

Para 25 to 26

Finish Surah al-Hamim al-Sajdah, Surah al-Shura, Surah al-Zukhruf, Surah al-Dukhan & Surah al-Jathiyah.

Surah al-Shura (Chapter 42: The Consultation). Makkan. 53 Verses.

وَالَّذِينَ اسْتَجَابُوا لِرَبِّهِمْ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَمْرُهُمْ شُورَى بَيْنَهُمْ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنفِقُونَ ﴿٧٨﴾

And the people who believe in the command of their Lord; and establish the prayer; and who conduct their affairs by mutual consultation; and spend from whatever We have given them.
[Qur'an 42:28]

The Consultation

One characteristic of the fortunate people whose reward is with Allah is that they consult with one another. This was the *sunnah* of the Prophet ﷺ that whenever there was an important task at hand, he would call the Companions and consult with them. For example, before the Battle of the Trench. The best decision would then be made by the Prophet ﷺ. This was to show the importance of consultation. The Prophet ﷺ was not in need of consultation. He received revelation directly from Allah, but it made the Companions feel even more part of this Muslim community and to show the importance of it.

The Prophet ﷺ said: "When advice is sought you should give advice to your brother." [Sunan ibn Majah]

Religion of Islam

He has ordained for you that religion which He commanded Nuh and (now) which We have revealed to you. And We commanded Ibrahim, Musa and 'Isa to establish this religion and not create divisions in it. [Qur'an 42:138]

This religion of Islam is no new religion. The fundamental belief is to believe in one God, which was brought by all the previous Prophets, including Prophet Nuh, Prophet Ibrahim, Prophet Musa and Prophet Isa. But the polytheists found it too difficult to believe in one God.

Surah al-Zukhruf (Chapter 43: Ornaments of Gold). Makkan. 89 Verses.

Zukhruf

وَزُخْرُفًا وَإِنْ كُلُّ ذَلِكَ لَمَّا مَتَّعُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةُ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾

And ornaments of gold. And all of this is the provision of this worldly life. And the (bounties of the) hereafter are solely for the God-fearing with their Lord. [Qur'an 43:35]

This Chapter mentions the houses of unbelievers will be made of gold including their beds, stairs, and doors. But this is temporary, and all of this is for the unbelievers in this world, they will not receive any of this in the hereafter. The value of this world is less than the wing of a fly in front of Allah. Whoever turns away from the remembrance of Allah, and pursues his desires, then it is clear he has adopted the way of Shaytan.

Supplication for travelling

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ ﴿١٤﴾ وَإِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

Glory to the One Who has placed this (transport) at our service and we ourselves would not have been capable of that. And indeed, we are to return to our Lord. [Qur'an 43:14]

Ibn 'Umar [ra] narrates that when the Prophet ﷺ would go on a journey he would say *Allahu Akbar* three times and recite this supplication. [*Sunan al-Tirmidhi*]

Camels and horses are bigger than us, but Allah has given us the ability to use them. The only reason why we are able to use cars etc., is because of the intellect granted to us by Allah. Whenever we travel, we remember the favour of Allah of allowing us to control these modes of transport. At the end of the supplication, we are also reminded of our journey to the hereafter which we ought to keep in mind too.

Surah al-Dukhan (Chapter 44: The Smoke). Makkan. 59 Verses.

فَارْتَقِبْ يَوْمَ تَأْتِي السَّمَاءُ بِدُخَانٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿١٠﴾

“So, wait for a day when the sky will come with a visible smoke.” [Qur'an 44:10]

There was a drought in Arabia and dust was flying around which seemed like smoke. In order to save themselves from hunger, the Quraysh came to the Prophet ﷺ requesting him to supplicate and agreed they would believe in him if the punishment was lifted. Rain began to fall following the supplication and the drought ended but they returned to their unbelief.

Excellence of Surah al-Dukhan

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Whoever recited *Hamim al-Dukhan* in the morning, seventy thousand angels shall seek forgiveness for him.” [*Sunan al-Tirmidhi*]

Surah al-Jathiyah (Chapter 45: The Kneeling) Makkan. 37 Verses.

وَتَرَىٰ كُلَّ أُمَّةٍ جَائِيَةً كُلُّ أُمَّةٍ تُدْعَىٰ إِلَىٰ كِتَابِهَا الْيَوْمَ تُجْزَوْنَ مَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

And you will see (on that day) every community kneeling down. [Qur'an 45:28]

Out of fear of the severity of the Day of Judgement, people will be on their knees. They will be called to be held accountable for their deeds and receive their recompense.

Ponder over the universe

وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ مَّا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مِّنْهُ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٣﴾

Indeed, in this there are signs for those who ponder. [Qur'an 45:13]

Allah has made the heavens and earth for your service from His mercy and grace. There are countless signs in the universe for you to ponder over.