ransom. The prophet preferred Abu Bakr's decision.

The whole incident is mentioned in Sahih Muslim, narrated by Omar Khattab, the concluding sentences of which goes as follows

"The messenger of Allah liked what Abu Bakr said and did not like what I said"

— Sahih Muslim

b. **Battle of Uhud Conquest of Makkah:**

Conquest of Makkah is the best example that wars waged by prophet are intended to promote peace. When prophet entered the city he pardon all people and did not carry out bloodshedding.

When he entered Makkah, he broke all false idols and said that truth has come and falsehood has perished



وقل جاء الحق وزهق الباطل وان الباطل  
كان زهوقا.

"And say: 'Truth has come, and falsehood has vanished; indeed, falsehood is bound to perish.'"

This verse underlines the motive that Prophet had lived all his life for spreading truth, which could be loosely translated to peace, and eliminating falsehood and chaos that were deep rooted in the Arab society.

### ⑤ Prophet preserving peace with those willing to preserve peace:

In his lifetime the holy prophet has made many agreements with jews, christians and others who were willing to preserve peace. One such agreement was treaty with the christians of Najran. The famous part in history is constitution of Medina (Mithaq-e-Medina) where all Jewish tribes were granted protection.

The two main tribes of Medina lived peacefully following Mithaq-e-Medina. Although before there existed severe tension between the two tribes.



## ⑥ Prophet advice to observe peace to his companions:

Prophet has advised his companions to not harm any living or non living thing when they enter a land. The advice of prophet, which is as follows, again abandon any idea that the main purpose of Ghazwat-e-Nabwi was anything left peace.

"Do not kill women, children, the elderly, or those in places of worship.

Do not steal of war spoils and do not kill of livestock except of food. Do not cut down trees and do not destroy crops!"

— Sunan Abu Dawood.

## ⑦ Conclusion:

To sum up, Holy prophet waged war, first by commandment of Allah and second with motive to promote and preserve peace in land. Many actions by him are enough to back up this statement. He advised to his companions that which is more nearer to peace, he made agreements with various tribes willing to preserve peace and Ghazwat-e-Nabwi themselves are enough of evidence that not single of them were waged out of desire for material gain but purely to establish peace in the world.



Highlight the importance of zakat and prove that economic stability of a society can be ensured through its effective implementation

### ① Introduction :

Zakat, being third pillar of Islam holds immense importance. From Quran and hadith, it can be proved that those who hold themselves back are associated with disbelievers. It's been mentioned several times in Quran, for believers, to pay zakat. It, along with purifying one's wealth, purifies his soul as well. The benefits of zakat does not confine to individual self only but its benefits manifest themselves to a societal level as well.

The social and economic aspect of a society can be improved by implementing the system of zakat properly. It benefits the society by adopting middle course rather than moving to any one extreme namely, Capitalism or socialism.

### ② Islamic Worship: Zakat

Literal meaning: The word zakat has two literal meanings, to purify and to increase

Terminological meaning Terminologically, it means to take out some amount from the wealth of muslims, according to prescribed shariah law, to purify their wealth.

Zakat is the 3<sup>rd</sup> pillar of Islam, which was made obligatory in second year of Hija. It is one of the worship which lays foundation for a state, to thrive economically.

### ③ Importance of Zakat:

The idea about importance of zakat can be effectively understand by the fact that it was made 3<sup>rd</sup> pillar of Islam. following points further demonstrate it's importance:

#### a. Several times mentioned in Quran:

Quran mentions paying zakat several times at different places. Much emphasis has been made on this mode of worship.

واقموا الصلاة وءالوا الزكاة

"And perform prayer and give alms (zakat)."

#### b. Allah has blessed zakat:

In Quran it is mentioned that Allah has blessed it. It is the act of worship



which is blessed by the one worshiped himself.

يسحق الله الربوا ويربي الصدقات

"God condemns usury, and he blesses charity."

c. Purifies the wealth of Giver of zakat:

It is mentioned in Quran that the people give zakat to purify themselves. In another place Allah commands Messenger (PBUH) to take the wealth of people, in other words to make them pay zakat, in order to purify them.

خذ من اموالهم صدقة تطهرهم وتزكهم بها

"Receive contribution from their wealth to purify them and sanctify them with it."

d. Curse on those who don't Pay Zakat:

In Quran the polytheists has been cursed by Allah himself because they don't pay zakat. Zakat is one of the reasons Lord has cursed the unbelievers. Believers are believed to pay zakat and those who don't incur the curse of Almighty upon them.

وويل للمشركين الذين لا يؤتون الزكاة

"And woe to polytheists who don't pay alms tax."



e. Abu Bakr's Declaration of war on zakat refusers:

After the death of prophet, there were people of a certain tribe who refused to pay Zakat.

When Abu Bakr came to know about this, he declared that he would wage war if they insist on refusing to pay zakat. This incident underscores the significance of zakat.

(iv) Economic stability achieved through effective implementation of zakat:

The zakat does not have its benefits confined to an individual, but they manifest themselves at societal level as well. The society or a state can ensure the economic stability by effectively implementing the system of zakat.

a. Zakat ensures the circulation of wealth

One of the requirements of healthy economy is to ensure the circulation of wealth.

Through system of zakat that aim is achieved in a just manner. The principle of payment of zakat commands to pay fixed percentage of 2.5% which means as the wealth of person increases, he will pay more leading to more just system.



**b. Reduces gap between rich & poor:**

Zakat ensures a balance society where there is reduced difference between two classes instead of chasm wide gap between two. Payment of zakat is an yearly process in other words perennial, which will ensure the poor gets their due, not once but rather every year.

**c. Zakat encourages trade and discourage tying up money:**

Islam prohibits usury, which is loaning of money through money, and encourages trade for healthy economic system to establish, tying up one's money in bank is deathblow to economic system. Instead, trade and development ensures a good and efficient economic system, both of by products of effective implementation of zakat.

**d. Zakat eradicate poverty:**

Poverty is hindrance in way establishing a efficient economic system. Zakat reduces the poverty as rich are obliged to give amount from their wealth to poor. The poor may become self-sufficient by using the money to earn livelihood. If zakat is properly implemented it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that poverty will be eliminated.



## Conclusion:

To sum up, zakat is one of the most important worship Allah Almighty has himself blessed it and curse the usury, which is opposite of zakat. Many Quranic verses back up the importance of zakat. Its importance is observed on societal level as well. If properly implemented, zakat has potential to eradicate poverty, it encourage trade and ensure circulation of wealth. It will result in efficient economic system which can ensure the thrive state to thrive.