

## Para 7.25 to 8.5

Finish last *ruku* of Surah al-Maidah, then start and finish Surah al-An'am.

### Truthfulness

قَالَ اللَّهُ هَذَا يَوْمٌ يَنْفَعُ الصَّادِقِينَ صِدْقُهُمْ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿١١٩﴾

*Allah will say: "This is the day on which the truthfulness of the truthful ones will benefit them." For them there are gardens, beneath which rivers flow, they will remain in them forever. Allah is pleased with them, and they are pleased with Allah. This is the great success.*  
[Qur'an 5:119]

When the believers speak the truth, it benefits them in this world and even if it does not benefit them in this world, it will certainly benefit them in the hereafter. This is when they will be granted Paradise and the pleasure of Allah.

The Prophet ﷺ said: "It is obligatory upon you to speak the truth, for truthfulness leads to good action and good action leads to Paradise. Whoever speaks the truth and continues trying to speak the truth is recorded as truthful with Allah. Stay away from telling a lie, for lying leads to evil action and evil action leads to Hell. Whoever tells a lie and continues trying to tell a lie is recorded as a liar with Allah." [Sahih Muslim]

**Surah al-An'am (Chapter 6: The Cattle). Makkan. 165 Verses. Over 2 Paras.**

### Themes of Surah al-An'am

In Makkah, most people were polytheists. They had some ignorant beliefs and customs. They considered some cattle to be lawful and some to be unlawful. In this chapter, the Quran has refuted their corrupt ideas. Hence why it is known as Surah al-An'am. Furthermore, the main concern for such people is to rectify their beliefs and to present the beliefs of Islam to them. Generally, the Makkan verses focus more on belief. In this chapter, the Quran explains the basic beliefs of Islam - *tawhid*, *risalah* and the *akhirah* in an easy and straightforward manner.

### Attributes of Allah

At the beginning of this Chapter, the attributes of Allah are mentioned. He is the One who brought into existence the heavens and the earth, formed the realities of darkness and light, and created the humans from clay. Despite this being so clear and evident the polytheists were so blinded by their idols, that they were prepared to not even listen to anything regarding the oneness of Allah.

﴿وَلَوْ أَنَّنَا نَزَّلْنَا إِلَيْهِمُ الْمَلٰٓئِكَةَ وَكَلَّمَهُمُ الْمَوْتَىٰ وَحَشَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ قُبُلًا مَا كَانُوا لِيُؤْمِنُوا إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ يَجْهَلُونَ﴾ ﴿١١٩﴾

*And even if We sent down angels to them, and the dead spoke to them, and We gathered in front of them, they would still not believe, unless Allah wills, but most of them are ignorant.*  
[Qur'an 6:111]

### **Knowledge is light**

*Is the one who was dead at first, then We gave life to him and made for him a light by which he walks among the people, the same as the one who is in darkness, from which he is not coming out?* [Qur'an 6:122]

Death here refers to spiritual death and life a spiritual life. Whoever remains deprived of faith, knowledge and good deeds is a dead person walking. Allah says: "Verily you cannot make the dead (at heart) hear." [Qur'an 27:80] The one who possesses these qualities, a new life enters his dead body. The Prophet ﷺ said: "The example of a student of knowledge among the ignorant is like a living person among the dead." [al-Jami al-Saghir]

*"A nation rises by the formation of its intellectual order; Intellect is enlightened by the lamp of education."*

### **Consolation of the Prophet ﷺ**

Throughout this chapter Allah consoles and reassures the Prophet ﷺ that even the previous communities were hostile towards their Prophets. They also argued with them and had bizarre lines of reasoning. Therefore, dear Messenger do not worry about their enmity and prejudice. Even though they believe you to be al-Sadiq, even though they have never heard a lie from you, even though you have lived with them for more than 40 years, if they do not believe in Allah and choose not to believe then do not worry. You continue with full steadfastness, for your prayer, sacrifice, life and death are all for the pleasure of Allah. This is indeed the actual secret that leads to success. A Muslim who becomes aware of this secret of life and devotes his worship, his life and his death to Allah, then he attains lofty heights.

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٦٢﴾

*Say: "Indeed my prayer and my sacrifices, and my living and my dying are all for Allah, the Lord of all the worlds." [Qur'an 6:162]*

Sometimes it is necessary to reveal a glimpse of a person's sincerity and *taqwa* in order to encourage and inspire others so long as the intention is not to show off.

O Lord of all the worlds! This humble and erring servant (the author, M I H Pirzada), according to his understanding and conviction, has devoted his life, death and all his abilities and energies to Your truthful religion too, so bestow blessings, honesty and steadfastness upon this devotion. Amin.

Other topics: The mercy of Allah overcomes His anger, the *nur* (light) of the Prophet, the greatest awards ceremony in the hereafter, the parents of Prophet Ibrahim, not swearing at the deities of others.

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