

**“Remember when Ibrahim’s Lord tested him with commands, and he fulfilled them, "Indeed, I will make you a leader for the people. [Ibrahim] said, And of my descendants? My covenant does not include the wrongdoers.” (2:124)**

**Each one of us is a leader in a micro & macro capacity – family, friends, workplaces, community, Ummah. We have this active responsibility, role & Amanah to fulfil to Allah ﷻ**

**Allah ﷻ created Prophet Adam ﷺ as His viceregent and a leader in this world. All Prophets & Messengers had this role of leadership to fulfil unto Allah ﷻ**

**“Indeed We sent Our Messengers with Clear Signs, and sent down with them the Book and the Balance that people may uphold justice” ... (57:25)**

**TAWHEED/SALAH/ZAKAH – JUSTICE – EQUALITY – TRUST – MERCIFUL – HUMBLE – HAQ – BAATIL ...**

**"O ye who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor: for Allah can best protect both. Follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest ye swerve, and if ye distort (justice) or decline to do justice, verily Allah is well-acquainted with all that ye do." (4:135)**

**“Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice. Excellent is that which Allah instructs you. Indeed, Allah is ever Hearing and Seeing.” (4:58)**

- Every leadership position signifies a covenant, promise & representation of Allah ﷻ
- Every leadership's goal is to strive for justice and fairness for all – who are your voted leaders?

**YOUR VOICE, YOUR INFLUENCE, YOUR ABILITIES, YOUR FAITH, YOUR VOTE**

All of this is an **AMANA**H which you must fulfil and hand over to the right people of leadership

The Prophet ﷺ showed the best examples in leadership:

**Trustworthy – Truthful – Honourable – Just – Wise – Compassionate – Patient – Pragmatic – Equal**

He ﷺ only feared Allah ﷻ – Not people, wealth or Dunya – **“and fear none but Allah” (9:18)**

**OUR VOTED LEADERS OFTEN – LIE, DECEIVE, MANIPULATE & BETRAY**

**"Each of you is a leader, and each leader will be held accountable for what he has led." (Bukhari)**

**YOUR QIYAMAH QUESTIONING:** How did you spend your life? How did you spend your youth? How did you earn your wealth? How did you spend your wealth? How did you act on your knowledge? How did you react to an evil situation? How did you respond to evil?

How did you lead your children, family, community, nation?

How did you vote to bring about Justice on Earth? How did you fulfil your Amanah?

**It is our responsibility to challenge evil, abuse, and oppression in all our capacities.**

**"Whosoever of you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; and if he is not able to do so, then [let him change it] with his tongue; and if he is not able to do so, then with his heart — and that is the weakest of faith." (Muslim)**

**So let us reflect upon ourselves and ask how have we carried out our leadership role, at home, workplaces, family, community & worldwide.**

- Do we fulfil the Amanah, or do we place ourselves and our self-interests above everything else?**
- Do we only criticise, but not offer alternatives? Do we only order and command, but not give a helping hand to those under our charge?**
- Have we strived to become a good example for others?**

**Let your homes be a standard of justice, equality, leadership & mercy for your children to see what is right and what is not. Let not your homes become a shadow of the evil of the society we live in.**

**"A Muslim is a brother of another Muslim, so he should not oppress him, nor should he hand him over to an oppressor. Whoever fulfilled the needs of his brother, Allah will fulfill his needs; whoever brought his (Muslim) brother out of a discomfort, Allah will bring him out of the discomforts of the Day of Resurrection, and whoever screened a Muslim, Allah will screen him on the Day of Resurrection." {Bukhari: Book 43, Volume 3, Hadith No. 622}**

- **HOLISTIC STRATEGY** – Build political clout, have a good long term political strategy
- **DON'T VOTE ON EMOTIONS/OLD HABITS** – read their manifesto, pledges & research their principles and positions
- **MAKE THEM HEAR YOU** – Hold politicians accountable in every medium possible
- **ACCOUNTABILITY AFTER ELECTION** – Once our vote helps put candidates into office, we need to hold them accountable to those promises
- **EVERY SINGLE VOTE COUNTS** – Do not sit on the sidelines or diminish your potential influence
- **BE PATIENT & CONTINUE TO STRIVE** – Victory & justice will prevail In-Shaa'Allah

**FULFIL YOUR LEADERSHIP & AMANAH BY VOTING FOR THE RIGHT PERSON**