

Wilayah

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Abbreviations: -

azwj: - Az Za Wa Jalla

saww: - Sal lal la ho Allay hay Wa Aal lay he Wasallam

asws: - Allay hay Salawat Wass Salam

as: - Allahey Salam

The Soul of Pillars of Islam is the Wilayah:

Our 5th Imam^{asws} said that Islam was built on five pillars: the **Salat**, the **Zakat**, the **Pilgrimage**, the **Soam (Fasting)** and the **Wilayah**. Wilayah is the most important, because it is the soul and His^{azwj} 'Wali' (the Imams^{asws}) are the evidence on them (people).¹

The Wilayah (Total Submission/Obedience):

Allah^{azwj} Says in the Holy Quran:

: إِنَّمَا وَلِيُّكُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ يُتِمُّونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ رَاكِعُونَ (5:55)

Only Allah is your Wali and His Messenger and those who believe, those who keep up prayers and pay the poor-rate while they bow.

(Imam^{asws} says in a Hadith): 'The Wilayah of Allah^{azwj}, Rasool Allah^{saww} and Imam Ali^{asws} is of the same value.'

Amir-ul-Momineen^{asws} said: 'My^{asws} Wilayah is the Wilayah of Allah^{azwj} and all Prophets^{as} had to submit to our Wilayah, as part of the major requirement (to be given the Prophet-hood).'²

Amir-ul-Momineen^{asws} said to his close disciples in one of his^{asws} sermons: 'O Salman! Allah^{azwj}, Said: "Do not seek Allah^{azwj}'s Help but through 'Patience and Prayer; It is indeed hard except for those who possess a humble spirit." 'Patience' is Prophet Muhammad^{saww} and 'Prayer' is my^{asws} Wilayah. Thus, that is why Allah^{azwj} has declared that it is indeed hard to understand these Powers. In fact, my^{asws} Wilayah is not easy to understand but for those who have a humble spirit. Thus, Allah^{azwj} Made my Wilayah easier only for those who have the 'humble spirits.'

The Scope of Wilayah:

The 'Imam^{asws}' is the guide for the seekers of truth and an inspiration for the rightly guided. His^{asws} 'Wilayah' is the means leading to salvation (in the Hereafter). Wilayah safeguards followers from danger and disasters and the management of their all affairs.³ **(The scope of an Imam's Wilayah is to provide protection and to fulfil our needs – that is the Imam^{asws} made by Allah^{azwj})**

¹ H. 5, الكافي ج: 2 ص: 19

(علي بن ابراهيم، عن أبيه وعبد الله بن الصلت جميعاً، عن حماد بن عيسى، عن حريز بن عبد الله، عن زرارة، عن أبي جعفر (عليه السلام) قال: بني الاسلام على خمسة أشياء: على الصلاة والزكاة والحج والصوم والولاية، قال زرارة: فقلت: وأي شيء من ذلك أفضل؟ فقال: الولاية أفضل، لأنها مفتاحهن والوالي هو الدليل عليهن.)

² AlQatara, vol. 2, pp. 64, Amali Mufeed 142, tradition 9, Bihar Volume 100, pp. 262, tradition 15, Amali Tusi, 271, tradition 19.

³ بحار الأنوار 1 26 باب 14 - نادر في معرفتهم صلوات الله

Allah^{azwj} Says in the Holy Quran:

يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتِيَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَأَوْفُوا بِعَهْدِي أُوفِ بِعَهْدِكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ فَارْهَبُونِ (2:40)

Children of Israel, remember My favour which I have shown you, and fulfil My agreement! I shall fulfil your covenant. I am the One you should revere!⁴

Imam Jafar Sadiq^{asws} (our 6th Imam^{asws}) was asked about the meanings of this Verse and Imam^{asws} replied, 'It means, if you submit to the Wilayah of Ali^{asws}, which has been made compulsory by Your Lord^{azwj} on to you then Allah^{azwj} will enter you into Paradise.'⁵

In the famous Verse of Kursi (Holy Quran), Allah^{azwj} Says:

اللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ ۗ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَوْلِيَاؤُهُمُ الطَّاغُوتُ يُخْرِجُونَهُم مِّنَ النُّورِ إِلَى الظُّلُمَاتِ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۗ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ {2:257}

Allah is the guardian of those who believe. He brings them out of the darkness into the Light; and (as to) those who disbelieve, their guardians are Shaitans who take them out of the Light into the darkness; they are the inmates of the fire, in it they shall live (forever).

Imam Jafar e Sadiq^{asws} said in the explanation of the above Verse that the 'Darkness' means the enemies of the Imams^{asws} and the Light means the Imam and/or their Wilayah.⁶

Rasool Allah^{saww} was asked to announce the Wilayah of Imam Ali^{asws} Ibn Abi Talib^{asws} on the Days of Arfah (9th of Zilhaj) during the last Hajj but Rasool Allah^{saww} did not announce Wilayah of Ali^{asws} due to the opposition of those present. Then Message of Allah^{azwj} Came again on the 18th of Zilhaj and this time it was very Clear and Strict:

يَا أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ بَلِّغْ مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ ۗ وَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلْ فَمَا بَلَّغْتَ رِسَالَتَهُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَعْصِمُكَ مِنَ النَّاسِ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْكَافِرِينَ {5:67}

O Messenger! Deliver what has been revealed to you from your Lord; and if you do it not, then you have not delivered His message, and Allah will protect you from the people; surely, Allah will not guide the unbelieving people.

Rasool Allah^{saww} announced the Wilayah of Imam Ali^{asws} at Ghadir-e-Khumm in his^{saww} farewell Hajj Sermon by raising the Hand of Imam Ali^{asws} and saying:

⁴ Al Baqra, (2), verse 40.

⁵ Tafseer by Syed Imdad Hussain, pp. 9

⁶ Al-Ayyashi, Tafsir, Vol. 1, pg. 138-139, Al-Majlisi, Bihar, Vol. 15/1, pg. 17, 129, Al-Bahrani, Al-Burhan, Vol. 1, pg. 244.

'Munkuntu Mola ho Fa Haza Ali un Mola' (Whosoever I^{saww} am the Mola (Wali) his/her is this Ali^{asws} the Mola/Wali')

The famous Verse of the Holy Quran (5:3) was Revealed only after Rasool Allah^{saww} announced the Wilayah of Imam Ali^{asws} Ibn Abi Talib^{asws} after returning from the Last Hajj at the place called 'Ghadir-e-Khumm'. In this Verse Allah^{azwj} Says:

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا ۗ {5:3}

This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favour on you and chosen for you Islam as a religion;

Allah^{azwj} also Says in the Holy Quran:

Surely, this Quran guides to that which is most upright and gives good news to the believers who do good that they shall have a great reward (17:9).

Imam^{asws} says the 'Most Upright' refers to the Wilayah of the Imams^{asws}.⁷

Imam Ali^{asws} Ibn Abi Talib^{asws} (our first Imam) says: 'whosoever comes with a good deed (al-Hasana), he shall have (a reward which is) better than it; and they shall be secure from terror of that day (Day of Judgement). And whosoever comes with an evil deed (Sayyia), their faces shall be thrust into the Fire; the good deed is the recognition of our Wilayah and love (hubb) for us, the Ahl Al-Bayt^{asws}. The evil deed is denial of our Wilayah and hatred (bughz) for us^{asws}.⁸

Rasool Allah^{saww} said that the Wilayah of Ali^{asws} is a good deed that cannot give rise to an error.⁹

A Brief Account of Ghadir-e-Khumm

(It has been narrated) from Abu Ja'far^{asws} (5th Imam^{asws}): 'When Rasool-Allah^{saww} finished the Farewell Pilgrimage, encamped at a land called 'Zawjan', this Verse was Revealed **[5:67] O Rasool! Deliver what has been Revealed unto you from your Lord; and if you do it not, then you have not delivered His Message, and Allah will Protect you from the people.** So Rasool Allah^{saww} called for the congregational Prayer. The people gathered and Rasool Allah^{saww} said: 'Who is higher among you than your own selves?' They all said, 'Allah^{azwj} and His^{azwj} Rasool^{saww}'. So Rasool Allah^{saww} grabbed Imam Ali^{asws} Bin Abu Talib^{asws} and said: 'The one whom I^{saww} was a Moula (Master) of, so Imam Ali^{asws} is his Moula! Our Allah^{azwj}! Befriend the one who befriends him^{asws}, and be hostile to the one who is hostile to him^{asws}, and Help the one who helps him^{asws}, and Abandon the one who abandons him^{asws}, for he^{asws} is from me^{saww}, and it was the last Obligation which Allah^{azwj} the High Obligated upon the community of Muhammad^{saww}, then Allah^{azwj} Revealed unto His^{azwj} Prophet^{saww} **[5:3] This day have I Perfected for you your Religion and Completed My Favour on you and Chosen for you Islam as a Religion.'**

⁷ Al-Ayyashi, Tafsir, Vol. 2, pg. 283-139, Al-Bahrani, Al-Burhan, Vol. 2, pg. 409.

⁸ Al-Kafi, Vol. 1, pg. 262, H. 14.

⁹ Bihar, Vol. 8, pg. 300

Abu Ja'far^{asws} said: 'So they received from Rasool-Allah^{saww} everything which Allah^{azwj} Commanded them, from the Obligation regarding the Salat (Prayer), and the Soam (Fasts), and the Zakat (alms-giving), and the Hajj (Pilgrimage), and submitted to Imam Ali^{asws}'s (Wilayah) by agreeing with Rasool Allah^{saww}.' Ibn Is'haq asked: 'When was that?' He^{asws} said: 'Seventeen nights from *Zilhaj* in the year ten (Hijra) during the returning from the Farewell Hajj.'¹⁰

Declaration of Wilayah in Ghadir-e-Khumm

(Amir-ul-Momineen^{asws}) said in a sermon: 'I^{asws} adjure you to Allah^{azwj} regarding the Words of Allah^{azwj} "[4:59] O you who believe! obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority from among you", and His^{azwj} Words "[5:55] Only Allah is your Guardian and His Rasool and those who believe, those who keep up the Prayers and pay the Zakat while they are bowing", then Said [9:16] Are you reckoning that you would be left alone while Allah has not yet Known those of you who have struggled hard and do not take to any one besides Allah and His Rasool and the Believers as a confidant. Allah^{azwj} Ordered His^{azwj} Messenger^{saww} that he^{saww} should teach them about the 'Wilayah' just as he^{saww} had explained to them their Salat (Prayers), and their Soam (Fasts), and their Zakat (alms-giving), and their Hajj (Pilgrimage). So the Rasool^{saww} nominated me^{asws} at Ghadir-e-Khumm and said that: "Allah^{azwj} Sent me^{saww} with a Message which constricted my^{saww} chest as I^{saww} could see that the people were not going to believe me^{saww}. Allah^{azwj} Promised me^{saww} that I^{saww} should preach it or else Allah^{azwj} would Punish me^{saww} so Arise! O Ali^{asws}."

'Then Rasool Allah^{saww} called for the congregational Prayer, so we all Prayed with him^{asws} Al-Zohr (Midday Prayer), then Rasool Allah^{saww} said: "O you people! Surely, Allah^{azwj} is my^{saww} Moula (Master), and I^{saww} am the Moula of the believers and higher to them than their own selves. Beware! The one to whom I^{saww} was the Moula of, Ali^{asws} is that person's Moula. Our Allah^{azwj}! Befriend the one who befriends him^{asws}, and be hostile to the one who is hostile to him^{asws}, and Help the one who helps him^{asws} and Abandon the one who abandons him^{asws}."

'So Salman Al-Farsy^{as} stood up in front of Rasool Allah^{saww} and said, 'O Rasool Allah^{saww}, be submissive to Imam Ali^{asws} like what?' Rasool Allah^{saww} said: 'Be submissive to him^{asws} like you are submissive to me^{saww}. The one to whom I^{saww} am higher than his own self, so Ali^{asws} is higher to him than his own self', and Allah^{azwj} Blessed and High Sent down **[5:3] This day have I Perfected for you your Religion and Completed My Favour on you and Chosen for you Islam as a Religion.** So Salman Al-Farsy^{as} said, 'O Rasool Allah^{saww}, this Verse has Descended regarding Imam Ali^{asws} especially?' The Rasool Allah^{saww} said: 'Indeed, it is regarding Imam Ali^{asws}, and regarding my^{saww} successors up to the Day of Judgement.'

'Then the Rasool Allah^{saww} said: 'O Salman, you and those who are present are witnesses of that, and those present should make it reach to the ones who are absent'. Salman Al-Farsy^{as} said, 'O Rasool Allah^{saww}, explain it for us'. So Rasool

¹⁰ غاية المرام: 6 /337

Allah^{saww} said: 'Ali^{asws}, who is my^{saww} brother, and my^{saww} Vizier, and my^{saww} successor, and my^{saww} inheritor, and my^{saww} Caliph in my^{saww} community, and the Guardian of every believer after me^{saww}, and eleven Imams^{asws} from his sons^{asws}. The first of them^{asws} is my^{saww} son Al-Hassan^{asws}, then Al-Husayn^{asws}, then nine from the sons^{asws} of Al-Husayn^{asws}, one after the other. The Quran is with them^{asws} and they^{asws} are with the Quran. Neither will it separate from them^{asws} nor will they separate from it until they^{asws} return to the Fountain'. Twelve men from the people of Badr stood up and said, 'We testify that we heard that from the Rasool Allah^{saww} as you^{asws} have said it exactly, neither have you^{asws} added nor you^{asws} have been deficient by a single letter, and the Rasool Allah^{saww} made us witnesses on that'. And the remaining seventy said, 'We have heard that but did not memorise all of it, and these twelve are our good ones, and the best ones of us'. So Imam Ali^{asws} said: 'You spoke the truth. It is not for all the people to be memorisers, some of them are better at memorising than others.'

Al-No'man Al-Haris Al-Fahry and his punishment:

Imam Ja'far Bin Muhammad Al-Sadiq^{asws}, (the 6th Imam^{asws}) said that when Rasool Allah^{saww} nominated Imam Ali^{asws} on the Day of Ghadir-e-Khumm and said: 'The one whom I^{saww} was the Master of, so Ali^{asws} is his Master (من كنت مولاه فعلي مولاه), that became common knowledge in the country. Then Al-No'man Al-Haris Al-Fahry came to the Prophet^{saww}, and said, 'You^{saww} commanded us from Allah^{azwj} that we should testify that there is no god except for Allah^{azwj}, and that you^{saww} are the Rasool Allah^{saww}, and commanded us for the Jihad, and the Hajj, and the Fasts, and the Prayer, and the Zakat, so we accepted these, then you^{asws} are not happy until you^{saww} nominate this boy, so you^{saww} said: 'The one whom I^{saww} was the Master of, so Ali^{asws} is his Master (من كنت مولاه فعلي مولاه)'. So is this thing from you^{saww} or a Command from Allah^{azwj}? So he^{saww} said: 'Yes, and Allah^{azwj} is the One, there is no god except Him^{azwj}, this is from Allah^{azwj}'.

So No'man Bin Al-Haris turned around and he was saying, 'O Allah^{azwj}! If this is the Truth from You^{azwj}, so let stones rain upon us from the sky!' So Allah^{azwj} Stoned him upon his head, and killed him. And Allah^{azwj} Revealed **[70:1] A questioner asked for the Punishment to befall.**¹¹

Abu Saeed Al-Khudry reports the allegiance of Ghadir

Abu Saeed Al-Khudry said that the Rasool Allah^{saww} called the people at Ghadir e Khum. So he^{saww} ordered to have the thorns cleared from under the tree.

Then he^{saww} called the people over to himself^{saww} and took the arms of Imam Ali^{asws} and raised them. He^{saww} said: 'The one whose 'Mola' Master I^{saww} was, Ali^{asws} is that person's 'Mola' Master.' Abu Saeed said, 'He did not come down from the Pulpit until

¹¹ (مجمع البيان 10: 529).

this Verse was Revealed: “[5:3] **This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed My favour on you and chosen for you Islam as a religion**”. So the Rasool Allah^{saww} said: ‘Allah^{azwj} is Great, for having Perfected the Religion, and Completed the Favour and the Lord^{azwj} is Pleased by the Wilayah of Ali^{asws} from after me^{saww}’.

Objections of Abu Bakr and Umar in Al-Ghadir

The Rasool Allah^{saww} stood up during the time of midday, and ordered for a tent to be set up, and ordered Imam Ali^{asws} to enter inside it, and the first ones that the Rasool Allah^{saww} ordered to accept his^{asws} Wilayah were Abu Bakr and Umar.

Neither of them stood up until after they asked the Rasool Allah^{saww}, ‘Is the Order for this allegiance from Allah^{azwj}?’ So he^{saww} replied to them both: ‘Yes, this is from the Orders of Allah^{azwj} Majestic and High, and both of you should know that the one who breaks this allegiance is ‘Kafir’ (an infidel), for the words of Ali^{asws} are my^{saww} words, and his^{asws} command is my^{saww} command. So the one who opposes the words of Ali^{asws}, he has opposed me^{saww}.’

After having emphasised this speech to the two of them, he^{saww} quickly ordered them for the allegiance. So they both stood up and came up to Imam Ali^{asws} and paid allegiance to him^{asws} as ‘Amir-ul-Momineen’. And Umar said during the allegiance, ‘Congratulations, congratulations to you^{asws} O Ali^{asws}, you^{asws} have become my Master and the Master of every believing man and believing woman.’

(It has been narrated) from Abu Ja’far^{asws}: ‘The last Obligation which Allah^{azwj} the High Revealed was Al-Wilayah.’¹²

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah^{asws} regarding the Statement of the Mighty and Majestic: “[107:1] **Have you considered him who belied the Religion?**” The Imam^{asws} said: ‘It means that the Religion is Al-Wilayah. And it is supported by the Words of the High: “[3:19] **Surely the Religion with Allah is Islam**” and it is not complete except by Al-Wilayah, because the Glorious One^{azwj} Said on the day that He^{azwj} Obligated the Wilayah: [5:3] **This day have I Perfected for you your Religion and Completed My Favour on you and Chosen for you Islam as a Religion**. Had it not been for Al-Wilayah, the religion would not have been perfected, nor would the Favours have been completed, nor would Allah^{azwj} the Glorious have been Pleased for us with the Religion of Al-Islam. It is for that purpose Al-Wilayah became the Religion. So attach yourselves to the organization, its people, the *Al-Mawaleen* (those with Al-Wilayah)’.¹³

¹² تفسير القمّي 1: 162

¹³ Taweel Al Ayaat Al Zahira – CH 107 H 2

Wilayah of Imam Ali^{asws} and 11-Imams^{asws} after him^{asws} From the Holy Quran

الْحُسَيْنُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ مُعَلَّى بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَسْبَاطٍ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي حَمَزَةَ عَنْ أَبِي بَصِيرٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ع فِي قَوْلِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَ مَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَ رَسُولَهُ فِي وَلايَةِ عَلِيٍّ وَ وَلايَةِ الْأَئِمَّةِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزاً عَظِيماً هَكَذَا نَزَلَتْ

Al-Hussain ibn Mohammed, who from Mullah ibn Mohammed, who from Ali ibn Asbat, who from Ali ibn Abi Hamza who reports from Imam Abu Abd Allah^{asws}:

About the Words of Allah^{azwj}: **One who Obeys Allah and His Messenger regarding the Wilayah of Ali and the Wilayah of Imams after him, will certainly achieve a great success (33:71)**, Imam Abu Abd Allah^{asws} said: This is how it was Revealed (originally by Allah^{azwj}).¹⁴

The Muslims (in general) Left the Wilayah:

Our 5th Imam^{asws} says: 'Allah^{azwj}, has Commanded people to fulfil five obligations (the five pillars of Islam). However, they have undertaken the responsibility for four of these obligations but they have ignored one.'

The narrator asked: 'May Allah^{azwj} Keep my soul in service for your cause, will you please describe them for me?' The Imam^{asws} replied: 'The Prayer is one of such obligations, then was the Zakat, then was the Fast (Soam), and the Hajj, and then came the Command regarding the Wilayah of Imam Ali and (11) Imams^{asws} after him (an Extract from a long Hadith).¹⁵

¹⁴ الكافي ج : 1 ص : 414 H. 8,

¹⁵ Al-Kafi, Vol. 1, Ch. 64, H. 6.