

Points to Ponder

Excerpts from Surah Aali Imraan (Surah 3)

Regarding Surah Baqarah and Aali Imraan , Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam has said:

فإنهما يأتيان يوم القيامة كأنهما غمامتان أو كأنهما غيابتان

on the Day of Qiyamah, these Surahs will resemble two clouds.

just like a cloud shields against the intense rays of the sun , similarly these Surahs will shield those who recite them from the terror of that day.

The subject matter of Aali Imraan contains much discussion about the Christian faith. There is discussion about the miraculous birth of Isa alaihis salaam etc. The Christians declared their worship for Isa alaihis salaam by rendering him *son of God*, hence a part of God.

Rasulallah sallallahu alaihi wasallam said “Do not exaggerate in your love and praise for me as the Christians did with Isa alaihis salaam. Instead Allah says that if you love Allah then that can only be achieved by following Nabi Muhammad sallallahu alaihi wasallam.

Verse 31 Say, "If you should love Allah , ***then follow me***, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.

By virtue of ***following*** Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam, love of Allah can be achieved, not just by merely making a claim.

What is a sign of that love?

Sahl bin Abdullah Tustari is reported to have said: “ Love of the Quran indicates the love of Allah, Love of Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam signifies the love of the Quran, the sign of having love for Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam is the love of His Sunnah and an indication of the love of Allah, the love of The Quran , the love of Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam and the love of His sunnah is the aspiration of the hereafter.

Rasulallah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam is reported to have said: “whoever wishes Allah to love them should adopt three characteristics:

1. Trustworthiness
2. Truthfulness in speech
3. Not to cause any hindrance to ones neighbour (QURTUBI)

Ayaat 133-135 ,

And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous (MUTTAQEEN)

*Who spend [in the cause of Allah] during ease and hardship and **who swallow anger** and who pardon the people - and Allah loves the doers of good;*

And those who, when they commit an immorality or wrong themselves [by transgression], remember Allah and seek forgiveness for their sins - and who can forgive sins except Allah ? - and [who] do not persist in what they have done while they know.

When we normally hear of “**Muttaqeen**”, “**Righteous**”, “**Pious**” then very often the idea that comes to mind is of excessive worship, somebody who *only* hangs around in the Masjid, etc etc.

However, this verse gives a very attainable description of the *Muttaqeen, Righteous*.

Just consider for a moment the two underlined portions, *those who swallow their anger*, Allah did not say those who DO NOT GET ANGRY, instead HE said those who after being provoked and angered, they restrain themselves. Imam Ash Shafiee is reported to have said “ one who does not get angry is like an ass/ donkey, and one who does not control their anger is likened to Shaytaan”

Consider this Beautiful Hadeeth of Musnad Ahmad...

“He who gives respite to a debtor or forgives him, Allah will save him from the heat of Hell-fire. Behold! The deeds of Paradise are difficult to reach, for they are on top of a hill, while the deeds of the Fire are easy to find in the lowlands. The happy person is he who is saved from the tests. Verily, there is no dose of anything swallowed better to Allah than a dose of anger that the servant swallows, and whenever the servant of Allah controls it, he will be internally filled with faith.”

The 2nd characteristic, **And those who, when they commit an immorality or wrong themselves [by transgression], remember Allah and seek forgiveness for their sins**

Hence Righteousness is not only reserved for those who abstain from sin (Which is ideally what one should aspire for). Righteousness can also be attained by one who has committed a shameless act but thereafter seeks repentance for it, provided he does not persist in continuing that sin.

Verse 186.

Are you overcome and sick and tired of all the vilifying and slanderous remarks about Islam , Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam Quran etc. ?? consider this verse.

You will surely be tested in your possessions and in yourselves. And you will surely hear from those who were given the Scripture before you and from those who associate others with Allah much abuse.

Smile, it's Sunnah..... Two men were on a plane on a business trip when a Muslim couple boarded the plane and were seated right in front of them. The two men, eager to have some fun, started talking loudly. "My boss is sending me to Saudi Arabia", the one said, "But I don't want to go...too many Muslims there!" The Muslim couple noticeably heard and grew uncomfortable. The other guy laughed, "Oh, yeah, my boss wanted to send me to Pakistan but I refused...WAY too many Muslims!" Smiling, the first man said, "One time I was in Iran but I HATED the fact that there were so many Muslims!" The couple fidgeted. The other guy responded, "Oh, yeah...you can't go ANYWHERE to get away from them...the last time I was in FRANCE I ran into a bunch of them too!" The first guy was laughing hysterically as he added, "That is why you'll never see me in Indonesia...WAY too many Muslims!" At this, the Muslim man turned around and responded politely, "Why don't you go to Hell?", he asked, "I hear there's not very many Muslims THERE!"

So what should you do??

Heres the answer,

“But if you are patient and Allah fearing - indeed, that is of the matters [worthy] of determination”

Patience , patience and more patience, and with it **Allah fearing**, not allowing your emotions or prejudices to overtake you.