

OBEYING THE MESSENGER IS CONDITIONED

Obedying the messenger is absolute only as far as the Quranic revelations are concerned.

Obedying the messenger is in upholding Quran, the whole Quran, and nothing but Quran.

Obedience is strictly ON CONDITION THAT the source is God through the messenger, and not the messenger who is no more than a human being, subject to errors.

As shown in the verse below, the messenger as a man is to be obeyed ONLY if he is right:

(60: 12)

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتُ
يُبَايِعْنَكَ عَلَىٰ أَنْ لَا يُشْرِكْنَ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَسْرِقْنَ وَلَا يَزْنِينَ وَلَا
يَقْتُلْنَ أَوْلَادَهُنَّ وَلَا يَكْفُرْنَ بِبَهْتِنَ يَفْتَرِينَ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِنَّ
وَأَرْجُلِهِنَّ وَلَا يَعْصِيَنَّكَ فِي مَعْرُوفٍ فَبَايِعْهُنَّ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِمَنْ لَدُنَّ

"O prophet, if the believing women come to you and pledge that they will not idolize anything beside God, nor steal, nor commit adultery, nor kill their children, nor produce any falsehood, nor disobey you WHEN YOU ARE RIGHT, you shall accept their pledge, and ask God to forgive them."

Thus, the condition is evident that Muhammad the man, unlike Muhammad the messenger, shall be obeyed ONLY IF HE IS RIGHT.