

Points to Ponder

Excerpts from the 22nd Juz

Surah Ahzab

Ayah 28,29,30,31: O Prophet, say to your wives, "If you should desire the worldly life and its adornment, then come, I will provide for you and give you a gracious release.

But if you should desire Allah and His Messenger and the home of the Hereafter - then indeed, Allah has prepared for the doers of good among you a great reward."

O wives of the Prophet, whoever of you should commit a clear immorality - for her the punishment would be doubled two fold, and ever is that, for Allah , easy.

And whoever of you devoutly obeys Allah and His Messenger and does righteousness - We will give her her reward twice; and We have prepared for her a noble provision.

The Wives of Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam once requested a slight increase in their allowances. This request slightly disturbed Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam.

Allah Ta'ala revealed these verses, which reminded the Azwaaj-e- Mutahharaat (the wives of Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) about their noble position, and how *'the closer you are to HIM the more careful you have to be'*.

Imam Abu Bakr Jassas R.A. the same applies to anyone who Allah Ta'ala has blessed with an exalted position such as a Hafiz of Quran or an Alim of Deen, (or for that matter any such person who has been blessed with a religious bounty) that an ill deed committed would be more serious than one committed by any ordinary person. Similarly a good is rewarded even more than it would be from any ordinary person.

A hurtful statement or act done to one by a *friend* leaves a longer stinging effect than one done by a stranger, but also the sincere apology, the good turn done by a *friend* is far more appeasing , reward generating , appreciated and readily accepted than that of commoner.

Ayah 57: Indeed, those who abuse Allah and His Messenger - Allah has cursed them in this world and the Hereafter and prepared for them a humiliating punishment.

Attempting to cause any grief, distress to Allah and Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam is in fact bringing Harm to oneself. Allah Ta'alaah cannot be harmed. But what is meant is saying or doing things in order to show ones frustration and nastiness towards Allah Ta'alaah or saying and doing things which will invoke Allah's anger . Example:

Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam has said that Allah Ta'alaah says “The son of Adam reviles me and (tries) to offend me by cursing time , whereas I am (the evolver of) time, I alternate the night and the day.” [Sahîh al-Bukhârî]

Complaining of what Allah has allotted for one is also a means of *offending* Allah.

Causing grief to Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam by uttering untowards statements regarding him, his sunnah, his Sahabah R.A. is equated to causing an offence to Allah.

Usamah bin Zaid R.A. was the son of Zaid bin Harithah R.A. He was dark in complexion. Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam loved him very much. His father Zaid was also regarded as the beloved of Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam. When Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam appointed him as the commander of an army at the young age of seventeen , some people did not take too keenly with this and began commenting on his age and his complexion etc. Our Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam was very disturbed by this and despite being ill, gave a *KHUTBAH* admonishing the people regarding their untoward statements. It is mentioned in Tafseer of Qurtubi as well as Tabqaat of ibn Sa’ad that many of the tribes that turned apostate after the death of Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam did so because of the ill-effect of their statements regarding Usamah R.A. at the time of the farewell Hajj. Some commented that he is just a slave etc. etc.

Interestingly, this verse (regarding causing distress, offence to Allah and Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) number is 57. Denmark products are all serial numbered with 57 in the beginning. Denmark had initiated the offensive cartoons debacle.....

Do try this at home

SURAH FATIR

Please recite the translation of the opening verses of Surah Fatir and be moved, look at the beautiful compassionate way in which our Allah Ta'alaah addresses us.

1. *All the praises and thanks be to Allah, the (only) Originator [or the (only) Creator] of the heavens and the earth, Who made the angels messengers with wings, - two or three or four. **He increases in creation what He wills.** Verily, Allah is Able to do all things.*

2. **Whatever of mercy (i.e. of good), Allah may grant to mankind, none can withhold it, and whatever He may withhold, none can grant it thereafter.** And He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

3. *O mankind! Remember the Grace of Allah upon you! **Is there any creator other than Allah who provides for you from the sky (rain) and the earth?** La ilaha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He). How then are you turning away (from Him)?*

4. *And if they belie you (O Muhammad), so were Messengers belied before you. And to Allah return all matters (for decision).*

5. **O mankind! Verily, the Promise of Allah is true. So let not this present life deceive you, and let not the chief deceiver (Satan) deceive you about Allah.**

6. **Surely, Shaitan (Satan) is an enemy to you, so take (treat) him as an enemy. He only invites his Hizb (followers) that they may become the dwellers of the blazing Fire.**

7. *Those who disbelieve, theirs will be a severe torment; and those who believe (in the Oneness of Allah Islamic Monotheism) and do righteous good deeds, theirs will be forgiveness and a great reward (i.e. Paradise).*

SUBHAANALLAH!

Ayah 9. *And it is Allah Who sends the winds, so that they raise up the clouds, and We drive them to a dead land, and revive therewith the earth after its death. As such (will be) the Resurrection!*

The Winds of his Mercy, maghfirah, forgiveness, compassion, acceptance are in full swing now in Ramadhan to revive our dead hearts and lifeless spirits. Let us take full avail. Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam has said

وعن محمد بن مسلمة قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : إن لربكم في أيام دهركم نفحات ، فتعرضوا لها ، لعل أحدكم أن يصيبه منها نفحة لا يشقى بعدها أبدا رواه الطبراني في الكبير والأوسط

Indeed Your Master (Allah Ta'alaah) sends forth gusts of breezes (of HIS mercy) during your lifetime, come forth and take full benefit of them. Perhaps you are (fortunate) to be embraced by one of those breezes through which you will never be left unfortunate again.