

The Fatwa of the people of Mardeen by Sheikh ul Islam  
ibn Taymiyyah



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Sheikh ul Islam ibn Taymiyyah, may Allah be pleased with him was asked about the land of *Mardeen* [1] Is it the land of war, or is it the land of peace? And is it an obligation upon a Muslim who resides in it to emigrate [hijrah] to the lands of Islam or not? And if it is obligatory [wajib] upon him to emigrate, but he does not emigrate from it, and he give assistance to the enemies of the Muslims with his person and his wealth, is he committing disobedience [al-'ithm] by doing that? And if a person then calls him a hypocrite [munaafiq] or curses him, are they committing disobedience or not?

Sheikh ul Islam ibn Taymiyyah, may Allah be pleased with him replied:

وسئل شيخ الإسلام ابن تيمية - رحمه الله - عن بلد [ماردين] هل هي بلد حرب أم بلد سلم؟ وهل يجب على المسلم المقيم بها الهجرة إلى بلاد الإسلام أم لا؟ وإذا وجبت عليه الهجرة ولم يهاجر، وساعد أعداء المسلمين بنفسه أو ماله، هل يأثم في ذلك؟ وهل يأثم من رماه بالنفاق وسبه به أم لا

فأجاب:

الحمد لله. دماء المسلمين وأموالهم محرمة حيث كانوا في [ماردين] أو غيرها. وإعانة الخارجين عن شريعة دين الإسلام محرمة، سواء كانوا أهل [ماردين]، أو غيرهم. والمقيم بها إن كان عاجزاً عن إقامة دينه، وجبت الهجرة عليه. وإلا استحبت ولم تجب

ومساعدتهم لعدو المسلمين بالأنفس والأموال محرمة عليهم، ويجب عليهم الامتناع من ذلك، بأي طريق أمكنهم، من تغيب، أو تعريض، أو مصانعة. فإذا لم يمكن إلا بالهجرة، تعينت

ولا يحل سبهم عموماً ورميهم بالنفاق، بل السب والرمي بالنفاق يقع على الصفات المذكورة في الكتاب والسنة، فيدخل فيها بعض أهل [ماردين] وغيرهم

وأما كونها دار حرب أو سلم، فهي مركبة: فيها المعنيان، ليست بمنزلة دار السلم التي تجري عليها أحكام الإسلام، لكون جندها مسلمين. ولا بمنزلة دار الحرب التي أهلها كفار، بل هي قسم ثالث يعامل المسلم فيها بما يستحقه، ويقاقل الخارج عن شريعة الإسلام بما يستحقه

### Translation:

All praise is due to Allah, the blood and the wealth of the Muslims is inviolable, whether they reside in the land of Mardeen or any other land. And giving assistance to those who go outside of the divine legislation [Shari'ah] of al-Islam, is [also] prohibited, whether it is the people of Mardeen or other than them. If the person residing there is not able to establish/implement his Deen, then it is obligatory upon him to emigrate from that land, and if not [i.e his IS ABLE to establish his Deen] then emigration is highly recommended [musta-hab] but not obligatory [2].

Their giving assistance to the enemies of the Muslims with their persons and their wealth is prohibited, and it is obligatory upon them to refrain from doing that by any means available to them, by evasion or equivocation or compromise, and if this is not possible except by emigration, then emigration becomes obligatory upon every person [in that land].

It is not permissible to curse them in a general manner or to call them hypocrites, rather cursing, and calling a person a hypocrite is made according to the characteristics mentioned in the Book Qur'aan] and the Sunnah [prophetic narrations] whether it is the people of Mardeen or other than them.

Is it [Mardeen] the land of war or the land of peace[?],

It is a composite [dar ul murakaba]:

In it [causative attributes] of both are found. It is neither the land of peace where the Islamic legislation is implemented [ahkaam ul Islaam] and it's army are Muslims. Neither is it the land of war where it's people are disbelievers. Rather, it is a third category [in which] we treat the Muslim who resides within it as he deserves, and fight the one who leaves the divine legislation of al-Islam as he deserves." End of the words of Sheikh ul Islam.

**See:** "*Majmoo' al-Fatawa 28/240/241*"

#### **Footnotes:**

[1] At the time of this fatwah, Mardeen was populated by Muslims [with a small number of Jews and Christians] who were invaded by the then, pagan mongolian Tartar's, who even though they "claimed" to be Muslim, were in reality pagans. Prior to the Tartars invasion, Mardeen was under muslim rule as was the rest of Turkey at that time.

[2] Please note the shari'ee ruling changes to "fardh" when a Muslim has the "ability" to emigrate from the lands of disbelief to the lands of Islam. Please see the Tafseer of Surah an-Nisaa' ayahs 97-99 for more details on this.

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