

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE MOST MERCIFUL

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FOR TEACHING BENEFITS THE BELIEVERS - S51-V55

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ALLAH SAYS

WHEN YOU READ THE QURAN, SEEK ALLAH'S PROTECTION FROM
SHAITAN (SATAN) THE REJECTED S16-V98

EDITORIAL

FROM THE EDITOR: Assalamoalykum-o-rehmatullah,

Alhamdulillah, another issue of Nida is now made possible by HIS GRACE. This issue is devoted to selected verses from the Quran, the book of guidance. This is taken from the Urdu book 'Nuskhaye Keemia' by Mohammed Yusuf for the benefit of muslim families and he suggests that parents should take time to make their children memorize these verses or part of these verses to establish strong values.

Here you will find the beauty of teaching and the wonderful Islamic values - a study of these verses require additional explanation or commentary and we strongly urge the inquiring mind to obtain this knowledge. [At this time we are resisting from making comments for want of space]. Even without this you will find that Islam is a complete way of life and Allah swt with HIS mercy has laid down a core of conduct for every believer in particular and every one in general. All the ground rules are laid down and have been demonstrated by Rasulallah sollallahu alaihi wassalam and his companions that the success (of both the worlds) depends upon following them. We pray to Allah swt to accept our efforts and make us all good muslims. - Ameen.

READ THE QURAN,

UNDERSTAND IT

AND LEARN TO USE IT TO YOUR BENEFIT.

THE DIVINE GUIDANCE

SELECTED VERSES FROM THE QURAN, COMPILED BY MOHAMMED YUSUF
FROM THE URDU BOOK NUSKHAYE KEEMIA, TRANSLATION BY YUSUF ALI

CHAPTER - 1

ALLAH LIKES THOSE:

1. Allah loves those who do good. S2-V195 (S= Sura, V= verse)
2. Allah loves those who turn to HIM constantly and those who keep themselves pure and clean. S2-V222
3. Allah loves those who keep their plighted faith (promise) and those who act aright. S3-V76
4. Those who spend (freely), whether in prosperity, or in adversity; who restrain anger and pardon (all) men; - for Allah loves those who do good. S3-V134
5. Allah loves those who are firm and steadfast. S3-V134
6. Allah loves those who put their trust in HIM. S3-V159
7. Allah loves those who judge in equity. S4-V42
8. The mercy of Allah is (always) near to those who do good. S7-V56
9. But know that Allah is with those who restrain themselves. S9-V36
10. (Certainly) the reward of those who do good is not lost for Allah suffereth not the reward to be lost of those who do good. S9-V210

11. And those who strive in Our (cause), - WE will certainly guide them to Our paths: for verily Allah is with those who do right. S29-V69

CHAPTER -2

ALLAH DOES NOT LIKE THOSE:

1. Allah does not guide those who are rebellious transgressors. S61-V5

2. Allah loves not those who do mischief. S5-V64

3. Allah prospereth not the work of those who make mischief. S10-V81

4. Allah guides not those who do wrong. S Tauba- V19

5. But Allah guideth not those who reject faith. S9-V37

6. Verily, Allah loveth not any that is a traitor to faith, or shows ingratitude. S22-V38 (Al-hajj)

7. Verily HE loveth not the arrogant. S16-V23 (Sura Al-nahl, the bee).

8. Allah commands justice, the doing of good, and liberality to kith and kin, and he forbids all shameful deeds, and injustice and rebellion, HE instructs you, that you may receive admonition. S16-V90

9. But waste not by excess, Allah loves not the wasters. S6-V141 (S Al-inam)

10. Allah forgiveth not (the sin of) joining other gods (associates) with HIM; but he forgiveth whom HE pleases other sins than this: one, who joins other gods with Allah, has strayed far, far away (from the right). S4-V116 (S Al-nisa, the women)

11. But Allah guides not such as are false and ungrateful. S39-V3

12. Allah guides not one who transgresses and lies. S40-V28 (Al-mumin or the believer)

CHAPTER - 3

BEHAVIOR WITH PARENTS

1. And remember WE took a covenant from the children of Israel (to this effect): worship none but Allah; treat with kindness your parents and kindred, and orphans and those in need; speak fair to the people; be steadfast in prayer, and practice regular charity - S2 (Albaqara) -V 83

2. Thy Lord has decreed that you worship none but HIM, and that you be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age in thy life, say not to them a word of contempt, nor repel them, but address them in terms of honor. S17 (Bani-Israel) V 23

3. [S17-V24]: and, out of kindness, lower to them the wing of humility, and say: "My Lord! Bestow on them THY mercy even as they cherished me in childhood."

4. [S17-V25]: Your Lord knows best what is in your hearts: if you do deeds of righteousness, verily HE is most forgiving to those who turn to HIM again and again (in true penitence).

THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS

5. And WE have enjoined on man (to be good) to his parents: in travail upon travail did his mother bear him, and in years twain was his weaning: (hear the Command), “Show gratitude to ME and to thy parents: to ME is (thy final) goal.” S31 (Luqman) V14

WHEN NOT TO OBEY PARENTS

1. WE have enjoined on man kindness to parents; but if they (either of them) strive (to force) thee to join with ME (in worship) anything of which thou has no knowledge, obey them not. You have (all) to return to ME, and I will tell you (the truth) of all that you did. S29 (Al-ankabut - the spider) V 8.

2. When it is said to them: “Follow what Allah has revealed”: they say: “Nay! We shall follow the ways of our fathers.” What! Even though their fathers were void of wisdom and guidance? S2-V170

CHAPTER - 4

HOW SHALL MUSLIMS LIVE IN THIS WORLD

1. And those who, having done something to be ashamed of, or wronged their own souls, earnestly bring Allah to mind, and ask for forgiveness for their sins, - and who can forgive sins except Allah? - And are never obstinate in persisting knowingly in (the wrong) they have done. S3-V135

2. When they do aught that is shameful, they say: “we found our fathers doing so”; and “Allah Command us thus” : Say: “Nay, Allah never commands what is shameful: do you say of Allah what you know not?” S7-V28

3. Say: “My Lord has commanded justice; and that you set your whole selves (to HIM) at every time and place of prayer, and call upon HIM, making your devotion sincere as in HIS sight”. S7-V29

4. “O my son! establish regular prayer, enjoin what is just, and forbid what is wrong; and bear with patient constancy whatever betide thee; for this is firmness (of purpose) in (the conduct of) affairs. S31-V17

WHO SHOULD MUSLIMS TRUST

If Allah helps you, none can overcome you: if HE forsakes you, who is there, after that, that can help you? In Allah, then, let believers put their trust. S3-V160

WHO SHOULD WE FEAR

It is only the evil one that suggests to you the fear of his votaries: be you not afraid of them, but fear ME, if you have faith. S3-V175

WHO SHOULD WE HELP

O you who believe! be you helpers of Allah - S61-V14

WHICH WAY SHOULD WE FOLLOW

This is the way of thy LORD, leading straight - S6-V126

WHO SHOULD WE BE GRATEFUL TO

Then do you remember ME; I will remember you. **Be grateful to ME and reject not faith.** S2-V152

WHO SHOULD WE OBEY

1. **Obey Allah and His Apostle** (Prophet) if you do believe - S8-V1
2. This because they contended against Allah and His Apostle; if any contends against Allah and His Apostle, Allah is strict in punishment. S8-V13
3. O you who believe! **Obey Allah**, and **Obey the apostle**, and those charged with authority among you. S4-V59

MATTERS IN WHICH MUSLIMS SHOULD HELP ONE ANOTHER

Help you one another in righteousness and piety - S5-V2

MATTERS IN WHICH MUSLIMS SHOULD NOT HELP

But help you not one another in sin and rancor; fear Allah, for Allah is strict in punishment. S5-V2

WHAT IS THAT MUSLIMS SHOULD HOLD FIRM TO

1. Who ever holds firmly to Allah will be shown a way that is straight. S3-V101
2. And hold fast, all together, by the rope which Allah (stretches out for you); and be not divided among yourselves; and remember with gratitude Allah's favor; for you were enemies and he joined your hearts in love, so that by His Grace, you became brethren - S3-V102

THERE MUST BE A GROUP AMONG MUSLIMS THAT SHOULD INVITE MANKIND TOWARDS GOOD AND FORBID FROM WHAT IS WRONG.

Let there arise out of you a band of people inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is right, and forbidding what is wrong; they are the ones to attain felicity - S3-V104

WHY ARE THE MUSLIMS BEST OF PEOPLE

You are the best of peoples, evolved for mankind, enjoining what is right, forbidding what is wrong and believing in Allah - S3-V110

HOW CAN MUSLIMS REACH THEIR GOAL

O you who believe! persevere in patience and constancy; vie in such perseverance; strengthen each other; and fear Allah; that you may prosper. S3-V200

WHO IS GRANTED GOOD FORTUNE

And no one will be granted such goodness except those who exercise patience and self restraint,- none but persons of the greatest good fortune - S41-V35

HOW CAN MUSLIMS ARE GRANTED SUCCESS

O you who believe! if you fear Allah, He will grant you a criterion (to judge between right and wrong), remove from you (all) evil (that may afflict) you, and forgive you: for Allah is the Lord of grace unbounded. S8-V29

WHO LIVES A PURE LIFE

Whoever works righteousness, man or woman, and has faith, verily, to him will We give a new life, a life that is good and pure, and We will bestow on such their reward according to the best of their actions. S16-V97

WHO GETS TO RULE

1. Before this We wrote in Psalms (Zabur), after the message (given to Musa): “My servants, the righteous shall inherit the earth. - S21-V105

2. Allah has promised, to those among you who believe and work righteous deeds, that He will, of a surety, grant them in the land, inheritance (of power), as He granted it to those before them - S24-V55.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DISOBEY ALLAH

Behold, you are those invited to spend (of your substance) in the way of Allah: but among you are some that are niggardly. But any who are niggardly are so at the expense of their own souls. But Allah is free of all wants, and it is you that are needy. If you turn back (from the path), He will substitute in your stead another people; then they would not be like you. S47-V38

SHOULD A MUSLIM BE INDIFFERENT AND PROUD?

And swell not thy cheek (for pride) at men, nor walk in insolence through the earth; for Allah loves not any arrogant boaster. S31-V18

ON WALKING AND TALKING

1. Nor walk on the earth with insolence: for thou can not rend the earth asunder, nor reach the mountains in height. S17-V37

2. Of all such things the evil is hateful in the sight of thy Lord. S17-V38

3. And be moderate in thy pace, and lower thy voice, for the harshest of sounds without doubt is the braying of the ass. S31-V19

SCANDAL-MONGERING AND BACKBITING

1. Woe to every (kind of) scandal monger and backbiter. - S104-V1

2. O you who believe! let not some men among you laugh at others; it may be that the (latter) are better than the (former); nor let some women laugh at others; it may be that the (latter) are better than the (former); nor defame, nor be sarcastic to each other by (offensive) nicknames: ill seeming is a name

connoting wickedness, (to be used of one) after he has believed: and those who do not desist are (indeed) doing wrong. S49-V11

3. O you who believe! avoid suspicion as much (as possible): for suspicion in some cases is a sin: and spy not on each other, nor speak ill of each other behind their backs. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? Nay, you would abhor it. But for Allah; for Allah is oft-returning, most merciful. S49-V12

4. Allah loveth not that evil should be noised abroad in public speech, except where injustice has been done; for Allah is He who hears and know all things - S4-V148

5. O you who believe! ask not questions about things which, if made plain to you, may cause you trouble- S5-V101

MAKING FALSE ACCUSATIONS!

And those who annoy believing men and women undeservedly, bear (on themselves) a calumny and a glaring sin - S33-V58

TO PUT YOUR BLAME ON OTHERS

But if any one earns a fault or a sin and throws it on to one that is innocent, he carries (on himself) (both) a falsehood and a flagrant sin - S4-V112

ABOUT IMMORALITY

Say: “come, I will rehearse what Allah has (really) prohibited you from”: join not anything as equal with HIM; be good to your parents; kill not your children on a plea of want; - We provide sustenance for you and for them; - come not nigh to shameful deeds, whether open or secret; take not life, which Allah has made sacred, except by way of justice and law: thus does He command you, that you may learn wisdom. - S6-V151

FACING FALSEHOOD

Those who witness no falsehood, and, if they pass by futility, they pass by it with honorable (avoidance) - S25-V72

HOW TO DEAL WITH IGNORANT PEOPLE

1. And the servants of (Allah) Most Gracious are those who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them, they say, "Peace"; S25-V72
2. Hold to forgiveness; command what is right; but turn away from ignorant - S25-V199

ACCOUNTABILITY

And pursue not that of which thou has no knowledge; for every act of hearing, or of seeing or of (feeling in) the heart will be enquired into (on the day of reckoning). S17-V36

VERIFICATION OF NEWS

O you who believe! if a wicked person comes to you with any news, ascertain the truth, lest you harm people unwittingly and afterwards become full of repentance for what you have done. S49-V6.

OFFER OF PEACE

Except those who join a group between whom and you there is a treaty (of peace), or those who approach you with hearts restraining them from fighting you as well as fighting their own people. If Allah had pleased, He could have given them power over you, and they would have fought you: therefore if they withdraw from you but fight you not, and (instead) send you (guarantees of) peace, then Allah has opened no way for you (to war against them). S4-V90

IF SOME ONE LAUGHS AT THE QURANIC VERSUS

Already has He sent you word in the book, that when you hear the signs (aayat/verses) of Allah held in defiance and ridicule, you are not to sit with them unless they turn to different theme; if you did, you would be like them. For Allah will collect the hypocrites and those who defy faith - all in hell;- S4-V140

GROUP MANNERS

1. O you who believe! when you are told to make room in the assemblies, (spread out and) make room; (ample) room will Allah provide for you. And when you are told to rise up, rise up: Allah will rise up, to (suitable) ranks (and degrees), those of you who believe and who have been granted (mystic) knowledge. And Allah is well acquainted with all you do. S58-V11

2. And thy garments keep free from stain! and all abomination shun! S74-V4 and 5

HOW TO INVITE AND ARGUE

Invite (all) to the way of thy Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious. S16-V125

GREETINGS AND RESPONDING TO GREETINGS

1. But if you enter houses, salute each other; a greeting of blessing and purity as from Allah. Thus does Allah make clear the signs to you: that you may understand. S24-V61
2. When a (courteous) greeting is offered you, meet it with a greeting still more courteous, or (at least) of equal courtesy. Allah takes careful account of all things. S4-V86

REMEMBER TO SAY INSHA ALLAH (GOD WILLING)

Nor say of anything, "I shall be sure to do so and so tomorrow"; without adding, 'so please Allah!' and call thy Lord to mind when thou forgets, and say, 'I hope that my Lord will guide me ever closer (even) then this to the right road.'" S18-V23 and 24

HOW TO DEAL WITH OPPRESSION

1. And those who, when an oppressive wrong is inflicted on them, (are not cowed but) help and defend themselves, - the recompense for an injury is an injury equal thereto (in degree): but if a person forgives and make reconciliation, his reward is due from Allah; for Allah loves not those who do wrong. S42-V39 and 40.

2. But indeed if any show patience and forgive, that would truly be an exercise of courageous will and resolution in the conduct of affairs. S42-V43
3. Nor can goodness and evil be equal. Repel (evil) with what is better: then will he between whom and thee was hatred become as it were thy friend and intimate! S41-V34
4. Whether you publish a good deed or conceal it or cover evil with pardon, verily Allah does blot out (sins) and has power (in the judgment of values). S4-V149

CONSEQUENCE OF DOING WRONG

1. If any one does evil or wrongs his own soul, but afterwards seeks Allah's forgiveness, he will find Allah oft forgiving, most merciful. And if any one earns sin, he earns it against his own soul: for Allah is full of knowledge and wisdom. S4-V110 and 111.

2. Say: shall I seek for (my) cherisher other than Allah, when HE is the cherisher of all things (that exist)? Every soul draws the meed of its acts on none but itself: no bearer of burdens can bear the burden of another, your goal in the end is towards Allah: HE will tell you the truth of the things wherein you disputed. S6-V164

HOW TO SPEND

1. Make not thy hand tied (like a miser) to thy neck, nor stretch it forth to its utmost reach, so that you become blameworthy and destitute.

2. Those that, when they spend, are not extravagant and not miserly, but hold a just (balance) between those (extremes). S25-V67

EXTRAVAGENCY/ SPENDTHRIFT!

1. And render to the kindred their due rights, as (also) to those in want, and to the wayfarer: but squander not (your wealth) in the manner of a spendthrift. S17-V26

2. Verily spendthrifts are brothers of the evil ones; and the evil one is to his Lord (himself) ungrateful. S17-V27

IF YOU CANNOT HELP!

S17-V28: And even if you have to turn away from them in pursuit of the mercy from your Lord which you do expect, yet speak to them a word of easy kindness.

BRIBERY!

S2-V188: And do not eat up your property among yourselves for vanities, nor use it as bait for judges, with intent that you may eat up wrongfully and knowingly a little of (other) people's property.

RECOMMENDATIONS!

S4-V85: Whoever recommends and helps a good cause becomes a partner therein: and whoever recommends and helps an evil cause, shares in its burden: and Allah has power over all things.

GAMBLING AND DRINKING

1. S5-V90 and 91: O you who believe! intoxicants and gambling, (dedication of) stones, and (divination by) arrows, are an abomination, - of shaitan's (Satan's) handiwork: eschew such (abomination), that you may prosper. (91): Shaitan's plan is (but) to excite enmity and hatred between you, with intoxicants and gambling, and hinder you from the remembrance of Allah, and from prayer: will you not then abstain?
2. S2-V219: They ask thee (you) concerning wine and gambling. Say: "in them is great sin, and some profit, for men; but the sin is greater than the profit."

KEEPING YOUR WORD/OATH

1. S5-V1 (Al-maida): O you who believe! fulfill (all) obligations.
2. S61-V2 and 3: O you who believe! why say you that which you do not? Grievously odious is it in the sight of Allah that you say that which you do not.
3. S17-V34 (Bani-Israel): And fulfill (every) engagement, for (every) engagement will be enquired into (on the day of reckoning).
4. S16-V91: Fulfill the covenant of Allah when you have entered into it, and break not your oaths after you have confirmed them; indeed you have made Allah your surety; for Allah knows all that you do.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU BREAK A PROMISE

S3-V77: As for those who sell the faith they owe to Allah and their own plighted word for a small price - they shall have no portion in the hereafter: nor will Allah (deign to) speak to them or look at them on the day of judgment, nor will HE cleanse them of (sin); they shall have a grievous penalty.

HOW TO PURIFY AFTER YOU BREAK THE OATH

1. S9-V42: They would indeed swear by Allah, "if we only could, we should certainly have come out with you": they would destroy their own souls; for Allah knows that they are certainly lying.

2. S5-V89: Allah will not call you to account for what is futile in your oaths, but HE will call you to account for deliberate oaths; for expiation, feed ten indigent persons, on a scale of the average for the food of your families; or clothe them; or give a slave his freedom. If that is beyond your means, fast for three days. That is the expiation for the oaths you have sworn. But keep to your oaths. Thus does Allah makes clear to you HIS signs, that you may be grateful.

TO GIVE WITNESS

1. S2-V42: And cover not truth with falsehood, nor conceal the truth when you know (what it is).

2. S2-V283: (last part): Conceal not evidence; for whoever conceals it, - his heart is tainted with sin. And Allah knows all that you do.

3. S25-V72: (first part): Those who witness no falsehood - (Commentary by Yusuf Ali:- Witness no falsehood has two significations, both implied in the passage - 1:. those who give no evidence that is false; and 2:. those who do not assist at anything which implies fraud or falsehood).

4. S4-V135: O you who believe! stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it is (against) rich or poor: for Allah can best protect both. Follow not the lusts (of your hearts); lest you swerve, and if you distort (justice) or decline to do justice, verily Allah is well acquainted with all that you do.

5. S33-V70 and 71: O you who believe! fear Allah, and (always) say a word directed to the right; (71) that HE may make your conduct whole and sound and forgive your sins: he that obeys Allah and HIS Apostle, has already attained the highest achievement.

WHO TO ASSOCIATE WITH

S9-V119: O you who believe! fear Allah and be with those who are true (in word and deed).

SHOULD YOU SUPPORT THE FRAUDULENCE

S5-V105 & 106: WE have sent down to thee the book in truth, that thou (you) might judge between men, as guided by Allah: so be not (used) as an advocate by those who betray their trust; but seek the forgiveness of Allah; for Allah is oft forgiving, most merciful.

WHO WILL BE IN PARADISE

S70-V32 TO 35: And those who respect their trusts, and covenants; and those who stand firm in their testimonies; and those who guard (the sacredness) of their worship; such will be the honored ones in the gardens (of bliss).

JUSTICE

HOW TO SETTLE DISPUTES!

1. S16-V90: Allah commands justice, the doing of good, and liberality to kith and kin, and HE forbids all shameful deeds, and injustice and rebellion; HE instructs you that you may receive admonition.

2. S4-V105: (First part): WE have sent down to you the book in truth, that you might judge between men, as guided by Allah.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MUSLIMS

S49-V10: The believers are but a single brotherhood: so make peace and reconciliation between your two (contending) brothers; and fear Allah, that you may receive mercy.

WHAT TO DO WHEN MUSLIMS FIGHT WITH EACH OTHER

S49-V9: If two parties among the believers fall into a quarrel; make you peace between them: but if one of them transgresses beyond bounds against the other, then fight you (all) against the one that transgresses until it complies with the command of Allah; but if it complies, then make peace between them with justice; and be fair: for Allah loves those who are fair (and just).

WHAT HAPPENS IF MUSLIMS FIGHT WITH EACH OTHER

1. S8-V46: And obey Allah and HIS Rasul (apostle); and fall into no disputes, lest you lose heart and your power depart; and be patient and persevering: for Allah is with those who patiently persevere.

2. S8-V40: (Last part): But if any trust in Allah, behold! Allah is exalted in might, wise.

A DISPUTE IN DIN (BELIEF)!

S6-V159: As for those who divide their religion and break up into sects, thou (you) hast no part in them in the least: their affair is with Allah: HE will in the end tell them the truth of all that they did.

HYPOCRISY

S4-V63: Those men,- Allah knows what is in their hearts: so keep clear of them, but admonish them, and speak to them a word to reach their very souls.

DISAGREEMENT WITH THE RULER

S4-V59: (Second Part): If you differ in anything among yourselves, refer it to Allah and HIS Rasul (apostle), if you do believe in Allah and the last day: that is best, and most suitable for final determination.

THE PURPOSE OF CREATING DIFFERENT NATIONS

S49-V13: O Mankind! WE created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know each other (not that you may despise each other). Verily the most honored of you in the sight of Allah is (he who is) the most righteous of you. And Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things).

TRUST AND BETRAYAL

TRUST (AMANAHA)

S4-V58: (First part): Allah commands you to render back your trusts to those to whom they are due; -

BETRAYING TRUST (KHIYANA)

1. S3-V161: (Second sentence): If any person is so false, he shall on the day of judgment, restore what he misappropriated;-

2. S4-V29: O you who believe! eat not up your property among yourselves in vanities; but let there be amongst you traffic and trade by mutual good-will: nor kill (or destroy) yourselves: for verily Allah has been to you most Merciful!

3. S4-V30: (Second sentence): If you do that in rancor and injustice, - soon shall WE cast them into the fire: and easy it is for Allah.

4. S8-V27: O you that believes! betray not the trust of Allah and the Rasul (apostle), nor misappropriate knowingly things entrusted to you.

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