

## Para 11 to 12.25

Finish Surah al-Tawbah. Begin and finish Surah Yunus. Begin Surah Hud.

Many verses were revealed regarding fighting especially in Madinah. The verses regarding fighting should be viewed in the context of battle since rules at the time of battle are different to rules at times of peace. If somebody unfairly says you must kill non-Muslims wherever you meet them, during battle and in the street, then this is unfair and unjust to the Quran.

### Expedition of Tabuk

*(O Muslims!) These hypocrites will make excuses to you when you return to them (from Tabuk). [Qur'an 9:94]*

In 9 A.H., the Byzantine Empire (Eastern Roman) were making preparations to attack Madinah. The Prophet ﷺ started to prepare for battle, so before they come and attack Madinah, the Muslims would confront them there. The situation was such that the days were scorching with severe heat, the harvesting season of ripe dates had begun, a drought had stricken the land of Arabia, this journey comprised 690 km, and there was the forthcoming military confrontation with the Byzantine army. In view of these matters, the hypocrites began to make their various excuses. The Muslims stayed for 20 days in Tabuk but the Byzantine Emperor did not have the courage to confront them.

### Importance of knowledge

*And it is not appropriate for the believers to go out (for jihad) all together. So why should not some people from each group amongst them go out in order to gain understanding of the religion, and warn their people (of the torment of Allah) when they return to them, so that guard themselves (against wrongdoing)? [Qur'an 9:122]*

Some people are to remain behind to seek the knowledge of the religion at the time of armed struggle. One cannot stop the seeking of religious knowledge. The Prophet ﷺ said: "A seeker of knowledge is more superior according to Allah than a soldier in the way of Allah." "Seek the knowledge of the Quran and teach it to others. If you die in that state, then angels shall visit your grave like how the House of Allah is visited." [Kanz al-'Ummal]

### Compassionate & Merciful Messenger

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ  
رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٢٨﴾ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ  
الْعَظِيمِ ﴿١٢٩﴾

*Indeed a (sublime) Messenger has come to you from amongst yourselves; your falling into hardship weighs heavily on him; he is deeply eager for you to succeed; to the believers he is very compassionate, merciful. Now if these people turn away, then say: "Allah is sufficient for me. There is none worthy of worship except Him. I have placed my trust in Him, and He is Lord of the supreme throne." [Qur'an 9:128-129]*

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Whosoever says the following words (below) seven times every morning and every evening, Allah will be sufficient for him in key matters of this world and the hereafter.” [Sunan Abi Dawud]

حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿١٢٩﴾

**Surah Yunus (Chapter 10: Jonah). Makkan. 109 Verses.**

### **Salvation of the community of Prophet Yunus**

*So why was there not a settlement that believed (after seeing the sign of Allah’s torment) and its acceptance of faith benefitted it, except the people of Yunus? When they believed, We removed from them the torment of disgrace in the worldly life. [Qur’an 10:98]*

The people of Prophet Yunus were fortunate enough that when they saw the signs of Allah’s torment, they sincerely repented, and Allah then removed the torment from them.

### **Rank of a friend of Allah (wali)**

*Listen well! Indeed, the friends of Allah will have no fear, nor will they grieve. They are those who believe and always remained God-fearing. For them there are glad tidings in the worldly life, and in the hereafter too. There can be no change in the words of Allah. This is the great success. [Qur’an 10:62]*

**Surah Hud (Chapter 11). Makkan. 123 Verses. Over 2 Paras.**

### **Destruction of the people of ‘Ad**

*And when Our command came, We saved Hud and those who believed with him by a mercy from Us. And We saved them from a harsh torment. [Qur’an 11:58]*

The people of ‘Ad who did not believe in Prophet Hud were destroyed. A severe windstorm struck that continued for eight days which destroyed and annihilated everything. The corpses of this powerful and mighty community lay scattered on the ground like trunks of fallen date palms.

### **Lesson to learn from Surah Hud**

Some of the hair of the Prophet ﷺ began to turn white so Abu Bakr [ra] noticed and asked: “O Allah’s Messenger! You have grown old.” The Prophet ﷺ said, “Hud, al-Waqiah, al-Mursalat, ‘amma yatasa’alun, and wa idha ’l-shamsu kuwwirat have made me grow old.” [Sunan al-Tirmidhi]

After reading about the accounts and punishments of the previous nations in these chapters, and after reading about what the hereafter will be like, it has created so much fear of Allah that it has caused me to age and grow old. Today, we are in serious need of truly reciting the verses of the Quran, in light of this Hadith.

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