

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Khilafat, A Divine Decree

Holy Qur'an:

"Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will, surely, make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will, surely, establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that after their state of fear He will grant them peace and security. They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then who disbelieve thereafter, they will be the rebellious ones." (24:56)

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَ
عَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي
الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ
وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ
وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا
يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَن كَفَرَ
بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

Hadith:

عن حذيفة رضى الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم تكون النبوة فيكم ما شاء الله ان تكون ثم يرفعها الله تعالى ثم تكون خلافة على منهاج النبوة ما شاء الله ان تكون ثم يرفعها الله تعالى ثم تكون ملكاً عاضاً فتكون ما شاء الله ان تكون ثم يرفعها الله تعالى ثم تكون خلافة على منهاج النبوة ثم سنكت -
(مسند احمد بحواله مشكوة باب الانذار والتحذير)

"Prophethood shall remain among you as long as God wills. He will bring about its end and follow it with Khilafat on the precepts of Prophethood for as long as He wills and then bring about its end. Kingship shall then follow, to remain as long as God wills and then come to an end. There shall then be tyranny which shall remain as long as God wills and come to an end upon His decree. There will then emerge Khilafat on the precepts of Prophethood" (Masnad-i-Ahmad)

Khilafat in the writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام

"Brethren, since it is the practice of God from ancient times that he shows two manifestations in order to frustrate two false exaltations of His enemies, it is inconceivable that He should abandon this established practice. Therefore you must not be grieved at that which I have mentioned, nor should your hearts be afflicted, for it is necessary for you to witness the second manifestation whose appearance is better for you, for it is everlasting and unending till the Day of Judgment.

The second manifestation cannot occur until I depart, and it is only when I depart that God shall send the second manifestation for you which shall abide with you forever. It is, therefore, necessary for you to see the day of my departure so that the day may follow which is the day of everlasting promise. I have appeared from God as a glory and I am one of His glories duly personified, but there shall be other persons after me who shall bear the glory of His second manifestation" (Al Wasiyyat, p.6-7).