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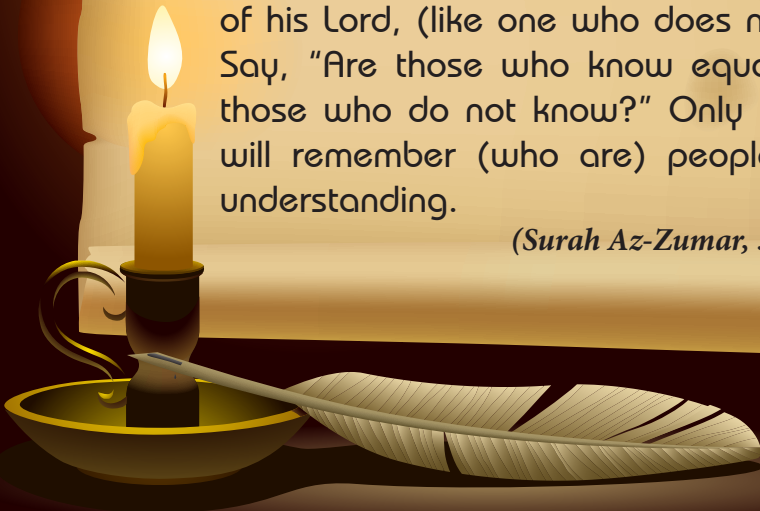
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أَمَّنْ هُوَ قَانِتٌ آنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ سَاجِدًا
وَقَائِمًا يَحْذَرُ الْآخِرَةَ وَيَرْجُو رَحْمَةَ
رَبِّهِ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ
وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُوا
الْأَلْبَابِ

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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PRAYER WITH CONGREGATION

وَأَقِمْوَا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَارْكَعُوا مَعَ الرَّاكِعِينَ

Surah Al-Baqarah, 2/43

It's Meaning

"Establish prayer and give zakah and bow with those who bow (in worship and obedience)."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Establishing prayer and giving zakah (alms) are commands of Our Lord.
- Zakah (alms) is sharing a part of our property with the needers.
- "Bow with those who bow" command encourages us to establish prayer with congregation.
- The virtue of the salat in congregation is many times more than the salat performed individually.
- Our Prophet (PbUH) stated that salat in congregation is twenty-seven degrees more virtuous than a man's salat alone.

GLAD TIDINGS FOR ONES WHO ARE PATIENT

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 believers seek help from Allah (c.c.)¹ under distress and difficulties.
- The best way of seeking help from Allah is through patience and prayer. Because 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.
- Being patient is -at the same time- trying hard.
- God never renders the servant helpless -who begs for- through patience and prayer.

¹ Celle celâluhû, 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".

MARTYRDOM FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH

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 such as religion, homeland, life, property and honor and for glorifying the name of Allah have been made "in the way of Allah (c.c.)".
- The one who dies in the way of Allah (c.c.) becomes martyr.
- Martyrdom is a high echelon in the 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.

HELPING

يَسْأَلُونَكَ مَاذَا يُنْفِقُونَ قُلْ مَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ
 فَلِلَّوَالِدَيْنِ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ وَالْيَتَامَى وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَابْنِ
 السَّبِيلِ وَمَا تَفْعَلُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ

Surah Al-Baqarah, 2/215

It's Meaning

“They ask you, (O Muhammad), what they should spend. Say, “Whatever you spend of good is (to be) for parents and relatives and orphans and the needy and the traveler. And whatever you do of good-indeed, Allah is Knowing of it”.

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Asking proper questions is a useful method for acquiring knowledge. Companions (friends) of Our Prophet used to ask Him (s.a.v.)¹ questions on the matters they want to learn. One of them was: “What and for whom we should spend?”
- Our parents come first when it comes to spending. Meeting their needs is a good deed with too much merits.
- Relatives, orphans, needers and travelers are subordinated to parents.
- Allah (c.c.) absolutely knows our intention when we spend. So, all deeds must be performed for only God's sake.

¹ 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”.

SPENDING FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH (C.C.)

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ
حَبَّةٍ أُنْبَتَتْ سَبْعَ سَنَابِلٍ فِي كُلِّ سُنبُلَةٍ مِائَةٌ حَبَّةٌ
وَاللَّهُ يُضَاعِفُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ

Surah Al-Baqarah, 2/261

It's Meaning

“The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed (of grain) which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies (Allah’s reward) for whom Allah wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing”.

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Helping is spending one’s property, wealth, knowledge and life in the way of Allah (c.c.).
- Helping makes the property fruitful (rich). Sharing doesn’t reduce it, on the contrary, sharing increases the property.
- As sowing wheat fertilizes the soil so spending the property in the way of Allah makes it fruitful.
- Allah- who makes a seed (of grain) grow seven spikes and seven hundred grains – gives the reward of a good deed exceedingly.
- The merit given by Allah depends on the sincerity of one’s intention.

UNPRODUCTIVE INCOME

يَمْحَقُ اللَّهُ الرِّبَا وَيُزِيلُ الصَّدَقَاتِ
وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ كَفَّارٍ أَثِيمٍ

Surah Al-Baqarah, 2/276

It's Meaning

"Allah destroys interest and gives increase for charities. And Allah does not like every sinning disbeliever".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Interest is one of the big sins.
- Interest makes the poor poorer; and it makes the rich richer. It deepens the gap between poor and rich in this way. So, Allah (c.c.) states that interest is illicit.
- The abundance of the property diminishes because of interest; it melts like an ice under the sun.
- Charities given for the sake of Allah fertilizes the property –like a lamb which grows and flourishes-.
- Allah doesn't like the ones who get interest. Because they insist on violating the law of Allah and sinning.

JIHADD AND PATIENCE

أَمْ حَسِبْتُمْ أَنْ تَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ وَلَمَّا يَعْلَمِ اللَّهُ
الَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا مِنْكُمْ وَيَعْلَمِ الصَّابِرِينَ

Surah Ali 'Imran, 3/142

It's Meaning

"Or do you think that you will enter Paradise while Allah has not yet made evident those of you fight in Allah's cause and made evident those who are steadfast?"

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Jihadd is endeavouring, struggling and striving in the way of Allah.
- Notifying Islam by explaining and practicing personally; Being patient and decisive in the matter of obedience to God; Fighting with nafs (desire), esisting the trips and traps of devil; Doing what is needed when an attack is carried out and a war is started by enemies – are also jihadd, too.
- Being successful in the world, reaching to the blessings of Allah (c.c.) in hereafter depend on jihadd and patience. Patience is struggling fearlessly for the sake of glorifying the name of God steadfastly.
- The greatness of the reward in hereafter depends on carrying out the worldly life in accordance with God's consent.

TRUST IN GOD

إِنْ يَنْصُرْكُمُ اللَّهُ فَلَا غَالِبَ لَكُمْ وَإِنْ يَخْذُلْكُمْ
فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَنْصُرُكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ
وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

Surah Ali 'Imran, 3/160

It's Meaning

“If Allah should aid you, no one can overcome you; but if Allah should forsake you, who is there that can aid you after Allah? And upon Allah let the believers rely”.

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- God (c.c.) helps the believers who strive to put his/her religion into practice and who obey the commandments.
- If Allah helps somebody, no one can overcome that person.
- We can accomplish our affairs only by the help and power of Allah.
- As believers, we must only trust in God.

NOT SWEARING

لَا يُحِبُّ اللَّهُ الْجَهْرَ بِالسَّوِّءِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ
إِلَّا مَنْ ظَلِمَ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ سَمِيعًا عَلِيمًا

Surah An-Nisa, 4/148

It's Meaning

"Allah doesn't like the public mention of evil except by one who has been wronged. And ever is Allah Hearing and Knowing".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Saying bad and offending words to people and disseminating them doesn't suit a Muslim.
- We mustn't say everything that comes into our minds with the thought that: "What's the use of making a secret of it?"
- Only the one who has been wronged must tell it loud and seek his/her right.

THE WAYS THAT DRAW ONE NEAR TO GOD

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَابْتَغُوا إِلَيْهِ الْوَسِيلَةَ
وَجَاهِدُوا فِي سَبِيلِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

Surah Al-Ma'idah, 5/35

It's Meaning

"O you who have believed, fear Allah and seek the means (of nearness) to Allah and strive in Allah's cause that you may succeed".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Not violating the rules of Allah (c.c.) and respecting Allah are the most important commands of our religion.
- The purpose of a believer is being a servant who is close to Allah and ingratiating himself/herself with Allah.
- It is possible to get near to God by the methods such as cleanliness, performing prayers, reciting Quran, fulfilling individual, domestic, social responsibilities of us and helping the others.
- Jihadd is one of the leading methods that makes one nearer to God.
- In order to be happy in the world and to ascend to heaven, we must obey the commandments of God.

THE FIRST STEP OF REPENTANCE

قَالَا رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنْفُسَنَا وَإِنْ لَمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا
وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

Surah Al-Araf, 7/23

It's Meaning

"They said, 'Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You don't forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers!'".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- This verse is the pray of Adam and Eve (a.s.)¹ [pbuh] kept on saying when they repented after the error they committed (the fall). They repented immediately for their mistakes, and asked for God's (c.c.) forgiveness.
- The committed sins are cruelties that one inflicts himself/herself. Because the one who insists on committing sins and doesn't repent will pay his/her dues.
- When a servant makes a mistake and commits a sin, he/she must definitely repent. He/she mustn't delay the repentance. Otherwise, he/she must know that he/she will meet a sticky end.

¹ Aleyhisselam, shortly written as (a.s.), expresses the respect, reverence and pray for the Prophets and the great angels like Michael and Gabriel and it means "Peace be upon Him/It"

NOT FALLING OUT WITH EACH OTHER

وَاطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ
رِيحُكُمْ وَاصْبِرُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ

Surah Al-Anfal, 8/46

It's Meaning

“Obey Allah and Allah’s Messenger and don’t dispute and (thus) lose courage and (then) your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient”.

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Obedience to Allah (c.c.) and Allah’s Messenger (pbuh) is carrying out Their orders.
- Disagreements and conflicts among the believers weaken the unity and solidarity, make them lose their powers.
- The secret of success lurks in patience. Therefore, we must have patience.

BUILDING UP MOSQUES

إِنَّمَا يَعْمُرُ مَسَاجِدَ اللَّهِ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ
وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَى الزَّكَاةَ وَلَمْ يَخْشَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ
فَعَسَىٰ أُولَٰئِكَ أَنْ يَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُهْتَدِينَ

Surah At-Tawbah, 9/18

It's Meaning

“The mosques of Allah are only to be maintained by those who believe in Allah and The Last Day and establish prayer and give zakah and do not fear except Allah for it is expected that those will be of the (rightly) guided”.

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Building mosques and keeping them alive are among the important religious duties. This service is firstly building up masjids materially.
- Performing prayers with congregation at mosques, seething with congregation, having discussions, transforming the mosques into social life centers are building up masjids adoptively.
- Building up masjids is an important sign showing that the one is a good believer.

THE SUPREME REWARD

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ
 تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَمَسَاكِنَ طَيِّبَةً فِي جَنَّاتٍ
 عَدْنٍ وَرِضْوَانٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

Surah At-Tawbah, 9/72

It's Meaning

“Allah has promised the believing men and believing women gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they abide eternally, and pleasant dwellings in gardens of perpetual residence; but approval from Allah is greater. It is that which is the great attainment”.

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Allah (c.c.) will give the supreme reward to the believers. Very beautiful houses, rivers, gardens are among the rewards for believers.
- Gaining God's consent, namely God's approval and love, is more important than physical (substantial) blessings and beauties.

PRAYING FOR FORGIVENESS

وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ ثُمَّ تُوبُوا إِلَيْهِ إِنَّ رَبِّي رَحِيمٌ وَدُودٌ

Surah Hud, 11/90

It's Meaning

"Ask forgiveness of your Lord and then repent to your Lord. Indeed, my Lord is Merciful and Affectionate".

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Believer doesn't insist on committing sin. He/she regrets committing that sin and turns towards Allah (c.c.).
- Our Lord forgives the servants who ask for forgiveness from the heart. Because God is exceedingly merciful and loves us very much.
- 'Vedud' is one of the beautiful names of Allah (el-esmâu'l husnâ). It means "One who loves the servants too much and Who is loved by the believer servants too much".

BEING GRATEFUL FOR THE BLESSINGS

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ
وَلَئِنْ كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ

Surah Ibrahim, 14/7

It's Meaning

“And (remember) when your Lord proclaimed, ‘If you are grateful, I will surely increase you (in favor); but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe’.”

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Gratitude is remembering Our Lord –who is the real owner of the blessings- and thanking Our Lord. It can be only by worshipping Allah(c.c.) properly.
- Every blessing has its own gratitude style. Gratitude for property is sharing. Gratitude of knowledge is teaching. Gratitude of health is worshipping Allah and serving the created.
- The biggest ungratefulness is denying the blessings of Allah.
- As believers, we know that Our Lord has given all the blessings and we thank God.
- Our Lord has heralded us that when we thank Our Lord, Our Lord will enhance more the blessings.

THE DAY OF JUSTICE

وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ اللَّهَ غَافِلًا عَمَّا يَعْمَلُ الظَّالِمُونَ
إِنَّمَا يُؤَخِّرُهُمْ لِيَوْمٍ تَشْخَصُ فِيهِ الْأَبْصَارُ

Surah Ibrahim, 14/42

It's Meaning

"And never think that Allah is unaware of what the wrongdoers do. Allah only delays them for a Day when eyes will stare (in horror)."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Cruelty is ignoring the people's religions, lives, properties, honors; insulting them and doing them an injustice.
- We must avoid injustice and respect everybody's rights.
- Cruelty – is at the same time- tortious words, acts and behaviours that violate the divine will.
- Our Lord sees and records every injustice -great and small- .
- Tyrants are never left unpunished. Even if not in this world they will give account for their deeds in hereafter; and the hereafter will be terrible for them.

LIKE A BEAUTIFUL TREE

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا كَلِمَةً طَيِّبَةً كَشَجَرَةٍ
 طَيِّبَةٍ أَصْلُهَا ثَابِتٌ وَفَرْعُهَا فِي السَّمَاءِ ﴿٢٤﴾ تُؤْتِي
 أُكْلَهَا كُلَّ حِينٍ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهَا وَيَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْأَمْثَالَ
 لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ

Surah Ibrahim, 14/24-25

It's Meaning

“Have you not considered how Allah presents an example, (making) a good word like a good tree, whose root is firmly fixed and its branches (high) in the sky? It produces its fruit all the time, by permission of its Lord. And Allah presents examples for the people that perhaps they will be reminded.”

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- A Muslim must be nice in all aspects; besides, his/her words must be nice, either.
- Allah (c.c.) and the angels are pleased with our good words.
- We get the good results in return for the good words both in this world and hereafter.
- The best word among the words is Kalimah Tawheed. Namely; "Lailahe Illallah Muhammedun Resulullah" (Theres is no god but Allah, Muhammad (PbUH) is the servant and the Messenger of Allah").
- We must understand and try to apply the advices of Quran in our lives.

GIVING ACCOUNT

اِقْرَأْ كِتَابَكَ كَفَىٰ بِنَفْسِكَ الْيَوْمَ عَلَيْكَ حَسِيبًا

Surah Al-Isra, 17/14

It's Meaning

"Read your record. Sufficient is yourself against you this Day as accountant."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Allah (c.c.) sees us and knows our every situation, our nothing can be concealed for Allah.
- Every deed of us has been recorded by recorder angels.
- We will account for every deed of us for better or worse.
- We musn't forget that we-ourselves- write our deed books, we must always make good things being recorded there.

RIGHTEOUSNESS IN COMMERCE

وَأَوْفُوا الْكَيْلَ إِذَا كِلْتُمْ وَزَنُّوا بِالْقِسْطَاسِ الْمُسْتَقِيمِ
ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا

Surah Al-Isra, 17/35

It's Meaning

"Give full measure when you measure, and weight with an even balance. That is the best (way) and best in result."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Allah (c.c.) wants the servants do their best in their affairs. Like our affairs, our tools must be right. There can be no right weight with a crooked balance.
- The one who does right business not only earns but also redounds the ones he/she loves.
- God heralds the right ones with a good final.
- One who cheats others cheat himself/herself actually.
- The economy of a country is strong whose producers and consumers are right.

THE POWER OF RIGHT

وَقُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَزَهَقَ الْبَاطِلُ
إِنَّ الْبَاطِلَ كَانَ زَهُوقًا

Surah Al-Isra, 17/81

It's Meaning

"Say, 'Truth has come, and falsehood has departed. Indeed is falsehood, (by nature), ever bound to depart'."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Truth is so clear, right and real that can't be denied.
- Islam is the only true and the last religion which involves the truths in it.
- Superstitious bears no relation to the truth and real.
- Superstitious is obliged to be dissolved even though it is sometimes seen as the winner.
- That superstitious seems powerful mustn't drive us to desperation.
- A Muslim mustn't take sides with the superstitious; and he/she mustn't support the unfair, wrong attitudes and behaviours.

THE PRAY OF PROPHET MUSA

رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي ﴿٢٥﴾ وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي ﴿٢٦﴾
وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِنْ لِسَانِي ﴿٢٧﴾ يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي ﴿٢٨﴾

Surah Taha, 20/25-28

It's Meaning

"My Lord! Expand for me my 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 steps of achieving an affair are the faith in our hearts and the confidence/courage coming from that faith.
- Our supreme guarantee and the helper is Allah (c.c.) under difficulties and distresses.
- Our Lord shows us the true way and makes things easier for us in every respect.
- Like Prophet Moses (a.s.) [pbuh] we request for wideness and comfort for our hearts, easiness for our affairs and power for our words from Our Lord.

THE PRAY OF PROPHET YUNUS

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

Surah Al-Anbya, 21/87

It's Meaning

"There is no deity except You; exalted are You. Indeed, I have been of the wrongdoers."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- There is no deity (worthy of worship) except for God (c.c.).
- Our Lord is Exalted. No deficiency, defect or fault suits God's supremacy.
- The reason of bothers and troubles we have are our own deficiencies, defects and mistakes.
- When we are in a difficulty, hard up or when we get into trouble, we pray Our Lord just as Prophet Yunus (Jonah) (a.s.) [pbuh] and ask for forgiveness.

RESPECT FOR RELIGIOUS SIGNS

وَمَنْ يُعَظِّمْ شَعَائِرَ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّهَا مِنْ تَقْوَى الْقُلُوبِ

Surah Al-Haj, 22/32

It's Meaning

"Whoever honors the symbols of Allah- indeed, it is from the piety of hearts."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Allah (c.c.) determines the bases of religion such as Kaaba, adhan, prayer, haj, sacrifice. Therefore, respecting the signs and marks that represent Islam is infact respecting Allah.
- To toe to the religious marks is the outpicture of love and respect for God in our hearts.
- We obey the rules established by God. We respect for the worships and symbols determined by God.

PROTECTIVE WORSHIP: PRAYER

أَتْلُ مَا أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ
 إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ
 وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ

Surah Al-'Ankabut, 29/45

It's Meaning

"Recite, (O Muhammad), what has been revealed to you of the Book and establish prayer. Indeed, prayer prohibits immorality and wrongdoing, and the remembrance of Allah is greater. And Allah knows that which you do."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Reciting, trying to understand and making Holy Quran a guide for our lives are the orders of Our Lord.
- Prayer is the pillar of the religion. It must be established sincerely and truly.
- Properly performed prayer rehabilitates one's behaviour and moralizes him/her. It prevents one from doing evil and commit an offense.
- We mention Allah (c.c.) when we recite Quran and establish prayer. Mentioning Allah is the best of every worship.
- Living in a belief that God sees and knows us keeps us out of harm's way and directs us to goodness.

CREATION AND RESURRECTION

وَضَرَبَ لَنَا مَثَلًا وَنَسِيَ خَلْقَهُ قَالَ مَنْ يُحْيِي الْعِظَامَ
وَهِيَ رَمِيمٌ ﴿٧٨﴾ قُلْ يُحْيِيهَا الَّذِي أَنْشَأَهَا أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ
وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ خَلْقٍ عَلِيمٌ

Surah Ya-sin, 36/78-79

It's Meaning

“And he/she presents for Us an example and forgets his/her (own) creation. He/She says, ‘Who will give life to bones while they are disintegrated?’ Say, ‘Allah will give them life Who produced them the first time; and Allah is, of all creation, Knowing.’ ”

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Heathens deny the hereafter and resurrection by forgetting their own creation.
- As Allah (c.c.) created the people out of nothing, so Allah will resurrect again after their death.
- When we look at the sky, the creatures around us and ourselves, we understand that Allah is the only Creator and Almighty.

MENTIONING THE NAME OF OUR PROPHET WITH RESPECT

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

Surah Al-Ahzab, 33/56

It's Meaning

"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and Allah's angels (ask Allah to do so). O you who have believed, ask (Allah to confer) blessing upon Him and ask (Allah to grant Him) peace."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- The fact that Allah (c.c.) confers blessing upon Our Prophet (PbUH) is Allah's mercy and grace for Him.
- The fact that Angels bless upon Our Prophet is their wish of forgiveness for Him.
- The fact that believers bless upon Our Prophet is their pray for Him.
- We can express our love for Our Prophet by different blessing and greeting sentences. Sentences like "Sallallahu aleyhi ve sellem". "Allahumme salli ala Muhammed" and "Essalatu ves Selamu aleyke Ya Rasulallah" are the most common blessing expressions.
- Blessing upon Our Prophet conduces to make us gain Our Lord's consent.
- Saying salavat when the name of Our Prophet is mentioned is a religious duty.

OBEDIENCE TO OUR PROPHET

مَا ضَلَّ صَاحِبُكُمْ وَمَا غَوَى ﴿١﴾ وَمَا يَنْطُقُ
عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ ﴿٢﴾ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ

Surah An-Najm, 53/2-4

It's Meaning

“Your companion (Muhammad) has not strayed, nor has He erred; Nor does He speak from (His own) inclination. It's not but a revelation revealed.”

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Our Prophet (PbUH) neither strayed nor erred.
- Our Prophet, by force of His chastity character, is under protection of Our Lord. It's not possible for Him to go out of God's commandments.
- Character of chastity means being kept safe from faults and sins.
- The words and practices of Our Prophet are examples for us and they're religious evidences.
- Obedience to Our Prophet's commandments is indeed obedience to Allah (c.c.).
- As believers, we learn the life of Our Prophet, take him as an example and try to follow His lead.

AVOIDING EVIL

وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ وَنَهَى النَّفْسَ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ
فَإِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ هِيَ الْمَأْوَىٰ ﴿٦٠﴾

Surah An-Naziat, 79/40-41

It's Meaning

"But as for he/she who feared the position of his/her Lord and prevented the soul from (unlawful) inclination, Then indeed Paradise will be (his/her) refuge."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Loving and respecting God (c.c.) properly withhold one from making bad business.
- Believer acts considering that he/she will come into the presence of God and that he/she will account. He/She doesn't want to feel embarrassment in the presence of God because of his/her sins.
- Nothing comes without a price. The price of going to Heaven is avoiding the bad requests of our desires (nafs).
- Every believer who obey the rules of God, protects himself/herself from evil, and avoid the illicit will go to heaven.

NOT HACKING AROUND

فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَانصَبْ
وَإِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ

Surah As-Sharh, 94/7-8

It's Meaning

"So when you have finished (your duties), then stand up (for worship). And to Your Lord direct (your) longing."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Worldly life is short, our lifespans are limited. Therefore, it is not right to waste our time.
- When we accomplish a worship, we can head for another worship.
- When a book is finished, a new book can be started to be read.
- In any case, we must head towards Our Lord and we must open our hearts to God through patience, prayer and pray.

PREFERRING A MUSLIM SIBLING TO YOURSELF

وَالَّذِينَ تَبَوَّؤُ الدَّارَ وَالْإِيمَانَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ يُحِبُّونَ مَنْ
هَاجَرَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَا يَجِدُونَ فِي صُدُورِهِمْ حَاجَةً مِمَّا
أُوتُوا وَيُؤْثِرُونَ عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ
وَمَنْ يُوقَ شُحَّ نَفْسِهِ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

Surah Al-Hashr, 59/9

It's Meaning

"And (also for) those who were settled in al-Madinah and (adopted) the faith before them. They love those who emigrated to them and find not any want in their breasts of what the emigrants were given but give them preference over themselves, even though they are in privation. And whoever is protected from the stinginess of his/her soul – it is those who will be the successful."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Our Lord wants us to help the believers ("immigrants") who are obliged to be deterritorialized because of some difficulties.
- Loving the immigrants and refugees and helping them willingly with the awareness of "ensar" (people from Medinah who helped immigrated Muslims) are the characteristics of believers.
- That we give something we need to our more needy siblings is liked by Allah (c.c.).
- Stinginess is a behaviour that is prohibited by Islam. Ones who avoid it will be successful.
- We try to help the people who are obliged to be deterritorialized. By sharing our opportunities, we try to get the consent of Our Lord.

HEAVEN, THE HOME OF BELIEVERS

وَاللَّهُ يَدْعُوا إِلَى دَارِ السَّلَامِ وَيَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ
إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

Surah Yunus, 10/25

It's Meaning

"And Allah invites to the Home of Peace and guides whom Allah wills to a straight path."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Daru's –Selam means the home of safety and welfare (peace). It is one of the names of Heaven.
- Heaven is a place in which all kinds of beauties are included; and any bad words, swearing, quarrel and distress are excluded.
- Our Lord invites us to Heaven. This invitation shows that Allah loves us.
- The right way that will make us reach the Heaven is the way of Islam.
- We pray to Our Lord to make us reach the right way and the Heaven.

BEING PURE-HEARTED

يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْفَعُ مَالٌ وَلَا بَنُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾
إِلَّا مَنْ أَتَى اللَّهَ بِقَلْبٍ سَلِيمٍ

Surah Ash-Shu'ara, 26/88-89

It's Meaning

"The day when there will not benefit (anyone) wealth or children. But only one who comes to Allah with a sound heart."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- We will give account for the worldly life in hereafter.
- In hereafter, the abundance of wealth and children will be of no use.
- Being pure-hearted provides us with happiness and gaining the consent of God (c.c.).
- In order to be pure-hearted, we must accomplish our worships and try to be servants as Our Lord wants us.

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. Therefore, every human needs advice and sermon.
- Advices absolutely avail the believers; enables giving up their mistakes and sins.
- Believers have religious and social responsibilities towards each other. Therefore, Our Lord has given us the duty of warning each other.
- We must be all ears when we are given advices and try to correct our mistakes.
- We must try to dissuade the people from their mistakes by advising them.

TO INVOKE ALLAH

وَاذْكُرْ رَبَّكَ فِي نَفْسِكَ تَضَرُّعًا وَخِيفَةً وَدُونَ الْجَهْرِ
مِنَ الْقَوْلِ بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ وَلَا تَكُنْ مِنَ الْغَافِلِينَ

Surah Al-A'raf, 7/205

It's Meaning

"And remember Your Lord within yourself in humility and in fear without being apparent in speech – in the mornings and the evenings. And do not be among the heedless."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Believer must pray and remember Allah (c.c.) inwardly.
- The prays that are established sincerely, alone, and in a low voice are franker and they are more acceptable.
- Pray is not established in only certain times. We can always pray God from the bottom of our hearts.
- We are responsible for remembering God all the time.

WORSHIPPING OUR LORD

فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَكُنْ مِنَ السَّاجِدِينَ
وَأَعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ

Surah Al-Hijr, 15/98-99

It's Meaning

"So, exalt (Allah) with praise of Your Lord and be of those who prostrate (to Allah). And worship Your Lord until there comes to you the certainty (death)."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Allah (c.c.) who has created us, keeps us alive and gives us countless blessings is worthy of commendation and thanksworthy.
- The moment at which a servant is closest to his/her Lord is the prostration.
- Ones who establish their prayers without delay are glorified by God.
- Continuity is essential in worships.
- As long as we live, the blessings given us by Our Lord go on. Then, through all our lives, our servitudes must go on, too.
- We must remember the blessings given us by God, praise God via beautiful names and fulfill our servitude duties by prostrating ourselves.

GOOD AND PERMANENT DEEDS

الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا
وَالْبَاقِيَاتُ الصَّالِحَاتُ خَيْرٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ
ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ أَمَلًا

Surah Al-Kahf, 18/46

It's Meaning

"Wealth and children are (but) adornment of the worldly life. But the enduring good deeds are better to Your Lord for reward and better for (one's) hope."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Allah (c.c.) has created and adorned the world wonderfully.
- The beauties in the world are attractive, however, they are temporary.
- Learning science, raising up dutiful children, or doing charity works that are beneficial for the people are among the permanent good works.
- A human, in this mortal (ephemeral) world, must do permanent and good works for his/her after-life.

SEEKING REFUGE IN GOD FROM DELUSIONS

وَأَمَّا يَنْزَغَنَّكَ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ نَزْغٌ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

Surah Al-A'raf, 7/200

It's Meaning

“And if an evil suggestion comes to you from Satan, then seek refuge in Allah. Indeed, Allah is Hearing and Knowing.”

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Evil suggestions are bad thoughts put by satan into our hearts. These bad thoughts disturb and bother us.
- Satan tries to divert us from Allah's (c.c.) way. We mustn't fall into the traps of satan.
- We seek refuge only in Allah from evil suggestions and all kinds of troubles. Because Allah is Hearing and Knowing us.

AVOIDING SINS

إِنْ تَجْتَنِبُوا كَبَائِرَ مَا تُنْهَوْنَ عَنْهُ نُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ
سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَنُدْخِلَكُمْ مُدْخَلًا كَرِيمًا

Surah An-Nisa, 4/31

It's Meaning

"If you avoid the major sins which you are forbidden, we will remove from you your lesser sins and admit you to a noble entrance (into Paradise)."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- Affairs and behaviours that spell trouble for a person and a society such as attributing a partner to Allah (c.c.), telling lies, murdering, being unfair to the orphans and drinking (alcohol) are big sins.
- God forgives the minor mistakes of those who avoid the big sins.
- No one is infallible. God is merciful to the servants. God forgives the faults of those who are repentants.
- Believers must avoid all the sins and try to be forgiven (correct their faults) by doing things appropriate for God's consent.

BEING A GOOD ONE

فَاطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَنْتَ وَلِيِّ فِي الدُّنْيَا
وَالْآخِرَةِ تَوَفَّنِي مُسْلِمًا وَأَلْحِقْنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ

Surah Yusuf, 12/101

It's Meaning

"My Lord, You have given me (something) of sovereignty and taught me of the interpretation of dreams. Creator of the heavens and earth, You are my protector in this world and in the Hereafter. Cause me to die a Muslim and join me with righteous."

What We've Learnt From The Verse

- There is no deity worthy of being refuted and relied except Allah (c.c.).
- The top blessing is being able to die Muslims.
- Being among the good ones who perform good and pleasant actions is the bliss.
- Living as a Muslim and dying as a believer (faithfully) must be the biggest objective and pray of a believer.



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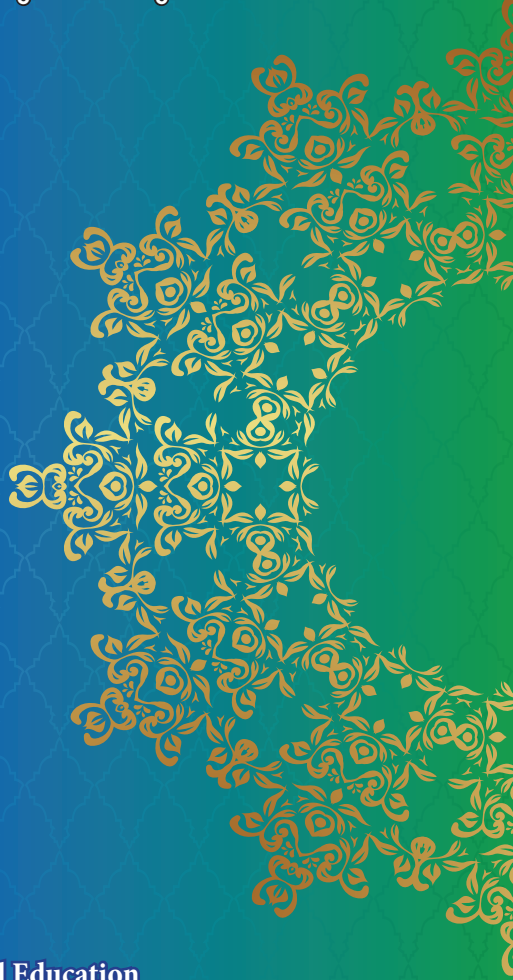


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