

Points to Ponder

Excerpts from Surah Hood & Yusuf

Ayah 5. *“No doubt! They did fold up their breasts, that they may hide from Him. Surely, even when they cover themselves with their garments, He knows what they conceal and what they reveal.”*

In Tafseer Qurtubi it is mentioned:

قيل: إن قوماً من المسلمين كانوا يَتَنَسَّكُونَ بستر أبدانهم ولا يكشفونها تحت السماء، فبين الله تعالى أن التَّنَسُّكَ ما أَشْتَمَلَتْ عليه قلوبهم من معتقد، وأظهره من قول وعمل. وروى ابن جرير عن محمد بن عباد بن جعفر قال: سمعت ابن عباس رضي الله عنهما يقول: «أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ تَتَنَوَّنِي صُدُورُهُمْ لَيْسَتْ خُفُوفًا مِنْهُ» قال: كانوا لا يجمعون النساء، ولا يأتون الغائط وهم يُفضون إلى السماء، فنزلت هذه الآية

A group from amongst the Sahabah when they would go out to relief themselves they would be so ashamed to undress out of Hayaa' , modesty and bashfulness, that they would go to great lengths in trying to conceal themselves. Allah Taalaa revealed this verse saying that you need not to exert yourselves in trying to cover and wrap your yourselves as Allah is the Knower of all things.

A point with pondering is that the Sahabah had exercised such care of NOT revealing themselves even when they had gone out to the toilet, an in contrast today when we come to a MASJID, we are at times so inappropriately dressed that at times our satr (that part of the body which MUST be covered during salaah) is exposed. The bare minimum (*aurah*) that MUST be covered for a male is from from the navel to and including the knees.

According to Shariah, if one quarter of the Satr is exposed during Salaah, the Salaah will become invalid. Therefore, if an on looker will be able to see at least one quarter of the Satr, the Salaah will not be correct even though there may not be anyone in the room.

Therefore exercise caution when performing salaah with such T-shirts etc that when one bends for Ruku and sajdah the satr becomes exposed.

How do we react to circumstances??? a spot on appraisal.

Ayah 9-10 And if We give man a taste of mercy from Us and then We withdraw it from him, indeed, he is despairing and ungrateful. But if We give him a taste of favour after hardship has touched him, he will surely say, "Bad times have left me." Indeed, he is elatedly proud and boastful

Consider what happens to us when Allah has blessed us with a bounty which HE later takes back..... how do we react.

"I've never seen happiness in m life"

"my prayers never get accepted"

"my Taqdeer is just a rotten messed up on"

Sound familiar???

So true are the words of Allah: ***"indeed, he is despairing and ungrateful"***

And what about when all works out well after we've been through some rough patch??.....

Consider this scene.... you've got a major court case impending against you, your defence counsel has not managed to really make an impression on the judge. you are facing a jail term, penalty, major fine etc. Tomorrow is D-Day , Judgement will be passed tomorrow. You cry to Allah as everything else has failed, you beg Allah, contact near and dear ones to pray for. D-day approaches, the judgement is passed and through some little technicality you are proven innocent, you are acquitted, when you are back home , relieved and talking to your mates about it what are you often saying:

"my solicitor was wicked!"

"I had the judge in my palms"

"I, I, I answered to the prosecution like a legend"

"You know me, after all I only get the best solicitors"

"me, I, My,"

Indeed, he is elatedly proud and boastful

وَقِيلَ يَا أَرْضُ ابْلَعِي مَاءَكَ وَيَسْمَاءُ أَقْلَعِي وَغِيضَ الْمَاءِ وَقُضِيَ
الْأَمْرُ وَأَسْتَوَتْ عَلَى الْجُودِيِّ وَقِيلَ بُعْدًا لِلْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤٤﴾

*And it was said, "O earth, swallow your water, and O sky, withhold [your rain]."
And the water subsided, and the matter was accomplished, and the ship came to
rest on the [mountain of] Judiyy. And it was said, "Away with the wrongdoing
people."*

Linguistically, this is one of the most amazing verses. It contains approx. 19 words but
has 21 different figures of speech in it!!!!

Surah Yusuf

***"Verily, in Yusuf (Joseph) and his brethren, there were Ayat (proofs, evidences,
verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) for those who ask" [verse 7]***

*Ayah 23: "And she, in whose house he was, sought to seduce him. She closed the
doors and said, "Come, you." He said, "[I seek] the refuge of Allah . Indeed, he is
my master, who has made good my residence. Indeed, wrongdoers will not
succeed."*

When Yusuf Alaihis Salaam reached adolescence he was strikingly handsome
hence he became quite an attraction. In Tafseer Kabeer , Imam Ar-Razi mentions
that his beauty was so striking that the radiance of his face would glow on the
walls around him. Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam described his beauty as
the "full moon". Our Rasulullah's Sallallahu alaihi wasallam beauty was different.
Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam had a fair complexion tinged with some
redness. Aisha R.A describe Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam as "the Sun", it
radiated everything around it.

The lady of the house where Yusuf A.S lived became infatuated by him. She tried
to entice and tempt him towards the wretched act of Zina. She got him to a room

and bolted the doors, and invited him, called him , cajoled him, whispered to him, tried to flatter him and in every possible manner tried to seduce him. But to no avail. Instead he replied: ***"[I seek] the refuge of Allah . Indeed, he is my master, who has made good my residence"***

In Tafseer Qurtubi it is stated that this is what she said to :

O Yusuf! What a beautiful face you have! He said: My Master designed me in the womb of my mother; She said: O Yusuf! What exquisite hair you have? He replied, This is the first thing to be shed off in my grave. She said: O Yusuf! Your eyes are so enchanting. Yusuf A.S. replied "they are there so that I could see my Allah with them".

She said: "O Yusuf! at least look at my face" said: Yusuf A.S. replied "If I do I fear I will be left blind in the hereafter"

Every young man (and old) should ponder over the story of Yusuf A.S. and remind oneself of how Yusuf a.s. shunned and avoided this temptation.

Allah will place 7 people under the shade of his throne on the day there will be no other shade besides the shade of HIS throne. one such person is :

A man who is invited (to sin) by a woman of status and beauty but refuses her invitation by saying "I fear Allah";

Allah make us of those.