

Surat al - Furqaan:

(Last Ruku')

Preliminary Points (Tathakur):

- I. 'Amilu Salih: effort, endeavor, labor needed to do the following:
 1. Build the healthy human personality. Build character of human individual so that he/she reaches potential
 2. Healthy Family life - basic social unit. Man & woman join together and form a family.
 3. Build a healthy society - concept of social values differs significantly across different cultures/societies.
What is the concept of social values and social evils which must be eradicated.
 4. Establish a healthy and just social order - keep the Muslim umma united and strong.
- II. Qur'anic foundations of character development of a Mu'min.
 - A. Lesson 1: Surat al-Mu'minoon & Surat al-Maarij - foundations of Mu'min character.
 - B. Lesson 2: Description of the fully-formed, mature mu'min personality - True bondsman of Allah ('ibadur-Rahmaan).
- III. Two Additional Points contained in this lesson
 - A. Also include summary of the biggest sins.
 1. Shirk
 2. Murder
 3. Adultery
 4. Note:
 - a. Small sins – washed off automatically by good deeds.
 - b. Bigger sins – cannot be forgiven without taubat.
 - B. Prerequisites of true Taubat.

Tafseer:

- I. Summary of Imaan – ayaat #1 & 2:
 - A. 'tabaraka' – 'Blessed', 'Hallowed'
 1. Mubarak – bring about a good that is already inherent. Actualizing the potential.
 - a. rain is mubarak – brings out the potential of the earth (food).
 - b. Qur'an is mubarak – activates the divine potential within ourselves.
 2. Tabaraka Allah – Blessed is Allah, the One who brings out all good.
 - B. Placed in the heaven mansions of the stars
 1. until now, we don't know what the true meaning is of these words.
 2. Allah may reveal this to us sometime in the future. – ayat from Ha Meem as-Sajda.
 - C. Has placed therein a lamp – siraj
 1. process of combustion in the sun
 - D. And a moon – reflecting/shining light.
 1. Moon doesn't generate light, but only reflects the light.
 - E. It is He who has appointed night and day in succession for him who desires
 1. Remembrance of Allah
 2. Thankfulness
 - a. essential aspect of pure human nature – wants to give thanks for the good.
 - b. Pure intellect enables man to recognize that Allah is the true benefactor.
 - c. Recall Surat al-Luqmaan.
- II. Description of mature Mu'min character – slaves of ar-Rahman
 - A. Walk upon the earth moderstly
 1. Understand the might and grandeur of their Creator, and therefore, walk in humility.
 2. Character is reflected in the walk
 3. Gentle people
 - B. When foolish people (jahiloon) address them, they respond 'Peace'
 1. Jahiloon – impulsive people, people who follow their animal instincts

2. When jahiloon are argumentative – not for the sake of real discussion and learning, but merely to argue – then the believers avoid entering into argument and say ‘Peace’.
 3. Believers recognize that there is an appropriate time to give da’wa, but if the circumstances are not conducive, then they do not engage in vain argumentation.
 4. Must be wise and mature in giving da’wa.
- C. Spend their nights prostrating and standing before their Lord – tahajjud prayers.
1. These prayers are voluntary prayers.
 2. First lesson, discussed fard prayers. Here, when discussing the mature mu’min character, they go beyond the fard daily prayers and spend some of their time during the night in prayer.
- D. Ask Allah to avert the doom of hell
1. mustaqar – permanent abode
 2. maqaam – temporary place. Hellfire is so bad that even if you are only there for a very short time, it will be very painful.
 3. Contrasted with Heaven in ayat #76, which is a place of happiness whether for permanent abode (mustaqar) or temporary place (maqaam).
- E. Spend in moderation – neither lavishly nor miserly.
1. Israaf – extravagance. Should fulfill your needs, but to indulge is very bad.
 - a. Eat your food, but don’t indulge in several dishes.
 - b. Buying clothes and barely using them.
- F. Avoid the 3 biggest crimes: Whoever commits any one of them, he will have to meet the punishment.
1. Shirk – invoke or call any other god (angel, prophet, saint, idol, false gods, any person, etc.).
 - a. Can call for help along the physical laws – ask friend for glass of water.
 - b. Whatever is regarding the ghaib, can only address Allah.
 - c. Note, the pagan Arabs believed in Allah – but associated others with him.
 - i. On night before Badr, Abu Jahl prayed to Allah asking Allah to give him victory because Muhammad (SAWS) broke the bonds of family. Father fought against son, brother against brother, uncle against nephew, etc.
 - ii. Never invoked any other god – only to Allah.
 2. Murder – don’t kill human life which Allah has made sacred.
 - a. Exceptions – illa bil-Haq.
 - i. Can kill kafir in war. Can’t kill war
 - ii. Muslim who is married and commits adultery – stone to death.
 - iii. Muslim who has committed murder – willingly. Then family has the option to have him slain, to accept blood-money, or forgive him.
 - iv. Muslim who is murtad in an Islamic state. If leave Islam, must be killed.
 3. Adultery
- III. Ayat # 69 - On the Day of Judgment, the punishment will be doubled.
- A. Those who deny the validity of hadeeth – deny punishment of the grave. This ayat refutes this denial.
- B. Prophet (SAWS) has told us of the punishment of the grave. During intermediate period between death and Day of Resurrection, there will be punishment.
1. Prophet (SAWS) said that the grave is either one of two things – small garden (paradise) or small hellfire.
 2. Prophet (SAWS) said that from the grave a window opens up, from which either hot air from hellfire will penetrate or a window will open from Jenna.
 3. This ayat references this period between death and Day of Judgment – double punishment. Suggests there is already some punishment that will now be doubled.
 4. This is the ghaib – we must believe what the Prophet (SAWS) told us concerning it.
 5. This period resembles a dream:
 - a. If it is a very scary dream/nightmare, then you will see the exasperation reflected on their bodies – sweat, trembling, etc..
 - b. If it is a pleasant dream, you will see the happiness reflected on his body.
 6. Period enter hellfire or Jenna on the Day of Judgment, but before this – during the intervening period between death and Day of Judgment – there is a reflection of the final fate.
 7. Whoever is sent to the Hellfire will be disgraced and punished for ever.
- IV. Those who escape Hellfire.

A. Taubat: return

1. returning to Allah. Returning to the true path.
2. Conditions for taubat:
 - a. Real and actual repentance
 - b. Firm resolve not to commit the sin again.
 - c. To actually give it up.
 - d. If you have transgressed against another human, must ask for forgiveness from the person who you transgressed. Or you can try to compensate them. Must fulfill the huqooq of the people – this is between you and the person you transgressed.
 - i. Hadeeth: Prophet (SAWS) asked the sahaba, ‘do you know who is a poor person (no money).’ The companions replied that the muflis is the one who doesn’t have any money. The Prophet (SAWS) said no, the muflis of my umma is the person who comes on the Day of Judgment with a big load of good deeds (salat, Haj, etc) but he cheated others. On the Day of Judgment, his good deeds will be given to those who have a claim on him until he has no more good deeds. Then, the claimants will give their sins to this person to compensate them. Then he will be thrown into hellfire because of the sins of others.
3. Real taubat is very high in the eyes of Allah. Allah loves those who make real taubat.
 - a. Every human makes mistakes
 - b. Two types of mistakes inherent in all humans.
 - i. Error of Judgment
 - ii. Mistake – khata
 - c. Allah transforms the evil deeds into good deeds for those who make real taubat.

B. Imaan – the one who has fresh Imaan or who has revived Imaan.

1. Hadeeth: When you commit a big sin, Imaan leaves the heart, and hovers around the head like a bird. If he commits real taubat, the imaan returns, otherwise it leaves.
2. Can’t have real Imaan and commit a big sin.

C. Good deeds

1. must prove the Imaan by doing good deeds – ayat #71.
2. Allah turns the evil deeds into good deeds for those who make real taubat.

V. Continuing with Description of mature Mu’min.

A. Do not witness vanity

1. Avoid being present when something wrong is being done.
2. Intentionally avoid anything that is vain/useless – spend their either to fulfill need or in worship.
3. If they come across some vain pastimes, they walk by with dignity.

B. Those who don’t receive the ayat of Allah with deafness and blindness.

1. The Kufaar were already predecided to reject the truth being taught by Muhammad (SAWS).
2. Whenever a sermon is being taught, and Allah’s words are being mentioned, they listen attentively.

C. Find their entertainment, pleasure with their families.

D. Biggest desire for their family is that their family is also strong practicing muslims.

1. Don’t measure success in children by worldly gains, but by their condition in the hereafter.
2. Make us Imaam of the Mutaqqi
 - a. Misunderstood – some people think this is that the Mu’min personality wants to be a leader – for fame, power, etc.
 - b. Actually, every man is a natural leader – leader of his family.
 - i. On the Day of Judgment, you will be followed by your family.
 - ii. Want that on that Day, your offspring are successful and are among the mutaqqi.
 - iii. Note – a powerful measure of true virtue/taqwa. If someone is really virtuous, he will raise his children to be mutaqqi. If he is only outwardly mutaqqi, then he will not exert the effort to prepare his children for the akheera.
 1. Shah xxx – 4 children and grandchildren
 2. Nuh (AS)
 - a. 3 out of 4 children followed and accepted him.

b. It is possible that you children will reject your efforts to raise them as mutaqqi – as with one of Nuh’s (AS) children. Still, the effort was constantly there to call his son to the straight path. Out of his own free will, his son rejected.

iv. Oh Allah, for those whom you have made us leaders, make them mutaqqi.

VI. These are the people who will be rewarded High places in Jenna

- A. Because they were among the sabiroon – patient, perseverant.
- B. Will be welcomed with greetings and good wishes, and the greeting of ‘Peace’.
- C. Will remain there forever.
- D. Jenna is a very beautiful abode as permanent abode and even if just for a short time.
 - 1. Will not get bored of the pleasure in paradise. The charms of Jenna will continuously increase.

VII. Final ayat – Imaan bir-Risalah.

- A. Allah has sent a messenger to Qur’aish because they make du’a to Allah.
- B. Also, Allah does not destroy a people unless a messenger has been sent to them and they openly reject the messenger.
- C. Now that you have rejected and belied the Messenger (SAWS), you will be judged on that basis. The result will cling to you forever.