

IN THE LIGHT OF SURAH HUJURAT

Don't Over-Take (Over-Stop)

O you who believe! Do not put (yourselves) forward¹ before Allâh and His Messenger (SAW), and fear Allâh. Verily! Allâh is All-Hearing, All-Knowing{1}. O you who believe! Raise not your voices above the voice of the Prophet (SAW), nor speak aloud to him in talk as you speak aloud to one another, lest your deeds may be rendered fruitless while you perceive not{2}. Verily! Those who lower their voices in the presence of Allâh's Messenger (SAW), they are the ones whose hearts Allâh has tested for piety. For them is forgiveness and a great reward{3}.

Patience is a Better Virtue

Verily! Those who call you from behind the dwellings, most of them have no sense{4}. And if they had patience till you could come out to them, it would have been better for them. And Allâh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful{5}.

Don't Believe in Superstitions

O you who believe! If a rebellious evil person comes to you with a news, verify it, lest you harm people in ignorance, and afterwards you become regretful to what you have done{6}.

Pious Characteristics of Companions of Prophet (P.B.U.H.)

And know that, among you there is the Messenger of Allâh (SAW). If he were to obey you (i.e. follow your opinions and desires) in much of the matter, you would

surely be in trouble, but Allâh has endeared the Faith to you and has beautified it in your hearts, and has made disbelief, wickedness and disobedience (to Allâh and His Messenger SAW) hateful to you. These! They are the rightly guided ones,{7}. (This is) a Grace from Allâh and His Favour. And Allâh is All-Knowing, All-Wise{8}.

All Muslims are Brothers

And if two parties or groups among the believers fall to fighting, then make peace between them both, but if one of them rebels against the other, then fight you (all) against the one that which rebels till it complies with the Command of Allâh; then if it complies, then make reconciliation between them justly, and be equitable. Verily! Allâh loves those who are equitable{9}. The believers are nothing else than brothers (in Islâmic religion). So make reconciliation between your brothers, and fear Allâh, that you may receive mercy{10}.

Don't Laugh at Others

O you who believe! Let not a group scoff at another group, it may be that the latter are better than the former; nor let (some) women scoff at other women, it may be that the latter are better than the former, nor defame one another, nor insult one another by nicknames. How bad is it, to insult one's brother after having Faith [i.e. to call your Muslim brother (a faithful believer) as: "O sinner", or "O wicked", etc.]. And whosoever does not repent, then such are indeed *Zâlimûn* (wrong-doers, etc.){11}.

Avoid Suspicion and Speaking Ill About Others

O you who believe! Avoid much suspicions, indeed some suspicions are sins. And spy not, neither backbite one

another. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? You would hate it (so hate backbiting)[¶]. And fear Allâh. Verily, Allâh is the One Who accepts repentance, Most Merciful{12}.

Nation and Family

O mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily, the most honourable of you with Allâh is that (believer) who has *At-Taqwa* [i.e. one of the *Muttaqûn* (pious - see V.2:2). Verily, Allâh is All-Knowing, All-Aware{13}.

Status of Faith

The bedouins say: "We believe." Say: "You believe not but you only say, 'We have surrendered (in Islâm),' for Faith has not yet entered your hearts. But if you obey Allâh and His Messenger (SAW), He will not decrease anything in reward for your deeds. Verily, Allâh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."{14}. Only those are the believers who have believed in Allâh and His Messenger, and afterward doubt not but strive with their wealth and their lives for the Cause of Allâh. Those! They are the truthful{15}.

Allah is Very Knowledgeable

Say: "Will you inform Allâh about your religion? While Allâh knows all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth, and Allâh is All-Aware of everything{16}.

Favor of Allah

They regard as favour upon you (O Muhammad SAW) that they have embraced Islâm. Say: "Count not

your Islâm as a favour upon me. Nay, but Allâh has conferred a favour upon you, that He has guided you to the Faith, if you indeed are true{17}.

Secrets of the Earth and Our Hearts

Verily, Allâh knows the unseen of the heavens and the earth. And Allâh is the All-Seer of what you do{18}.

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Zihar (Clarifying the Status of Wives and Mothers)

Indeed Allâh has heard the statement of her (Khaulah bint Tha'labah) that disputes with you (O Muhammad SAW) concerning her husband (Aus bin As-Sâmit), and complains to Allâh. And Allâh hears the argument between you both. Verily, Allâh is All-Hearer, All-Seer{1}. Those among you who make their wives unlawful (Az-Zihâr)[] to them by saying to them "You are like my mother's back." They cannot be their mothers. None can be their mothers except those who gave them birth. And verily, they utter an ill word and a lie. And verily, Allâh is Oft-Pardoning, Oft-Forgiving{2}.

Expiation of Zihar

And those who make unlawful to them (their wives) (by *Az-Zihâr*) and wish to free themselves from what they uttered, (the penalty) in that case (is) the freeing of a slave before they touch each other. That is an admonition to you (so that you may not return to such an ill thing). And Allâh is All-Aware of what you do{3}. And he who finds not (the money for freeing a slave) must fast two successive months before they both touch each other. And for him who is unable to do so, he should feed sixty of *Miskîn* (poor). That is in order that you may have perfect Faith in Allâh and His Messenger. These are the limits set by Allâh. And for disbelievers, there is a painful torment{4}.

Disobeying Allah and His Prophet (P.B.U.H.)

Verily, those who oppose Allâh and His Messenger (Muhammad SAW) □ will be disgraced, as those before

them (among the past nation), were disgraced. And We have sent down clear *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.). And for the disbelievers is a disgracing torment{5}.

Allah is Present Every Where

On the Day when Allâh will resurrect them all together (i.e. the Day of Resurrection) and inform them of what they did. Allâh has kept account of it, while they have forgotten it. And Allâh is Witness over all things{6}. Have you not seen that Allâh knows whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on the earth? There is no *Najwa*¹ (secret counsel) of three, but He is their fourth (with His Knowledge, while He Himself is over the Throne, over the seventh heaven), nor of five but He is their sixth (with His Knowledge), not of less than that or more, but He is with them (with His Knowledge) wheresoever they may be; and afterwards on the Day of Resurrection, He will inform them of what they did. Verily, Allâh is the All-Knower of everything{7}.

Hypocrisies

Have you not seen those who were forbidden to hold secret counsels, and afterwards returned to that which they had been forbidden, and conspired together for sin and wrong doing and disobedience to the Messenger (Muhammad SAW). And when they come to you, they greet you with a greeting wherewith Allâh greets you not, and say within themselves: "Why should Allâh punish us not for what we say?" Hell will be sufficient for them, they will burn therein, and worst indeed is that destination!{8}.

Be Careful When Conversion in Secret

O you who believe! When you hold secret counsel, do it not for sin and wrong-doing, and disobedience towards the Messenger (Muhammad SAW) but do it for *Al-Birr* (righteousness) and *Taqwa* (virtues and piety); and fear Allâh unto Whom you shall be gathered{9}. Secret counsels (conspiracies) are only from *Shaitân* (Satan), in order that he may cause grief to the believers. But he cannot harm them in the least, except as Allâh permits, and in Allâh let the believers put their trust[□]{10}.

Etiquettes of a Meeting

O you who believe! When you are told to make room in the assemblies, (spread out and) make room. Allâh will give you (ample) room (from His Mercy). And when you are told to rise up [for prayers, *Jihâd* (holy fighting in Allâh's Cause), or for any other good deed], rise up. Allâh will exalt in degree those of you who believe, and those who have been granted knowledge. And Allâh is Well-Acquainted with what you do{11}.

Hypocrite

Have you (O Muhammad SAW) not seen those (hypocrites) who take for friends a people upon whom is the Wrath of Allâh (i.e. Jews)? They are neither of you (Muslims) nor of them (Jews), and they swear to a lie while they know{14}. Allâh has prepared for them a severe torment. Evil indeed is that which they used to do{15}. They have made their oaths a screen (for their evil actions). Thus they hinder (men) from the Path of Allâh, so they shall have a humiliating torment{16}. Their children and their wealth will avail them nothing against Allâh. They will be (the) dwellers of the Fire, to dwell therein

forever{17}. On the Day when Allâh will resurrect them all together (for their account), then they will swear to Him as they swear to you (O Muslims). And they think that they have something (to stand upon). Verily, they are liars!{18}. *Shaitân* (Satan) has overtaken them. So he has made them forget the remembrance of Allâh. They are the party of *Shaitân* (Satan). Verily, it is the party of *Shaitân* (Satan) that will be the losers!{19}.

Most Respectful

Those who oppose Allâh and His Messenger (Muhammad SAW), they will be among the lowest (most humiliated){20}.

Allah and Apostle (S.A.W.) Will Always

Allâh has decreed: "Verily! It is I and My Messengers who shall be the victorious." Verily, Allâh is All-Powerful, All-Mighty{21}.

Friends of Allah

You (O Muhammad SAW) will not find any people who believe in Allâh and the Last Day, making friendship with those who oppose Allâh and His Messenger (Muhammad SAW), even though they were their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers, or their kindred (people). For such He has written Faith in their hearts, and strengthened them with *Rûh* (proofs, light and true guidance) from Himself. And We will admit them to Gardens (Paradise) under which rivers flow, to dwell therein (forever). Allâh is pleased with them, and they with Him. They are the Party of Allâh. Verily, it is the Party of Allâh that will be the successful{22}.