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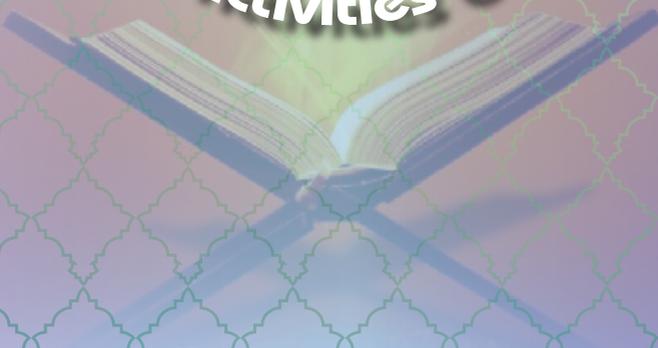
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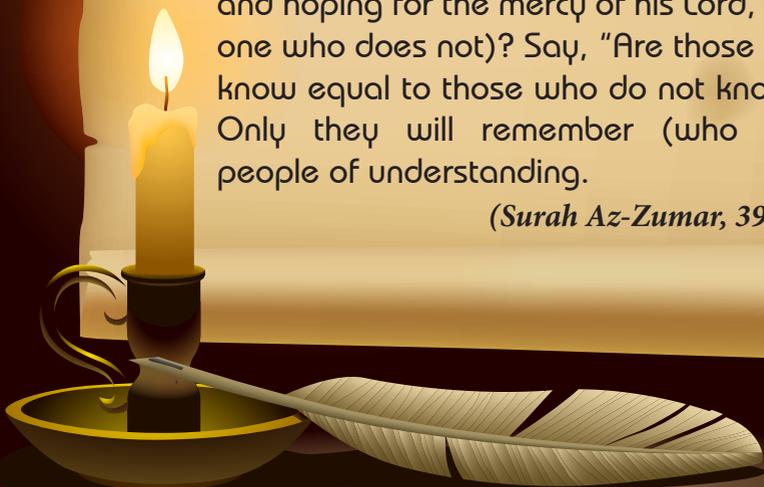
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أَمَّنْ هُوَ قَانَتْ آنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ سَاجِدًا
وَقَائِمًا يَحْذَرُ الْآخِرَةَ وَيَرْجُو رَحْمَةَ
رَبِّهِ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ
وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُو
الْأَلْبَابِ

Is one who is devoutly obedient during periods of the night, prostrating and standing (in prayer), fearing the Hereafter and hoping for the mercy of his Lord, (like one who does not)? Say, "Are those who know equal to those who do not know?" Only they will remember (who are) people of understanding.

(Surah Az-Zumar, 39/9)



PRESENTATION

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Directorate General for Religious Teaching

Dear Students,

As Ministry of National Education-Directorate General for Religious Teaching, in accordance with the main objectives of our national education, we have been carrying out various activities in order to educate and prepare you- our students- for your professional lives and the life itself. One of them is “**Life Criteria From Quran: Activities on Fourty Verses**”.

Quran, which is the best and the most beautiful of words, has been revealed in a twenty - three year period. Our beloved Prophet has read, dictated, taught and explained It to his companions. He has led a life in the direction of the criteria of Quran and set a living example of “Quran” for his society and the future generations.

Quran, being valid till the doomsday, has set the criteria of life for people to achieve happiness both in the world and in the Hereafter. The most important feature of the life criteria is the fact that they address to all humanity and all ages, without being limited to a certain time period or a specific society.

In Quran, Our Lord praised those who read Lord’s own words and act in line with these words. As Muslims, we must learn and apply the life criteria of Quran by reading It.

Learning Quran is learning the religion of Islam. Our Prophet pointed out this fact by commanding: “**The best among you are those who learn and teach Quran**”(Buhari, Fedailü’l-

Kur’an, 21). For this reason, we can sum up our duties towards Quran this way: **Learning, reading, understanding/ trying to understand what we read, applying/putting into practice what we understand, and teaching these practises to the others.**

The most basic goals of Our Directorate General are: to make you- the precious young people – understand Our Book which is the main source of our religion, so that It enlightens the spirits and hearts by being internalized; to raise you as individuals who have the responsibility for the future of our country and our civilization; who have moral values; who can response to the needs and expectations of the humanity; who may guide the society on different platforms such as mihrabs, minbars and rostrums; and who are bejeweled with the ethics of Quran.

For correct understanding of Islam; Quran – the road map of our lives – and Its verses – the signboards – must be understood correctly. In this context, I think that “**Life Criteria From Quran: Activities on Fourty Verses**” which has been prepared by us, will have an important position.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude towards our teachers and to our colleagues those who contributed to the present study, and I wish you success – to our valuable students- who are the assurance of our future.

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ALLAH IS ONE AND ONLY

وَالْهُكْمُ إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

Surah Al-Baqarah, 2/163

It's Meaning

"Your God is one God. There is no deity (worthy of worship) except God, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- God is the Creator, the Divinity who keep(s) everything alive and who is being worshipped.
- Some people respected the one(s) other than Allah (c.c.)¹ as deities although they didn't deserve that respect. Infact, those qualifications only belong to Allah, who is one and only.
- Allah (c.c.) has endless mercy.
- The believer believes that there is no god but Allah and he/she reflects this to his/her behaviours.
- The believer freshens and keeps alive his/her belief continuously through Islamic Confession of Tawhid (Oneness) which is: "Lailahe illallah Muhammedun Resulullah", namely, "There is no god but Allah, Hz. Muhammad (PBUH)² is the servant and the Messenger of Allah".

1 Celle celâluhü, shortly written as (c.c), is said for reverence and respect for Allah – when Allah's name is mentioned; and it means: "What a supreme glory of Allah".

2 Sallallahü aleyhi ve sellem, shortly written as (s.a.v.), is said for saying salavat – when Our Prophet's name is mentioned; and it means: "Peace be upon him".

RACING FOR GOOD AFFAIRS

فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ

Surah Al-Baqarah, 2/148

It's Meaning

"Race to (all that is) good."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- All kinds of our efforts that fit for Allah's (C.C.) sake are good and pleasant.
- Besides worships like performing prayer and reciting Quran, giving the elders seats in public transport vehicles and helping the parents are among good deeds.
- Our Lord wants us compete in useful/good deeds.
- We must always be pioneer and model in doing good works and participating in charity works.

TO INVOKE ALLAH MORE OFTEN

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا كَثِيرًا
وَسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا

Surah Al-Ahzab, 33/41-42

It's Meaning

"O, you have believed! Remember Allah with much remembrance. Exalt Allah morning and afternoon."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Invocation is remembering Allah (c.c.).
- An individual often thinks of and remembers the loved one.
- Continuous invocation of Allah is the commandment of our Lord and the requirement of being a believer.
- Good words such as: "Bismillah" when starting to everything, "Elhamdulillah" (Thanks God) after the meals, "Maşallah" (What God wants goes) when we see a beautiful thing, "Hasbünallah" (Allah is sufficient for us) at the moment of distress, "Eстаğfirullah" (I appeal for mercy) after making mistakes, "Süphanellah" (Allah is excluded from all the deficiencies) when we are astounded – are invocations, too.
- Glorifying is keeping our Lord excluded from all deficiencies and mentioning God with supreme adjectives (names).
- There is no certain space or time for invocation and glorifying. They can be done everytime, on any ground.
- We (our tongues) must be accustomed to invocation and glorifying in order to receive God's approval (consent).

MESSENGER OF ALLAH IS AN EXAMPLE FOR US

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَنْ
كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

Surah Al-Ahzab, 33/21

It's Meaning

“There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and (who) remembers Allah often!”

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Allah SWT (Subhanehu ve Teala) has chosen the prophets among people to make them models and examples for others.
- Our Lord has sent Our Prophet in order to make Him a model for the people.
- The role model of the believers is Our Prophet.
- It's possible to find examples in the life of Our Prophet for every situation we encounter.
- If we take Our Prophet (SAV) as an example and dominate our lives accordingly, we obtain happiness in this world and Hereafter.
- The people who believe in Hereafter and who always remember Allah (c.c.) are praised by Our Lord.

FASTING IS A RELIGIOUS DUTY

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا
كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

Surah Al-Baqarah, 2/183

It's Meaning

"O, you have believed! Decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you may become righteous-"

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Fasting is avoiding something like eating and drinking starting from pre-dawn meal to evening prayer.
- Fasting is one of the five pillars of Islam. Ramadan Month is its time. In order to get the love and consent of Allah SWT (Subhanahu ve Teala), it can be performed in other times, too.
- Fasting is the common worship of the whole ummah.
- Fasting is a shield that protects us from evil and sins.
- Fasting protects the physical and psychological health of an individual.
- Fasting canalizes us to good and nice behaviours by strengthening our will power.

MY LORD, LET NOT OUR HEARTS DEVIATE

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا
مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

Surah Ali' Imran, 3/8

It's Meaning

“Our Lord! Let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.”

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- The place of faith is heart. Deviation of the heart means losing the faith.
- As an individual does evil, he/she loses the sensitivity of being a good person, the bad actions he/she makes no longer disturb him/her. That is the one meaning of deviation of heart.
- Who predestines the faith for us and helps us protect our faith is Allah.
- Faith as a blessing is more important and valuable than all treasures in the world. A believer must always care and mind protecting his/her faith.
- We must pray God for keeping our hearts straight in line with faith.

HELPING

لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا
مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ

Surah Ali' Imran, 3/92

It's Meaning

"Never will you attain the good (reward) until you spend (in the way of Allah) from that which you love. And whatever you spend- indeed, Allah is knowing of it."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Helping is granting the livelihood of the needers to get God's consent.
- There are different types of goodness- one of them is sharing what we have with the needers.
- Giving the things that we dislike to the needers is not a goodness. The real goodness is giving our valuable and loved things.
- If we share something we like with the needers, we both make a favour and get rid of stinginess.
- A good and a virtuous believer is an individual who can share what he/she has with the others for God's sake.
- Allah SWT certainly rewards the servants who make self- sacrifice.

REMAINING ON A RIGHT COURSE

فَاسْتَقِمْ كَمَا أُمِرْتَ وَمَنْ تَابَ مَعَكَ
وَلَا تَطْغَوْا إِنَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ

Surah Hud, 11/112

It's Meaning

“So remain in a right course as you have been commanded, (you) and those who have turned back with you (to Allah), and do not transgress. Indeed, God is seeking of what you do.”

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- The best example in the matter of integrity and honesty for us is our Prophet.
- Our Lord commands us to remain in a right course and behave honestly in any case.
- We must keep being honest even though it doesn't serve our purpose (ourselves and even our beloved ones).
- We mustn't forget that we are under the custody of Our Lord and we must remain in a right course.

MAKE US ESTABLISHERS OF PRAYER

ف
 رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي مُقِيمَ الصَّلَاةِ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي
 رَبَّنَا وَتَقَبَّلْ دُعَاءِ

Surah Ibrahim, 14/40

It's Meaning

"My Lord! Make me an establisher of prayer, and (many) from my descendants. Our Lord! And accept my supplication."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Prayer is an important worship which is commanded (for us) by Allah (c.c.).
- We must perform prayer regularly and we must smoothly remind the people around us to perform it.
- Continuity is essential in worships.
- Quran teaches us how to pray.
- We must pray for our descendants and posterity as well for as ourselves.

SUFFICIENT FOR US IS ALLAH

فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ
عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Surah At Tawbah, 9/129

It's Meaning

“But if they turn away, (O Muhammad), say, ‘Sufficient for me is Allah; there is no deity except Allah. On Allah I have relied, and Allah is the Lord of the Great Throne’.”

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- The creator and the governor of the universe is Allah.
- Allah (c.c.) is sufficient as friend and helper.
- Believer doesn't afraid of being alone even if he/she is criticized by those around just because he/she tells the truth.
- Our Prophet never lost His trust in God despite the difficulties.
- The believer always trusts in God.

GOOD DEEDS WILL NOT BE UNRECIPROCATED

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَظْلِمُ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ وَإِنْ تَكَ حَسَنَةً
يُضَاعِفْهَا وَيُؤْتِ مِنْ لَدُنْهُ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا

Surah An Nisa, 4/40

It's Meaning

"Allah does not do injustice, (even) as much as an atom's weight; while if there is a good deed, Allah multiplies it and gives great reward ."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Allah (c.c.) is fair and likes justice. Allah is not unfair to anybody.
- Allah is generous to the servants.
- Allah will give the reward of even the minimum good deed exceedingly.
- In order to get the consent of God, we must try to increase our good deeds.
- Even so little good deeds done in the world will be rewarded in hereafter.

THE END OF THE DENIERS
(OF THE MESSENGERS)

قُلْ سِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ ثُمَّ انظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ
عَاقِبَةُ الْمُكْذِبِينَ

Surah Al-An'am, 6/11

It's Meaning

"Say, 'Travel through the land; then observe how was the end of the deniers'."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Denier is the transgressor who doesn't follow the orders and commands of God and who is nonobstrainer of the things forbidden by God.
- Allah (SWT) has sent prophets throughout the history in order to invite numerous unfair and cruel nations to the straight path. Some of those nations became rebellious to their prophets.
- The people who denied the prophets of true religions sent for themselves were perished. Whereas, the ones who believed and did good deeds obtained God's consent.
- The disasters that were experienced by the societies which denied Allah (c.c.) are exemplary historical events for us.

CONDUCTING TO GOODNESS

مَنْ جَاءَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ عَشْرُ أَمْثَالِهَا وَمَنْ جَاءَ
بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَلَا يُجْزَى إِلَّا مِثْلَهَا وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ

Surah Al-An'am, 6/160

It's Meaning

"Whoever comes (on the Day of Judgement) with a good deed will have ten times the like thereof (to his/her credit), and whoever comes with an evil deed will not be recompensed except the like thereof; and they will not be wronged ."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Good deed is liked things by Allah (c.c.) such as performing prayer and behaving well to parents.
- Evil is disliked and forbidden things by God such as telling lies and disturbing our friends.
- Allah (SWT) loves the servants very much. God rewards a good deed with at least ten times of it to make it (going to heaven) easier for them.
- God punishes the one who do evil just with its equal. God may forgive him/her if God wishes.
- Allah is fair, Allah never treats unfair to anybody.
- We must try to acquire more merits by increasing our good deeds.

LIVE IN A CERTAIN WAY (BY
FORGIVING), REMIND THE GOOD

خُذِ الْعَفْوَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْعُرْفِ وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْجَاهِلِينَ

Surah Al-A'raf, 7/199

It's Meaning

"Take what is given freely, enjoin what is good, and turn away from the ignorant ."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Hatred, grudge and vengeance are negative emotions that harm an individual.
- Being merciful is the behaviour of the well-behaved people.
- Proper behaviour and reminding it to others when appropriate is required.
- The one who doesn't have wisdom, knowledge and skill; who behaves rude and unkind; who is abusive and evildoer is ignorant.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BELIEVERS

الَّتَائِبُونَ الْعَابِدُونَ الْحَامِدُونَ السَّائِحُونَ الرَّاكِعُونَ
السَّاجِدُونَ الْأَمْرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَالنَّاهُونَ عَنِ
الْمُنْكَرِ وَالْحَافِظُونَ لِحُدُودِ اللَّهِ وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Surah At-Tawbah, 9/112

It's Meaning

“(Such believers are) the repentant, the worshippers, the praisers (of Allah), the travelers (for Allah’s cause), those who bow and prostrate (in prayer), those who enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong, and those who observe the limits (set by) Allah. And give good tidings to the believers!”

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Believer doesn't insist on committing sin, he/she regrets, and immediately repents.
- Believer gives thanks to Allah (c.c.) for the blessings given to him/her and always praises God.
- Believer performs worships like prayer and fasting for Allah (c.c.).
- Believer commands the good, tries to prevent the evil. He/she gets his/her life in order considering those.
- We must be servants just like Allah (c.c.) wants us to be in order to get the glad tidings.

**BOWING AND PROSTRATING APPROACH THE
SERVANT TO GOD**

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ازْكُرُوا مَا كُنتُمْ تَعْبُدُونَ
وَأَسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ تَخَضُّعًا
وَأَقِمُوا الصَّلَاةَ لِلَّهِ حَقًّا
وَرَبَّكُمْ وَافْعَلُوا الْخَيْرَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

Surah Al-Haj, 22/77

It's Meaning

“O, you who have believed! Bow and prostrate and worship your Lord and do good- that you may succeed”.

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- The first step in worshipping is faith. No practice without faith is not appropriate in the presence of Allah (c.c.) .
- The prayer we perform by meeting the conditions (bowing, prostrating and other terms) is one of the most important worships.
- In order to go to heaven, we must perform our worships, and we must try to be well-behaved and benefactor Muslims.

NO TRESPASSING TO ONE'S HOUSE

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَدْخُلُوا بُيُوتًا غَيْرَ بُيُوتِكُمْ
حَتَّى تَسْتَأْنِسُوا وَتُسَلِّمُوا عَلَى أَهْلِهَا ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ
لَكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

Surah An-Nur, 24/27

It's Meaning

“O, you who have believed! Do not enter houses other than your own houses until you ascertain welcome and greet their inhabitants. That is best for you; Perhaps you will be reminded”.

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Houses are private spaces for people. Respect to privacy is necessary.
- We must ask for permission for entering the others' houses. We must greet when we enter.
- Our religion has prohibited entering others' houses without permission.
- When getting into private spaces, we must ask the owners of them if it is convenient or not.
- We try to consider the wisdom in Allah's (C.C.) commandments and behave properly.

PRAY IS THE CORE OF WORSHIP

قُلْ مَا يَعْـبُـؤُـا بِكُمْ رَبِّي لَوْلَا دُعَاؤُكُمْ

Surah Al-Furkan, 25/77

It's Meaning

“Say, ‘ What would My Lord care for you if not for your supplication?’” .

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Pray is calling for God's help by knowing our desperation and believing that Our Lord is Almighty.
- Pray is the core of worship, expression of our servanthood.
- Which make us in the presence of Allah are our prays and worships.
- Our Lord likes the servant who prays.
- Our Lord doesn't need our servitude, on the contrary, we - as servants - need God.
- We must always praise Our Lord, make requests for ourselves and for our beloved ones.

IS NOT ALLAH SUFFICIENT FOR ALLAH'S
SERVANT?

أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِكَافٍ عَبْدَهُ

Surah Az-Zumar, 39/36

It's Meaning

"Is not Allah sufficient for Allah's servant?".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Allah (SWT) deserves being loved most.
- Allah (c.c.) is the owner of the strength and power.
- Knowing that Allah is sufficient for him/her sustains one.
- The one who tries hard by believing God from his/her heart easily overcome difficulties.
- We appeal for aid from Allah (c.c.) by saying the pray: "Hasbunallahu ve ni'mel-vekil" (Allah is sufficient for us. Allah is the Best Guardian).

BELIEVERS ARE SIBLINGS

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ

Surah Al-Hujurat, 49/10

It's Meaning

"The believers are but brothers/sisters".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Brotherhood/sisterhood is formed via blood tie or attachment.
- Our faith makes us siblings with every believer.
- We must come through with our siblings and solve their problems, and share their happiness at their happy moments.
- We consider every believer as our siblings. We don't discriminate them because of their languages, colors and nations.

BELIEVER DOESN'T RIDICULE

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا يَسْخَرُ قَوْمٌ مِنْ قَوْمٍ

Surah Al-Hujurat, 49/11

It's Meaning

"O, you who have believed! Let not a people ridicule (another) people".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Belittling and mocking the others are among the behaviours that are disliked by our Lord.
- Mocking and humiliating others are unbelievably attitudes.
- The feeling of arrogance lies at the bottom of ridiculing people. Arrogance is forbidden by our religion.
- We, the believers, never make fun of someone. We avoid using humiliating words and being in such attitudes.

ROADS TO HEAVEN PASSES
THROUGH THE MOSQUES

وَأَنَّ الْمَسَاجِدَ لِلَّهِ فَلَا تَدْعُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا

Surah Al-Jinn, 72/18

It's Meaning

"The Masjids (mosques) are for Allah, so do not invoke with Allah anyone".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Mosques are private spaces in Islam -designated for worshipping Allah.
- Since every good behaviour formed for the sake of God (c.c.) may be counted as worship, every good thing that is liked by God can be done at mosques.
- As worshipping can be performed at mosques, it can be performed in any clean space in Islam.
- We must perform our prayers at mosques with congregation as far as possible.
- The believer never worships any one or any thing other than Allah.

PROTECTING THE ORPHAN

فَأَمَّا الْيَتِيمَ فَلَا تَقْهَرْ^س

Surah Ad-Duhaa, 93/9

It's Meaning

"So as for the orphan, do not oppress (him/her)".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- The first things to do for orphans are giving the love they need, not behaving gibingly them, and not saying the words to them that may hurt their feelings.
- Protecting the orphans, taking them under our wings and standing up for their rights are among the most important religious and moral duties of us.
- The ones who protect the orphans will become neighbour with Our Prophet in heaven.
- We must show the required interest in orphans by thinking that Our Prophet was born and grew up as an orphan.

THE DOOMSDAY

ثُمَّ لَسْئَلُنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ

Surah At-Takathur, 102/8

It's Meaning

"Then, you will surely be asked that Day about pleasure".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Wisdom, health, life and faith are among the supreme blessings given to us.
- These blessings don't exist in people uniformly. So people are responsible for the blessings they have.
- Our time, mind, health and everything we have are entrusted to us.
- We must appreciate them and we mustn't forget that we will give an account for them in hereafter.
- Besides, the worldly blessings are temporary, the real permanent blessings exist in hereafter. We mustn't forget the hereafter and its blessings by being deceived by the temporal worldly blessings.
- We must offer thanks to Our Lord for the blessings that are given to us.

TO GOSSIP AND TO RIDICULE

وَيْلٌ لِّكُلِّ هُمَزَةٍ لُّمَزَةٍ

Surah Al-Humazah, 104/1

It's Meaning

"Woe to every scorner and mocker!"

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- "Humazah" and "Lumazah" mean scorning and ridiculing the people (on their shames and defects) openly or secretly.
- Backbiting the people unfavourably and performing allusive mimes is gossiping.
- Ridiculing people, scorning, gossiping, driving a wedge between the friends by being a tale bearer are among vices that are condemned by Our Lord.
- We must avoid those vices that insult, humiliate and distress the people and we must warn our friends about these matters.

THE ONLY RELIGION WHICH IS REAL

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

Surah Ali 'Imran, 3/19

It's Meaning

"Indeed, the religion in the sight of Allah is Islam..."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Islam is the real religion coming from Adam (His Holiness) to Our Prophet.
- The only religion which is acceptable in the presence of Allah is Islam.
- Hz. Muhammad (PBUH) is the last prophet; and Quran is the last book of Islam.
- Some of the people who received prophets and books (from God) deviated from Islam throughout the history.
- The things that we have to do as Muslims are adopting the eternal principles and values of our religion and put them into practice in our lives.

SUPPLICATE THROUGH PATIENCE
AND PRAYER

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ
وَالصَّلَاةِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ

Surah Al-Baqarah, 2/153

It's Meaning

“O, you who have believed, seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, Allah is with the patient ones”.

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- The believer seeks help from Allah (c.c.) under difficulties.
- The best way of seeking help from Allah is through patience and prayer.
- Being patient is at the same time making an effort to succeed.
- The believer who is in the presence of his/her Lord conveys his/her wishes directly to God and takes refuge in God for help.
- Allah (c.c.) never renders the servant helpless -who begs for- through patience and prayer.

**GOD OPENS THE DOORS FOR WHOM
TRUSTS IN GOD**

وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا

Surah At-Talaq, 65/2

It's Meaning

"...Whoever fears God – God will make for him/her a way out".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Standing up to Allah (c.c.) is an indecorum attitude for a servant.
- Our Lord helps the ones who toe the mark.
- In order to get rid of our problems, we need the help of God.
- We must care living consonant with our religion's commands.
- We always expect the help of God and pray to God for getting rid of the problems.

RESURRECTION AGAIN

بَلَىٰ قَادِرِينَ عَلَىٰ أَنْ نَسُوِيَ بَنَانَهُ

Surah Al-Qiyamah, 75/4

It's Meaning

"Yes, (we are) Able (even) to proportion his/her fingertips".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- As God created the people out of nothing, so God will resurrect again after their death.
- On the Doomsday, Allah is able to (even) to proportion the fingertips of human being (to recreate them in depth).
- We mustn't forget that we will be resurrected and pay for deeds we perform.

WITH EVERY DIFFICULTY THERE
IS A RELIEF

فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا ﴿٥٦﴾ إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا

Surah Ash-Sharh, 94/5-6

It's Meaning

"For indeed, with hardship (will be) ease. Indeed, with hardship (will be) ease ".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- There may be troubled moments and affairs that don't go well for an individual.
- As every cloud has a silver lining, so with hardship will be ease.
- At the circumstances of difficulty, distress and dire straits, we must be patient, withstand, try and pray (by seeking refuge and trusting in God).
- Our Lord will show us the easy ways by gladdening our hearts, relieving us and making things easier; as long as we trust in God.

SAYING "GOD WILLING!"

وَلَا تَقُولَنَّ لِشَيْءٍ إِنِّي فَاعِلٌ ذَلِكُمْ غَدًا
إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ

Surah Al-Kahf, 18/23

It's Meaning

"Never say of anything, 'Indeed, I will do that tomorrow' ".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- The expression "Inshaallah" means "It will happen if Allah (c.c.) lets".
- Allah wants servants wend their ways always to Allah.
- Remembering Allah gives happiness and courage to servant.
- Saying "Inshaallah" reminds us that nothing can happen unless God wishes.
- We must say "Inshaallah" for every affairs of us that we think to do and pray God for their beneficial results.

MY LORD, RELIEVE MY HEART,
SIMPLIFY MY WORK

رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي ۖ وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي ۖ
وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِنْ لِسَانِي ۖ يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي

Surah Taha, 20/25-28

It's Meaning

“My Lord, expand for me by breast (with assurance). And ease for me my task. And untie the knot from my tongue. That they may understand my speech”.

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- The most important step of succeeding in an affair is the faith, trust and courage in our hearts.
- Allah (c.c.) is the supreme assurance and helper of us under difficulties and problems.
- Who will show us the right way and make our affairs easier is Our Lord (in every matter).
- We demand (pray for) expanse in our breasts, relief in our hearts, easiness for our affairs and power in our words – from Our Lord.

MARTYRDOM IN THE WAY OF GOD

وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنْ يُقْتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ
أَمْوَاتٌ بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ

Surah Al-Baqarah, 2/154

It's Meaning

"Do not say about those who are killed in the way of Allah, 'They are dead'. Rather, they are alive, but you perceive (it) not".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- The efforts made for protecting the values of Islam like religion, life, property and honor and for glorifying the name of Allah have been made "in the way of Allah".
- The one who dies in the way of Allah (c.c.) becomes martyr.
- Martyrdom is a high echelon in praise of God.
- It's not right to say "dead" for martyrs - Because they are alive in such a dimension that we can't perceive.
- Every believer must desire martyrdom and if necessary he/she must sacrifice his/her life in the way of Allah.

GIVING GOOD ADVICE

وَذَكِّرْ فَإِنَّ الذِّكْرَى تَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Surah Adh-Dhariyat, 51/55

It's Meaning

"And remind, for indeed, the reminder benefits the believers".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- People can do some mistakes and commit sins.
- Every human need advice and sermon.
- We have religious and social responsibilities towards each other. Therefore, Our Lord has given us the duty of warning the people.
- Advices absolutely avail the believers, enables giving up their mistakes and sins. We are all ears when we're given advices and try to correct our mistakes.
- We try to dissuade the people from their mistakes – by advising them.

PRAYER IS A RELIGIOUS DUTY

إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَّوْقُوتًا

Surah An-Nisa, 4/103

It's Meaning

"Indeed, prayer has been decreed upon the believers a decree of specified times".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Five-time prayer is decreed upon the believers by Allah (c.c.)
- There's no excuse -for a Muslim- for quitting the prayer.
- The most excellent invocation (of Allah) comes true with prayer.
- Performing prayer –in time- retains an individual from doing evil.
- Prayer raises the servitude awareness and time discipline for one.
- We must perform our prayers on time and properly.

HZ. MUHAMMAD (PbUH), BENEDICTION FOR THE WORLDS

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

Surah Al-Anbya, 21/107

It's Meaning

"We haven't sent you (O, Muhammad) except as a mercy to the worlds".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Mercy is a Quranic expression, which means that Allah (c.c.) takes a pity on the servants, has strong like for them, and treats them with compassion and grace.
- The supreme mercy for the servants (from God) is Islam.
- Our Prophet (PbUH) is the source of mercy and abundance for every creature; especially for people.
- Our Prophet loved all the creatures, treated them affectionately and graciously.
- As the ummah of the Prophet of Mercy, we must treat every creature with love, mercy and grace.

PATIENCE

فَاصْبِرْ صَبْرًا جَمِيلًا

Surah Al-Ma'arij, 70/5

It's Meaning

"So, be patient with gracious patience".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Patience is putting up with the difficulties of good and beneficent affairs and not dreading under these difficulties.
- While doing good and beneficent things, it's required to be continuous and decisive.
- The ones who are patient will be rewarded by Allah (c.c.).
- Allah is with the ones who are patient.
- In every affair of us, we must take refuge and trust in Allah and be patient.

WORSHIPPING ALLAH

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

Surah Al-Fatihah, 1/5

It's Meaning

"It is You we worship and You we ask for help".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Servitude is minding the words of Almighty Allah who created the countless beauties.
- The believer knows that Allah SWT is always with him/her and he/she trusts in Allah (c.c.).
- Allah SWT loves and protects the believers. Therefore, the believers appeal for help from Allah by worshipping Allah.
- The worships and prayers that we perform altogether satisfy Allah mostly.
- We must always act in good manners in a conscious of servitude. We must try to earn the love of God, we must always appeal for aid from God.

CONTEMPLATING THE UNIVERSE

إِنَّ فِي اخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَمَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ
فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَّقُونَ

Surah Yunus, 10/6

It's Meaning

"Indeed, in the alternation of the night and the day and (in) what Allah has created in the heavens and the earth are signs for a people who fear Allah".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- The alternation of night and day; this certain system/order is the indicator of a unique power.
- There is a huge system and balance in the universe. This balance can't be incidental.
- Thinking on the existences such as night, day, sun and moon reminds us the might of God.
- We must draw a lesson from the creatures by using our minds.

SUCCESS ONLY COMES WITH THE HELP OF GOD

وَمَا تَوْفِيقِي إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَإِلَيْهِ أُنِيبُ

Surah Hud, 11/88

It's Meaning

"...My success is not but through Allah. Upon Allah I have relied, and to Allah I return".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- If we struggle, God will give us the success.
- We only get the success with the allowance and the help of God.
- Therefore, we never get spoiled and insult others because of our success.
- We always trust in and take refuge in God, by praying.
- When we get successful, we mustn't forget the help of God and offer thanks to God.



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