



Support your brother whether he is an oppressor or oppressed

Anas ibn Mālik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Support your brother whether he is an oppressor or oppressed." A man said: "O Messenger of Allah, I should support him if he is oppressed, but how should I support him if he is an oppressor?" The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Support him by preventing him from practicing oppression."

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari]

The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said that one should support his brother and never disappoint him, whether he was an oppressor or oppressed. A man, then, said that helping one's oppressed brother is by defending him if oppressed, but in case he is the oppressor, how can I help him? The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) replied that he should help him by preventing him from oppressing others, which in reality is a help to him.

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