

Para 17.25 to 18.5

Finish Surah al-Anbiya. Finish Surah al-Hajj (verse of *sajdah*) & Surah al-Muminun. Begin Surah al-Nur.

The Mercy to the worlds

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٧﴾

And We have sent you as a mercy for all the worlds. [Qur'an 21:107]

Surah al-Hajj (Chapter 22: The Greater Pilgrimage). Makkan/Madinan. 78 Verses.

Some verses were revealed prior to the migration (*hijrah*) and some after.

The call to *hajj*

وَأَذِّن فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحُجِّ يَا تُوكَ رِجَالًا وَعَلَىٰ كُلِّ ضَامِرٍ يَأْتِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيقٍ ﴿٢٧﴾

And publicly announce the pilgrimage to all people. They will come to you, on foot and on every lean she-camel, coming from every far distant journey. [Qur'an 22:27]

After constructing the Ka'bah, Allah commanded Prophet Ibrahim to call out to the people to come for Hajj. Prophet Ibrahim said: "How far can my voice travel?" Allah said: "Do not worry, you simply make the call." Allah placed such power in the voice of Prophet Ibrahim that his voice reached every corner of this earth, and even the embryos and children in the womb heard it and said:

labbayk Allahumma labbayk (Here I am, O Allah! Here I am.)

Aiding the religion of Allah

وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَن يَنْصُرُهُ

And certainly, Allah shall assist the one who helps His religion. [Qur'an 22:40]

In whichever way you support the work of religion, through your money, children seeking knowledge, yourself seeking knowledge, your time, supporting scholars, cleaning the mosque, then Allah will certainly help and support you, and provide for you where you cannot even imagine. This is with the condition of sincerity.

Surah al-Muminun (Chapter 23: The Believers). Makkan. 118 Verses.

Allah mentions the characteristics of the believers. He makes it clear that those who adopt these attributes, they will be successful in this world and be worthy of the highest Paradise in the hereafter.

The believers are indeed successful. Those who have humility in their prayer. Those who stay away from futile matters. Those who give their zakat. Those who safeguard their private parts, except towards their spouse and bondmaids. But those who seek beyond that are the transgressors. Those who are trustworthy and fulfil their promises. Those who guard their

prayers. Those are the inheritors. Who will inherit the highest (Paradise). They will reside in it forever. [Qur'an 23:1-11]

After the first ten verses were revealed, the Prophet ﷺ faced the prayer direction and raised his hands in supplication, he made a lengthy supplication and then said: “Ten verses have just been revealed upon me. Whoever acts upon these ten shall enter Paradise.” He then recited the first ten verses of Surah al-Muminun. [Sunan al-Tirmidhi]

The Prophet ﷺ once saw a man playing with his beard during the prayer so he said: “If his heart was fearful, his limbs would be fearful too.” [al-Durr al-Manthur]

The Prophet ﷺ said: “From the beauty of a person’s Islam is that he leaves that which does not concern him.” [Sunan al-Tirmidhi]

Surah al-Nur (Chapter 24: The Light). Madinan. 64 Verses.

Revealed after the Battle of Banu al-Mustaliq in the fifth year after the migration.

اللَّهُ نُورُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

Allah is the light of the heavens and the earth. [Qur'an 24:35]

Fornication and adultery are major sins in Islam

There is also severe punishment for zina in Islam. Under an Islamic government, the (unmarried) fornicators would be flogged one hundred times each. Since they are such unlawful acts, Allah put measures in place to prevent people from taking steps towards it. For example, lowering the gaze for both men and women. (Prevention is better than cure). It is through the eyes that Shaytan plants impure thoughts into a person, so Allah commanded segregation, and not to enter other people’s houses without permission.

The ten verses exonerating Lady ‘Aishah are mentioned (Verses 11-20)

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ تَشِيعَ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

Indeed, those who like that immoral matters spread amongst the believers, for them is a painful punishment in the world and the hereafter. [Qur'an 24:19]

When Lady ‘Aishah was accused, Allah revealed her innocence in the Qur’an. The Qur’an says in verse 8 that whoever falsely accuses a chaste woman and cannot produce witnesses, that person is to be flogged 80 times.

The Prophet ﷺ was asked: “O Messenger of Allah! Who is the most beloved to you from amongst the people?” He replied: “A’ishah.” [Sunan al-Tirmidhi]

Excellence of Surah al-Nur

The Prophet ﷺ said, “Teach Surah al-Maidah to your men and teach Surah al-Nur to your women.” [Kanz al-Ummal]

