

Points to Ponder

Excerpts from Surah Al-An'aam (Surah 6)

Ayah 1. This Surah begins with the expression of praise and thanks to Allah Taalaa.

All praises and thanks be to Allah, Who (Alone) created the heavens and the earth, and originated the darkness' and light, yet those who disbelieve hold others as equal with their Master

Whats interesting in this Ayah is that Allah has used a singular noun to denote "light" *wan-NUR*, but for darkness a plural is used "*Dhulumaat*". The scholars say that both the terms of Darkness and Light are figurative i.e. they refer to deviance and guidance respectively. This stands to reason why a difference in the nouns, as darkness=deviant paths come in many avenues, shapes and forms. Whereas Light= Guidance is only one path, just one straight path.

Ayah 19

this Quran has been revealed to me that I may therewith warn you and whomsoever it may reach.

This ayah proves the finality of the Prophethood of Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam. The final Book , the QURAN is for all, those present during Rasulullah's Sallallahu alaihi wasallam era (*I may therewith warn you*) as well as those to come (*whomsoever it may reach*) . Saeed bin Jubair R.A. the student of Ibn Abbaas is reported to have said : "Whoever has had the honour of observing/reading the Quran, it is as if he has met Muhammad Sallallahu alaihi wasallam. (Ma'ariful Quran)

Thereafter Allah says:

Ayah 20. Those to whom We have given the Scripture (Jews and Christians) recognize him (i.e. Muhammad SAW as a Messenger of Allah), as they recognize their own sons.

`Umar (رضي الله عنه) once said to `Abdullah bin Salam (رضي الله عنه) (a companion of Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam who was a scholar of the Torah, and became a Muslim), "Do you recognize Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) as you recognize your own son" He replied, "**Yes, and even more.** The Honest One descended from heaven on the Honest One on the earth with his (i.e., Muhammad's) description and I recognized him, whereas regarding my son I would not know precisely if he *is* my son or not " (Tafsir al Qurtubi/ Maariful Quran)

Once Zaid bin Sa'nah, who at that point a Jew came to the Prophet and demanded him to pay back the loan he had taken. He said, "You son of Abdul Muttallib is late." Although the Prophet kept smiling, Umar who was present there rebuked him. The Prophet said to Umar that he (Zaid) deserved better treatment and instead Umar should have asked the Prophet to pay it promptly and he demanded it politely. At the same time he asked Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) to pay the loan and 20 kilograms extra so to compensate him for his behaviour. The gracious behaviour of the Prophet caused Zaid to embrace Islam there and then.

Ayah 63/64 Say (O Muhammad SAW): "Who rescues you from the darkness of the land and the sea (dangers like storms), when you call upon Him in humility and in secret (saying): If He (Allah) only saves us from this (danger), we shall truly be grateful."

Say (O Muhammad SAW): "Allah rescues you from it and from all (other) distresses, and yet you worship others besides Allah."

Ponder over the above ayaat and think again:

- **How often have we not said O Allah help me this time on and I'll show you how I will make a change?**
- **How often have we not said O Allah, get me through this exam, GCSE and I'll really mend my ways?**
- **How many times have we had to face the police, courts disciplinary hearings and we said O Allah help me get out of this mess and I won't get back to my ways?**
- **How often have we said o Allah if you save me from this abusive relationship/ marriage I'll be a better Muslim?**
- **Have we not ever prayed to Allah thus, O Allah please let this marriage work out for me, I'll do everything to please You? I'll be the perfect wife/husband?**
- **How often were we not faced with a jail sentence looming for some crime, selling weed, stealing, damaging someone's property, hurting someone and we said O Allah I'll stop, just help me this time?**

If you're reading this then REMIND YOURSELF THAT YES, ALLAH DID HELP ME!!!

Now think, HAVE I FULFILLED MY SIDE OF THE DEAL??

If I have, Say ALHAMDULILLAH, if NOT ask ALLAH for forgiveness and mend our ways, fulfil the deal, it's never too late..... why ? read the next verse.

Ayat 54: *When those who believe in Our Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) come to you, say: "Salamun 'Alaikum" (peace be on you); **your Rabb has written Mercy upon Himself, so that, if any of you does evil in ignorance, and thereafter repents and does righteous good deeds (by obeying Allah), then surely, He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.***

Do Not Sit In The Company Of Those Who Regard Deen **& Islam A Joke**

Ayah 70: And leave alone those who take their religion as play and amusement, and are deceived by the life of this world. But remind (them) with it (the Quran) lest a person be given up to destruction for that which he has earned, when he will find for himself no protector or intercessor besides Allah, and even if he offers every ransom, it will not be accepted from him.

But with those friends who are involved in such activities , remind them with the Quran.

Two things we learn from the above verse.

Firstly, we have to leave the company of those who don't take Islam seriously.

This is necessary.

After leaving their company, in an individual capacity advise, remind them.

But remind (them) with it (the Quran)