

Para 3.5 to 4.75

Resume and finish Surah Al-Imran.

Following the Prophet ﷺ and his Sunnah

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ
رَحِيمٌ ﴿٣١﴾ قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْكٰفِرِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾

Say (O dear Messenger!): “If you love Allah, then follow me; Allah will love you, and forgive you your sins. And Allah is ever Forgiving, ever Merciful. Say (O dear Messenger!): “Obey Allah and the Messenger.” Then if they turn away, then indeed Allah does not like the unbelievers. [Qur’an 31-32]

True love for Allah lies in following the Prophet ﷺ. In return Allah loves you and forgives your sins. What can be more of a loftier status for a creation other than its Creator and Master taking it as His beloved? O Allah! Grant us the true servitude of Your noble Beloved. Amin.

Sayyidah Maryam & Prophet Zakariyya Verses 35-41

The birth of Sayyidah Maryam is mentioned and her miracle (*karamah*) of out-of-season fruits. Prophet Zakariyya was the guardian of Sayyidah Maryam and this is his dua for a child in old-age:

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ ذُرِّيَّةً طَيِّبَةً

O my Lord! Grant me from Your presence a pure offspring.

He made this dua at the place where Sayyidah Maryam was worshipping Allah and where out-of-season fruits descended. This shows making dua at a sacred place or being in the presence of a beloved servant of Allah is a means of greater acceptance of your dua. Allah accepted his dua and gave him glad tidings of Prophet Yahya (John).

From verse 42, the excellences of Sayyidah Maryam, the miraculous birth, miracles and raising of Prophet Isa to the heavens are mentioned.

Miracles of Prophet Isa

“I make the shape of a bird for you out of clay, then I breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by Allah’s permission. I heal the born blind and the leper, and I bring the dead to life by Allah’s permission. And I inform you of what you eat and what you store in your houses.”

[Qur’an 3:49]

Spending from the things we love to attain perfection

لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١١٠﴾

You will never attain virtue (to the extent of perfection) until you spend (in the way of Allah) out of what you love. And whatever you spend, indeed Allah is well Aware of it.

It is even more rewarding to spend from the most beloved things in the way of Allah with the intention of pleasing Him.

Verses 96-97: Mentions the first House of worship in Makkah and the clear signs within it.

Battle of Uhud

The Battle of Uhud was when 40 Muslims did not listen to one command of the Prophet ﷺ. The tide of the battle changed, and the non-Muslims had the upper hand. Today, we transgress hundreds of commands of Allah and His Messenger, day and night, so the result is evident that unbelief has dominated, and the Muslims are in disgrace everywhere. To get out of this situation, we must become Muslims by name and by action once again, by tongue and by actions once again and act upon Islam. For Allah says: “Do not lose heart not grieve, for you will have the upper hand, if you are true believers.” [Qur’an 3:139]

History is witness that after this incident of the Battle of Uhud, during the time of the Prophet ﷺ, the Companions all the way up to the Umayyads, the Muslims continued to gain success and were the superpowers of this word. But when we became disunited, when we were no longer true Muslims, our downfall began, and we are becoming weaker and weaker.

The Prophet ﷺ is gentle and soft-hearted

فَبِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ لِنْتَ لَهُمْ وَلَوْ كُنْتَ فَظًّا غَلِيظَ الْقَلْبِ لَانفَضُّوا مِنْ حَوْلِكَ فَاعْفُ عَنْهُمْ
وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ وَشَاوِرْهُمْ فِي الْأَمْرِ فَإِذَا عَزَمْتَ فَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُتَوَكِّلِينَ ﴿١٥٩﴾

So, it is by the mercy of Allah that you (dear Messenger) are gentle towards the Muslims. And if you were harsh and hard-hearted, then these people would have dispersed from around you. So pardon them, and seek forgiveness for them, and consult with them in matters (of concern). And when you have reached a firm decision, then put your trust in Allah. Indeed Allah loves those who put their trust in Him. [Qur’an 3:159]

It is the special favour of Allah that he granted us the Prophet ﷺ who is gentle and soft-hearted, our falling into hardship weighs heavily upon him, and he is deeply eager for us to succeed. As a result of his excellent character and the truthfulness of Islam, there were three to four hundred thousand people that had embraced Islam before the passing away of the Prophet ﷺ.

The supplication of the Prophet ﷺ for the forgiveness of those who have committed mistakes is such a *wasilah* (intermediary) that has been instructed by Allah Himself.

This verse also shows the importance of consultation in important matters.

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