



Is It Justice?
Incident Of Gojra

Pakistan

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A Thought Of The Author

Even though I am privileged to write and translate many books using the Urdu language, still I would like to confess a reality. It is that whenever I have tried on my own to write about a topic, I have failed to do so. But whenever God has given me the burden, then the river of words began to flow and I became busy in choosing words to compose the article. Now, after a long time, the Lord led me to write this article although it was not easy for me to do so because of the fiery darts of our enemy who used even my dear ones to pull me down. There were a lot of excuses like Jonah made, but the Lord our God said, “My son, whatever excuses you offer up, it is no problem for Me. I want to tell you that you have to take this yoke upon yourself to write on this topic. I will use you for this task. There were a lot of stumbling stones for my servant Moses but I used him. My servant Jeremiah was saying ‘I am a child’ but I chose him and used him. My servant Amos was following his flock and I chose him. Matthew, Peter, James and John; even all of my servants were like you, Naveed, and I have used them even though they were not worthy in and of themselves for Me to do so. So give Me ‘the remote control’ of your life, Naveed, and let Me work and speak through you.”

Finally today, on 20th August 2009, I surrendered myself unto the Lord and said, “Lord here I am. Speak, I am listening.” This message is for every creature and especially for the Church that we might know where we are standing today and ask about whatever we are doing: “Is it according to the Word of God?” If we are “the people of the Cross,” then why do we expect “a bed of roses”? What kind of paradise we are dreaming of and longing for? As I understand it, I am the voice of the Lord for the Church in 2009. My messages, videos and literature are being appreciated by many. There is no claim that I am a prophet or that God speaks only to me and I am the only one like Elijah who was saved. There is no claim like this. Even I would put it in this way: That I am a servant of the Servants of the Lord. The condition is that they are called out by God. In every age the Lord sought out servants who were serious about Him and whoever became “a remote control in His hands” risked losing his life through crucifixion or another kind of death that brought agony and pain. So I am ready to flow in the river of blood of the martyrs to enter into the ocean of martyrs. It is my prayer that every word of this booklet may be from God and that it should be for the extension of His Kingdom. Thank you sister Miriam Jannai for editing this article. May the Lord our God continually shower His blessings upon you in each step of your life.

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Obedient Servant

A Thought

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Editing Assistance

Perhaps you can imagine how surprised I was when, in March 2002, as a grandmother who lives in the Western part of the world, God began to give me His heart for the entire Muslim world. Then, in October and November of 2005, He began to narrow the focus of His passion for Muslims to the nation of Pakistan. First there was news of the tragic earthquake and then I read about the attacks on the Christian community in Sangla Hill. At that time, God began to bring Pakistanis into my life who live both in the country and in several Western nations. Lovers of the history, culture, delicious food, beautiful garments produced by the textile industry, scenic beauty and the people of Pakistan, they began to teach me about the land of their heritage and acquaint me with the cities and geographical areas of their families. Such great, great love they have for the country God chose for me to hold close to my heart though most likely I will never have the opportunity to visit.

Naveed Malik is one of the Pakistanis who has shared his love for the people of his country with me since December 2005. Family and friends say to me, "Don't you think it is dangerous for you to be involved in even sending a greeting card to the nation of Pakistan?" and "Don't you think it is risky for you to correspond with people from Pakistan on the Internet?" Time will tell, but it is something I must do.

Reading this article by Naveed Malik was truly a blessing as it pulses with the heartbeat of God for Pakistan and further informed my heart and mind which allows me to better pray for the well-being, peace, safety, stability and prosperity of the people and nation of Pakistan as well as to inform others about the past and present history of the Asian nation they ask me about. May you also be uplifted and blessed as you experience what it is God asked His obedient servant Naveed Malik to communicate as he surrendered and gave God "the remote control" of his life.

Miriam Jannai

What Is Reality?

The incident of Gojra is a very sad happening and by now most of the world has come to know many of the details about it. The shower of shooting upon a Christian community that was unaware, closing of the streets, openly exhibiting the latest armaments, and pulling away of the scarves of our Christian mothers and sisters and dishonoring them. Saying "Infidels!" about innocent Christians in this case, and Islamic priests announcing from the speakers of the mosques to perform "Jihad" (Holy War) against Christians and warming up the emotions of the Muslim mob to destroy everything by saying "Allah-O-Akbar!" (Allah is great). Pulling out Christians from their houses that have been made by their own blood

and sweat and openly burning the belongings of these poor Christians. Dishonoring the Church buildings and throwing explosive matter meant to burn them as well as throwing hundreds of copies of the Bible in the air while laughing loudly. Even burning alive the animals of the Christians and burning their houses by throwing oil on them after locking up Christians inside. Then, even attacking injured Christians on their beds in the hospitals! What kind of justice is this? It is so sad that the police arrived two hours late. Only after all the destruction came to an end following announcements of the Islamic priests for the emotional mob to back away from their “Jihad” did the police reach Gojra. Sad and even so sad!

The reality is that it could not be proven for what these poor Christians have been punished. There were totally false accusations against them. We Christian priests never teach to our congregations to say something bad about any religion or throw mud against them. Our people honor and respect Islam, followers of Islam, Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) and the Quran. No one from the Christian background will do this kind of evil against Islam. For many years Zakir Naik has been speaking against the Christian faith from Peace Television (although there is nothing peaceful about it), and creating hatred. But we still lift our hands toward heaven and pray for the opening of his spiritual eyes. We never curse him. Instead, we say, “Father, forgive him because he knows not what he is doing.” We openly say, “If there is any Christian who does something against Islam then, rather than taking the law into your own hands, give him to the police and sue the case against him. Then, if it is proven that he did wrong, let the law deal with him if there is no forgiveness.” But sad to say, the law has also been created and written by these Muslims.

Pakistan On The World’s Map

My Dear Muslim Friends: Do you know what the role of Christians was in forming Pakistan? Do you know that Pakistan came into being only because of the three votes of Christians? The names of these voters are Dewan Bahader S. P Singha, K. L Rellia Ram and C.E Gabban who were the pillars of the subcontinent. Without the casting of their votes, the map of the world would have been something else.

Do you know how many Christian soldiers laid down their lives and shed their blood in the 1947, 1965 and 1971 wars fought between India and Pakistan? I wish you would have known it but it seems you don’t know. Better to ask the Christian mothers of Sindh, Punjab, NWFP and Baluchistan (4 Provinces of Pakistan) whose sons have been killed by the Indian forces on the Pakistani border. Ask those Christian sisters whose brothers are no more alive to lay their loving hands upon their heads. Ask those wives whose life partners left them alone in the most difficult journey of their lives. Ask those Christian orphans who never experienced the warmest love of their father’s lap. Our land still cries for them and streams of tears flow in their memory.

Wherever a natural disaster falls upon the land of Pakistan, Pakistani Christians try their best to be first to reach there. On the medical side all over Pakistan, it is mostly the Pakistani Christians who serve humanity. They don’t care whether you are Hindu, Muslim or Christian. They clean the urine and stool of Muslim patients as well, but they don’t get rewarded as they should. There are thousands of poor Christians who live near the sewage lines and near the gutters where they have only a small room in

which to live and die. They live in such a place, but they clean the garbage of all the inhabitants of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Since Pakistan came to exist, Pakistani Christians became victims of the majority community in all ages and all over the land. It seems that they will be upon this cross of cruelty in the future as well.

Why Injustice?

I mean, what is the reason behind the fact that we Christians are dealt with as if we have secondary citizenship in our own land of Pakistan? What is the reason that our young people are being fired from their jobs, only because they are Christian? What is the reason our children are asked to become Muslims by methods similar to those used by robbers who rob at gunpoint and snatch away our belongings? What is the reason that our daughters are trapped into the love and then, after the men are finished playing with them, they are pushed out of the house, causing them to seek a way to end their lives by hanging themselves? What is the reason we are being trapped into the Sharia Law and we are being killed without any reason and we are being deleted like a wrong word? Why are we being dealt with as if we are Americans while we are born, grow up and die here, we pay our taxes, and we do hard work in our land of Pakistan? We pray for Pakistan and say, “Pakistan Zindabad” (live forever).

My Dear Muslim Friends! It is not the teaching of Islam. Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) said, “A Muslim is the one by whose hand and tongue others are safe and under protection.” I appeal to my Muslim friends that for God’s sake do not sow the seed of hatred in the hearts of others. If you want to convert someone into Islam, do it by giving a loving example. Do not compel someone to become a Muslim. Instead of speaking against the basics of our faith from the televisions and Mosques and writing books, give the teaching of love and then those who are not Muslim will be attracted unto you. Bring changes in your strategies and for lighting your lamp use the oil of love, not hatred.

With a broken heart I would like to say that if America coughs, then all of the flu falls on us (Pakistani Christians). If Denmark played an evil role by making cartoons of Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) then all the anger falls upon Pakistani Christians. Pakistani Christians protested against it and we will protest if something happens like this in future. We are with you if someone speaks against Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) or the Quran. A true Christian won’t commit this evil act no matter where he is on this planet earth. Sad to say that if someone else does it, we become the sacrificial goat and our communities turn into dumps of ashes, churches are burned and Bibles are consumed in the fire. Why it is like that? The witnesses of this kind of incident are still alive in Shanti Nagar and the history of those killed in a Bahawalpur church bears witness even today.

What kind of picture is presented by the attacks on Murree Christian School in Jhika Gali, the Texila Hospital, the Korian Christian community in Qasoor, poor Christians in Khuda-Ki-Basti, Karachi and the cruel actions against Gojra? What kind of example did they leave upon the tablets of the hearts of the people around the world? The world is reading their writings.

What is the reason our green Passport is being thrown down on immigration counters of countries outside of Pakistan and we don’t get visas? It is only because of our attitude and deeds. It is not a matter

of being Christian or Muslim. I have applied twice for a visa to visit the USA with heavy sponsorship, but I was refused only because I am a Pakistani. What is the reason that many of our Pakistani families and individuals try their best to leave this nation and go abroad or to any other country to have a peaceful breath? Why is every person in Pakistan upset, under anxiety and depressed? What is the reason that because of bribes everything is possible in our land? What is the reason that even Bengalis and Afghans have Pakistani IDs and Passports? What is the reason that under our names wine permits are being issued by the Government while it is not right for us to drink? Most of the Christians in Pakistan do the sweeping and they can't afford to drink a bottle in the evening costing 500 or 1000 rupees. Take a survey of these wine shops please and you will know who the drunkards are.

Role Of Pakistani Christians

Whatever the accusations are or will be against Christians in this land, let me bring into your knowledge that we have been in peace and we will be peaceful in the future as well. We don't burn the vehicles, we have never burned any Muslim community, and we will never do so because it is against the teachings of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. What do we do? Let me tell you what we Christians do in this kind of circumstance. Pay attention please.

Our religious leaders started prayer movements from Khyber to Karachi. They pray with fasting for the restoration of our nation, for the Government of Pakistan, for the end of all kinds of curses that are upon our land, and for Pakistan to be a peaceful nation. We pray for the Islamic world, we pray for the political parties, we pray against the poverty and terrorism that is ruling in our land and we seek peace all over the world because we are peacemakers. In our congregations or churches we pray for peace in Pakistan. Let me give you surety that in our churches or congregations we never ever - and let me tell you again that we never ever – make curses against any religion or religious person or country. Let me tell you that Pakistan continues to exist only because of the prayers of Christians; otherwise, it could have been wiped off the world's map a long time ago.

Why Are You Forgetting?

Now I am speaking to the followers of Christ Jesus. Have you ever noticed that the law that you are thinking to have changed is not a new law? Even in the pre-Islamic period this law was existing, but in another form. You must study again the books of Esther and Daniel and review the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ said, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me." It does not mean that a cross of silver, wood, or a golden cross should be hanging in our car or from our neck. Nowhere in the Bible is it mentioned to do so. But I am not against it. The cross is not our faith, but a sign of our identity among the Gentiles. The true identity of a Christian is Christ and

exhibiting “the Fruit of the Spirit.” Salvation is not based upon the symbol of the cross but rather the Message of the Cross. The Person of the Cross, Jesus Christ, saves, not the cross. It is not necessarily true that all those who wear a cross are followers of Christ Jesus. Those who dance in bars wear the cross as a fashion. These kinds of people may not even know the value of the Message of the Cross.

When Jesus said to take up your cross it meant I am warning you that just as I will suffer on the cross for you, so shall you suffer for My Name’s sake. He also warned us that the people of the world will hate you, curse you and they will say many bad things against you. Even they will bring you into the courts and many shall be killed for My sake. Jesus also said that if they have done these things to Me, the innocent green tree, then what will happen to you, the dry and withered?

Blessed are those Christians who are being persecuted for Christ’s sake and because of their faith, for the “crown of life” is waiting for such believers who will bear up until their last breath. It is not new for the Christians to suffer and we should not forget the teachings of Christ. We need to remember them. If we were not already warned then it would be different. However, because we have been warned in advance, we do not need to resist or create any battleground against our persecutors.

Christian History

Our hearts cry out because of the incident of Gojra. Sad to say, it should not have happened. It is a bad mark upon our country. We have slapped upon our own face and we left a mark over there. We are so very grieved for our brothers and sisters of Gojra and we pray that the Lord may apply the healing balm of oil upon their wounds. We stand with them. But let us see the other side of the coin as well.

People Of The Church: Remember that Jesus never promised us comfort zones. From the very beginning the believers were ground up in the mills of sufferings and pain. Read Church history to know what happened to the Christians in the first century if you don’t already know. Read what Diocletian and Titus did with the Christians. Read Jewish and Roman history please. If possible, at least read the books “Christianity in Arabistan,” “Martyrs of Karthege” and “Martyrs of Rome.” Then you will understand how much blood Christians shed for the sake of their faith. In all ages, Christians sacrificed their lives for the sake of their faith because the One who sacrificed His life for us asks us to be ready for sacrifice. These Christian martyrs have written history with their own blood.

Christian history reminds us how much Christians were persecuted in Roman times. They were stitched into animal skins and thrown out in the sun and while the skins were drying up, slowly, slowly, their bones were being broken. They were laid upon nails to deny Jesus but they never compromised. Roman stadiums were places where believers were thrown before hungry lions to be torn up into pieces while Roman rulers and the people were shouting and clapping because of this. It was fun for them. Leaders like Polycarp were tied up to wood and they were burned alive. Traditions say that the Apostle John, the human author of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, was fried up such as you fry fish in boiling oil. Christians were crucified and thrown in dark prisons. John and James were beheaded. Stephen, a servant of the Lord, was stoned to death and Peter was crucified upside down. So remember, my fellow Christians, that the Christian life is not “a bed of roses” but a thorny way.

Remember that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. Wherever the floods of revival came around the world, behind it we see severe persecution. The Church has been built upon the blood of the martyrs. We salute those Christians. Because of them we heard the Good News. So sad to say that we are not ready to lay down our lives but we prefer to be in our comfort zones and don't want to come out of them. We are the Christians who want to have a restful and peaceful life but real peace and rest is found only in surrendering ourselves before our Lord Jesus Christ. What I am saying is this: We are very sad about whatever happened with our brothers and sisters in Gojra recently. It should not have happened. Now the Government of Pakistan has given a few lakhs to silence these poor Christians but these bills or notes will never heal their wounds.

A Television Program

Once I was invited by Indus Television, Karachi for a special interview. In those days there was the cartoons issue of Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH). Shazia Merry (Hostess) was Host of that program. These cartoons were made by someone in Denmark to create religious conflict between Muslims and Christians and, because of this, churches were attacked and Bibles burned. I said that we Pakistani Christian would never support this evil deed and the person who made the cartoons can't be Christian. Also this kind of person does not have any faith.

Just notice the words and thinking of a phone caller. It was a live program and there was a phone call from interior Sindh. The person was saying, "We have given shelter to the Christians in Pakistan", etc. I have a CD of this program as well. Notice the thinking that we Christians "have been given shelter" here in our own land. Shazia Merry (Hostess) corrected this person by saying, "We have not given them shelter, they are Pakistani and they have grown up in this land." Shazia asked me if I would like to reply and I said, "No, you have said what I was going to say." My point is that by this kind of conversation it became clearer what kind of mentality Pakistanis have towards Christians.

During the program there was another phone call and the person said, "I want Pastor Naveed Malik to answer my question." The question was this: "When our crosses are being broken, signs of the cross are made on the road to be beaten with shoes and urinated upon, pictures of Jesus are trampled underfoot, copies of Bibles are burned up and church buildings are being burned, what should be the role of Pakistani Christians at that time?" It is clear that this man was from a Christian background and, if I am not wrong, he was a Pastor from Defense View, Karachi.

My answer was: "Brother, the God of the Bible says, 'Revenge is Mine.' If we come out on the roads to protest or take revenge for acts such as these, it means that our God is so weak that He can't take revenge and He needs our help. So we don't need to take revenge. He has power to do so. We should not take His work in our own hands. We can't sit on His throne and play His role. Our role is to pray for such people and to forgive them. If we fight against such people then it means our God is powerless. So let them do their work and let God do His work. I wish that we may all become like Stephen who forgave his persecutors like his Master Jesus."

Message For The Church

On the world's map, Pakistan is a very small and tiny place. If we try to find Gojra, it won't be there or may be only where a mark would be. I have said already that it was really very severe damage and it should not have happened. Following this incident, I received a lot of text messages on my cell phone for two weeks to pray for the victims. I made several phone calls to places near Gojra to find the true cause of this incident. I was also very moved and concerned about our dear brothers and sisters of Gojra regarding what they must have gone through in coping with this situation. I was worried about our mothers, sisters and daughters and prayed, "May the Lord protect them from these wolves." I came to know that there was a young, zealous Christian man who had a three story building where he kept hidden more than 200 daughters of that community and guarded them day and night upon the roof of his house with his latest model gun.

While I was reading text messages on my cell phone, I got a phone call from a Pastor saying, "We have arranged a prayer meeting for the victims of Gojra so we request that you come and share the Word of God." I received a Divine thought in this time period of two weeks. This thought was the voice of the Lord for the Church in Pakistan and I was possessed by that Divine thought. The Lord our God said to speak about Jonah 4:11, especially this part: "Should I not be concerned about that great city?" This verse contains the words: "But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left hand; and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

You already know the story about how God wanted him (Jonah) to go to Nineveh. God told him to preach the message: "Repent! Otherwise God is going to destroy Nineveh after forty days." Finally, because of the preaching of Jonah, the people repented and turned to the Lord. But Jonah was not happy about this. He was even wishing to die. God asked him, "Jonah! Are you so angry and unhappy that even you want to die?" So Jonah went to the east side of the city and sat under a shelter to see the destruction of the city, but God was going to teach Jonah through an experience.

God commanded a plant to grow to be shelter for Jonah and he was very pleased and happy because of this plant. But the next day God commanded an insect to cut the plant and so it happened and the plant died. The sun came up and became hot and Jonah became so upset that again he desired to die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." There are thousands like Jonah today in the Church who have the same attitude as Jonah.

God essentially said to Jonah: "Jonah, because of this plant you are so upset that you want to die? Even though you have done nothing for this plant to grow? Now tell Me, should I not be concerned about this great city where more than one hundred and twenty inhabitants are, excluding cattle? Should I not be concerned about them? You want to die only because of a plant for which you have done nothing. But for Me, precious souls of the whole city of Nineveh are dying and should I not have concern about them?" I love this verse personally.

The Lord has spoken to me through this verse saying: You Pakistani Christians are so concerned about this tiny geographical area named Gojra in Punjab province? An area that you will hardly find on the world's map? You are so concerned that you are having press conferences and you protest and bring rallies on the roads and send text messages all over the land? For this area you are organizing relief funds, committees and you are begging on their behalf and keeping half in your own pockets? You are sending prayer requests for them but tell me the truth today: How much praying do you do for them?

He has said: I am very surprised because of your attitude Oh, Pakistani Christians. You never tried to seek My heart that, since Pakistan came into being, My heart is continually breaking and crying for the lost souls of it. I have told you that "you are the salt" of Sindh, Baluchistan, Punjab and NWFP but you are nothing except a white stone. You do not have saltiness. I have told you that "you are the light of the world" but you currently walk around by the light of mobile phones. I have made you my witnesses in this land but you bore false witness in the courts and you felt as if you are going to die when opportunity occurred to testify about Me. Have I not asked you that...

(I am sorry it is in Urdu poetry for Urdu readers but I would like to translate it here for you).

"Oh, People of the Church, I commanded you to light the world because you are light but by holding lamps without oil in your hands, how is it possible to be victorious? I made a promise that I will be with you and warned you that if you want to get something then you have to lose as well. The world is anxious to hear any good news, so reflect Christ from your every deed. Without Me, the world is nothing. You go and fill it with the aroma of the Message of the Gospel."

It is very sad that we Pakistani Christians did not try to read the heart God the Father has for the world. More than 98% of Pakistanis are dying in sin, without any hope and going directly into hell. They don't know "what is right or left" like the people of Nineveh. They don't have any hope for eternal life or forgiveness of their sins. They don't know the way that leads to heaven. Sad to say, we sang evangelical songs in our churches and homes not to act upon what we were singing but only because we enjoyed the good musical tones. We lied before the throne of God in these songs and we were cursed instead of receiving blessings. We got thousands of opportunities but we taped our lips shut. Instead of telling someone about Christ we tried our best to find someone else to crucify in our place. It is so sad and, remember, that there is a curse waiting for so-called Christians like this, not a blessing.

Pakistan is on God's heart. We all can recite John 3:16 by heart but have you ever thought that God loves Pakistan? Have you ever made movements or programs to reach the land with the Gospel of Power? Who is among you who were martyred because of sharing the Good News? Is there any Stephen, Paul or Peter among you? You are crying for Gojra while I cry for all of Pakistan. Have you ever cried out with tears for the salvation of all Pakistanis? The history of Pakistan is in your hands. You can affect the history of this land. What will be our answer when we are standing in the judgment court of the King of the Kings? Who will go to share the Good News in the northern areas? Have you ever sent text messages to the people saying, "Let us join an evangelical movement"? Why are there so many people without knowledge of Christ? There is no point in making new denominations for nothing or bringing cults into the Church and preaching again and again to the Christians.

I wish you could understand my heart's cry and that it is actually God's heart cry. My brother and sister, if you want to know how to witness, what can be effective strategies, how to answer the questions of our non-Christian friends and what kind of language or terminologies we need to use, then please visit our website, www.newlifeinstitute.org Most of your questions have been answered there. If you are interested in having a seminar in your church or city about this topic, then please e-mail us. If you have any other questions then we are ready to answer, so send your question via e-mail. Please introduce our website to as many as possible so that we may see the Kingdom of God expanding all over this land. Let us ask God for Pakistan. According to Psalm 2:8, He is ready to give us nations if we ask and if we are sincere.

If you want to know the answers to your questions or you want to read our books in Urdu and a few in English - or if you want to listen our audio messages in Urdu and English or if you want to watch our video messages - then please visit our website. I believe that this website will help you a lot to read the heart of God. May the Lord our God shower His blessings upon you and use you for His glory. Amen

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