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وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ

and as the one who calls (people) towards Allah with His permission [33:46]

ANSWER:

Dā'i / One who calls (people) towards Allah

COMMENTARY

‘One who calls people to Allah’ means that the Holy Prophet ﷺ calls his Ummah to believe in Allah's Being, Oneness and obedience. The act of calling towards Allah has been qualified by the phrase ‘with His permission’. It means that the Holy Prophet ﷺ calls and invites people towards Allah with His permission. This condition is an indication that preaching and inviting towards Allah are very difficult tasks which cannot be performed successfully without Allah's permission and help.

قُلْ هَذِهِ سَبِيلِي أَدْعُو إِلَى اللَّهِ عَلَى بَصِيرَةٍ أَنَا وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَنِي

Say, “This is my way. I call (people) to Allah with full perception, both I and my followers...” [12:108]

COMMENTARY

It means that the *da'wah* of the Holy Prophet ﷺ is not based on some summary view of things, instead, it is the outcome of insight, reason and wisdom. In this act of ‘full cognition,’ the Holy Prophet ﷺ has included his followers as well. According to Sayyidnā ‘Abdullāh ibn ‘Abbās *radi'allāhu ‘anhu* it refers to the noble Sabābah, may Allah be pleased with them all. They are the soldiers of Allah *subhānahū wa Ta'ālā*. Sayyidnā ‘Abdullāh ibn Mas'ūd *radi'allāhu ‘anhu* said: The Sahābah of the Holy Prophet ﷺ are the best people of this whole Ummah. Their hearts are pure and their knowledge is deep. They are far removed from formality. Allah Ta'ālā has chosen them to accompany and serve their Rasūl. You should learn their morals, habits and ways because they are the ones who are on the straight path.

It is also possible to take the expression: **(and my followers)** in the general sense whereby it would mean every person who is doing the duty of conveying the *da'wah* of the Rasūl of Allah to his Ummah right through the last day of the Qiyāmah. According to Kalbi and Ibn Zayd, this verse also makes it necessary for one who claims to follow the Holy Prophet ﷺ that he should spread his *da'wah* among people and make the teaching of the Qur'ān available to all. (Mazharī)

And Allāh Ta'ālā knows best.

