

IN THE LIGHT OF SURH AL-AHZAAB

Trust in Allah

And put your trust in Allâh, and Sufficient is Allâh as a *Wakîl* (Trustee, or Disposer of affairs){3}.

Adopted Relatives

Allâh has not put for any man two hearts inside his body. Neither has He made your wives whom you declare to be like your mothers' backs, your real mothers. [*AzZihâr* is the saying of a husband to his wife, "You are to me like the back of my mother" i.e. You are unlawful for me to approach.][□], nor has He made your adopted sons your real sons. That is but your saying with your mouths. But Allâh says the truth, and He guides to the (Right) Way{4}.

Relate the Adopted Children with Their Fathers

Call them (adopted sons) by (the names of) their fathers, that is more just with Allâh. But if you know not their father's (names, call them) your brothers in faith and *Mawâlîkum* (your freed slaves). And there is no sin on you if you make a mistake therein, except in regard to what your hearts deliberately intend. And Allâh is Ever Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful{5}.

Respect of Prophet (P.B.U.H.) in the Heart of Believers

The Prophet is closer to the believers than their ownelves[□], and his wives are their (believers') mothers (as regards respect and marriage).

Successor are the Nearest Relatives

And blood relations among each other have closer personal ties in the Decree of Allâh (regarding inheritance) than (the brotherhood of) the believers and the *Muhajirûn* (emigrants from Makkah, etc.), except that you do kindness to those brothers (when the Prophet SAW joined them in brotherhood ties). This has been written in the (Allâh's Book of Divine) Decrees (*Allauh AlMahfûz*)."{6}.

Don't Run Away from War

Say: "Who is he who can protect you from Allâh if He intends to harm you, or intends mercy on you?" And they will not find, besides Allâh, for themselves any *Walî* (protector, supporter, etc.) or any helper{17}.

Exemplary Conduct of Our Prophet (P.B.U.H.)

Indeed in the Messenger of Allâh (Muhammad SAW) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes in (the Meeting with) Allâh and the Last Day and remembers Allâh much{21}.

Specific Instructions for the Wives of Our Prophet (P.B.U.H.)

O wives of the Prophet! Whoever of you commits an open illegal sexual intercourse, the torment for her will be doubled, and that is ever easy for Allâh{30}. And whosoever of you is obedient to Allâh and His Messenger SAW , and does righteous good deeds, We shall give her, her reward twice over, and We have prepared for her *Rizqan Karima* (a noble provision Paradise){31}.

Wives of Prophet (P.B.U.H.)

O wives of the Prophet! You are not like any other women. If you keep your duty (to Allâh), then be not soft in speech, lest he in whose heart is a disease (of hypocrisy, or evil desire for adultery, etc.) should be moved with desire, but speak in an honourable manner{32}. And stay in your houses, and do not display yourselves like that of the times of ignorance, and perform *As-Salât* (*IqamâtasSalât*), and give *Zakât* and obey Allâh and His Messenger. Allâh wishes only to remove *ArRijs* (evil deeds and sins, etc.) from you, O members of the family (of the Prophet SAW), and to purify you with a thorough purification{33}. And remember (O you the members of the Prophet's family, the Graces of your Lord), that which is recited in your houses of the Verses of Allâh and *AlHikmah* (i.e. Prophet's *Sunnah legal ways, etc. so give your thanks to Allâh and glorify His Praises for this Qur'an and the Sunnah*). Verily, Allâh is Ever Most Courteous, WellAcquainted with all things{34}.

Those who are Forgiven and Rewarded

Verily, the Muslims (those who submit to Allâh in Islâm) men and women, the believers men and women (who believe in Islâmic Monotheism), the men and the women who are obedient (to Allâh), the men and women who are truthful (in their speech and deeds), the men and the women who are patient (in performing all the duties which Allâh has ordered and in abstaining from all that Allâh has forbidden), the men and the women who are humble (before their Lord Allâh), the men and the women who give *Sadaqât* (i.e. *Zakât*, and alms, etc.), the men and the women who observe *Saum* (fast) (the obligatory fasting during the month of Ramadân, and the optional *Nawâfil* fasting), the men and the women who guard their chastity (from illegal sexual acts) and the men and the women who remember

Allâh much with their hearts and tongues (while sitting, standing, lying, etc. for more than 300 times extra over the remembrance of Allâh during the five compulsory congregational prayers) or praying extra additional *Nawâfil* prayers of night in the last part of night, etc.) Allâh has prepared for them forgiveness and a great reward (i.e. Paradise){35}.

Obey the Commands of Allah and his Prophet (P.B.U.H.)

It is not for a believer, man or woman, when Allâh and His Messenger have decreed a matter that they should have any option in their decision. And whoever disobeys Allâh and His Messenger, he has indeed strayed in a plain error{36}.

Final Prophet hood

Muhammad (SAW) is not the father of any man among you, but he is the Messenger of Allâh and the last (end) of the Prophets[□]. And Allâh is Ever AllAware of everything{40}.

Recite and Praise Allah Almighty

He it is Who sends *Salât* (His blessings) on you, and His angels too (ask Allâh to bless and forgive you), that He may bring you out from darkness (of disbelief and polytheism) into light (of Belief and Islâmic Monotheism). And He is Ever Most Merciful to the believers{43}. Their greeting on the Day they shall meet Him will be "*Salâm: Peace* (i.e. the angels will say to them: *Salâmu 'Alaikum!*") And He has prepared for them a generous reward (i.e. Paradise){44}.

The Illuminating Lamp

And obey not the disbelievers and the hypocrites, and harm them not (till you are ordered). And put your trust in Allâh, and Sufficient is Allâh as a *Wakîl* (Trustee, or Disposer of affairs){48}.

Divorce without Touching

O you who believe! When you marry believing women, and then divorce them before you have sexual intercourse with them, no *'Iddah* [divorce prescribed period, see (V.65:4)] have you to count in respect of them. So give them a present, and set them free i.e. divorce, in a handsome manner{49}.

Women who were Lawful for Marriage with Our Prophet (P.B.U.H.)

O Prophet (Muhammad SAW)! Verily, We have made lawful to you your wives, to whom you have paid their *Mahr* (bridal money given by the husband to his wife at the time of marriage), and those (captives or slaves) whom your right hand possesses - whom Allâh has given to you, and the daughters of your *'Amm* (paternal uncles) and the daughters of your *'Ammah* (paternal aunts) and the daughters of your *Khâl* (maternal uncles) and the daughters of your *Khâlah* (maternal aunts) who migrated (from Makkah) with you, and a believing woman if she offers herself to the Prophet, and the Prophet wishes to marry her; a privilege for you only, not for the (rest of) the believers. Indeed We know what We have enjoined upon them about their wives and those (captives or slaves) whom their right hands possess, - in order that there should be no difficulty on you. And Allâh is Ever OftForgiving, Most Merciful{50}.

Facilitating the Prophet (P.B.U.H.) with Respect to his Wives

You (O Muhammad SAW) can postpone (the turn of) whom you will of them (your wives), and you may receive whom you will. And whomsoever you desire of those whom you have set aside (her turn temporarily), it is no sin on you (to receive her again), that is better; that they may be comforted and not grieved, and may all be pleased with what you give them. Allâh knows what is in your hearts. And Allâh is Ever AllKnowing, Most Forbearing{51}.

Respectful Wives of Prophet (P.B.U.H.)

It is not lawful for you (to marry other) women after this, nor to change them for other wives even though their beauty attracts you, except those (captives or slaves) whom your right hand possesses. And Allâh is Ever a Watcher over all things{52}.

Allah Takes Good Care of Prophet (P.B.U.H.) and Entire House Hold

O you who believe! Enter not the Prophet's houses, except when leave is given to you for a meal, (and then) not (so early as) to wait for its preparation. But when you are invited, enter, and when you have taken your meal, disperse, without sitting for a talk. Verily, such (behaviour) annoys the Prophet, and he is shy of (asking) you (to go), but Allâh is not shy of (telling you) the truth. And when you ask (his wives) for anything you want, ask them from behind a screen, that is purer for your hearts and for their hearts. And it is not (right) for you that you should annoy Allâh's Messenger, nor that you should ever marry his wives after him (his death). Verily! With Allâh that shall be

an enormity{53}. Whether you reveal anything or conceal it, verily, Allâh is Ever AllKnower of everything{54}.

Rules for Viel for the Wives of Prophet (P.B.U.H.)

It is no sin on them (the Prophet's wives, if they appear unveiled) before their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers, or their brother's sons, or the sons of their sisters, or their own (believing) women, or their (female) slaves, and keep your duty to Allâh. Verily, Allâh is Ever All-Witness over everything{55}.

To Send Blessings to Prophet (P.B.U.H.)

Allâh sends His *Salât* (Graces, Honours, Blessings, Mercy, etc.) on the Prophet (Muhammad SAW) and also His angels too (ask Allâh to bless and forgive him). O you who believe! Send your *Salât*[□] on (ask Allâh to bless) him (Muhammad SAW), and (you should) greet (salute) him with the Islâmic way of greeting (salutation i.e. *AsSalâmu 'Alaikum*){56}.

Punishment for those Inflicting Pain

Verily, those who annoy Allâh and His Messenger (SAW)[□] Allâh has cursed them in this world, and in the Hereafter, and has prepared for them a humiliating torment{57}. And those who annoy believing men and women undeservedly, bear on themselves the crime of slander and plain sin{58}.

Method for Wearing Outer Garments

O Prophet! Tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to draw their cloaks (veils) all over their bodies (i.e.screen themselves completely except

the eyes or one eye to see the way). That will be better, that they should be known (as free respectable women) so as not to be annoyed. And Allâh is Ever OftForgiving, Most Merciful^l{59}.

Punishment for those Spreading Rumors and that Harboring Deceit

If the hypocrites, and those in whose hearts is a disease (evil desire for adultery, etc.), and those who spread false news among the people in AlMadinah, cease not, We shall certainly let you overpower them, then they will not be able to stay in it as your neighbours but a little while{60}. Accursed, wherever found, they shall be seized and killed with a (terrible) slaughter{61}. That was the Way of Allâh in the case of those who passed away of old, and you will not find any change in the Way of Allâh{62}.

Knowledge of Day of Judgment

People ask you concerning the Hour, say: "The knowledge of it is with Allâh only. What do you know? It may be that the Hour is near!"{63}.

Hell for Unbelievers

Verily, Allâh has cursed the disbelievers, and has prepared for them a flaming Fire (Hell){64}. Wherein they will abide for ever, and they will find neither a *Walî* (a protector) nor a helper{65}.

Grief for Unbelievers

On the Day when their faces will be turned over in the Fire, they will say: "Oh, would that we had obeyed Allâh and obeyed the Messenger (Muhammad SAW)."{66}.

And they will say: "Our Lord! Verily, we obeyed our chiefs and our great ones, and they misled us from the (Right) Way{67}. Our Lord! give them double torment and curse them with a mighty curse!"{68}.

Speak the Truth

He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allâh and His Messenger (SAW) he has indeed achieved a great achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and made to enter Paradise){71}.

Trust of Quran

Truly, We did offer *AlAmânah* (the trust or moral responsibility or honesty and all the duties which Allâh has ordained) to the heavens and the earth, and the mountains, but they declined to bear it and were afraid of it (i.e. afraid of Allâh's Torment). But man bore it. Verily, he was unjust (to himself) and ignorant (of its results).[□]{72}.

Hypocrites and Unbelievers

So that Allâh will punish the hypocrites, men and women, and the men and women who are *AlMushrikûn* (the polytheists, idolaters, pagans, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allâh, and in His Messenger Muhammad SAW). And Allâh will pardon (accept the repentance of) the true believers of the Islâmîc Monotheism, men and women. And Allâh is Ever OftForgiving, Most Merciful{73}.