

Para 28 to 29

Begin and finish Surah al-Mujadilah, Surah al-Hashr, Surah al-Mumtahinah, Surah al-Saff, Surah al-Jumu'ah, Surah al-Munafiqun, Surah al-Taghabun, Surah al-Talaq and Surah al-Tahrim. (9)

Surah al-Mujadilah (Chapter 58: The Pleading Woman) Madinan. 22 Verses.

قَدْ سَمِعَ اللَّهُ قَوْلَ الَّتِي تُجَادِلُكَ فِي زَوْجِهَا وَتَشْتَكِي إِلَى اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ يَسْمَعُ تَحَاوُرَكُمَا

Indeed, Allah has heard the saying of that woman who was pleading with you about her husband and complaining to Allah. And Allah was listening to both of your conversations.

[Qur'an 58:1]

Zihar was a practice in the days of ignorance where a man says to wife: “You are like the back of my mother to me.” This was considered a divorce. A husband once said this to his wife, Khawlah bint Tha'labah [ra]. She became very worried and came pleading and arguing with the Prophet ﷺ regarding herself and her children. What is the Islamic ruling? Have mercy upon me. In response, this Surah was revealed. The Quran severely prohibited this practice, and the husband was required to give an expiation (*kaffarah*).

Surah al-Hashr/Bani Nadir (Chapter 59: The Gathering/The Tribe of Nadir) Madinan. 24 Verses.

هُوَ الَّذِي أَخْرَجَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ لِأَوَّلِ الْحَشْرِ

He is the One who expelled the (Bani Nadir) unbelievers from the People of the Book from their homes at the time of the first gathering. [Qur'an 59:2]

The Bani Nadir planned to assassinate the Prophet ﷺ in Madinah. The Prophet ﷺ went to them for a discussion about a case regarding *diyah* (financial indemnity for murder). They said they would go get some food whilst the Prophet ﷺ waited. In actual fact, they planned to push a boulder over the Prophet ﷺ. Allah informed him, and he quickly left. Consequently, they were exiled from Madinah for trying to assassinate the leader of the Muslims and for breaking the world's first written constitution, the Constitution of Madinah.

In one place many of the beautiful names of Allah are mentioned. The Prophet ﷺ said: “Whoever reads the last three verses of Surah al-Hashr in the day or night, if Allah take his soul in the day or night, Allah makes Paradise necessary (*wajib*) upon him.” [Tafsir al-Qurtubi]

Surah al-Mumtahinah (Chapter 60: The Chapter which Tests Women) Madinan. 13 Verses.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا جَاءَكُمْ الْمُؤْمِنَاتُ مُهَاجِرَاتٍ فَامْتَحِنُوهُنَّ

O you who believe! When believing women emigrate towards you then test them (their faith).

[Qur'an 60:10]

The Surah name can also be read as Mumtahanah i.e. the woman who was tested.

The women that claimed to be Muslim and came from Makkah to Madinah were interrogated to see if they were Muslim, if they came to protect their faith they would not be returned and if they came for another reason, not as Muslims, they would be returned. The Treaty of Hudaibiyyah only stipulated that Muslim men would be returned if they came to Madinah from Makkah, not the women.

Surah al-Saff (Chapter 61: The Solid Rows) Madinan. 14 Verses.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِهِ صَفًّا كَأَنَّهُمْ بُنْيَانٌ مَّرْصُورٌ ﴿٤﴾

Indeed, Allah loves those who fight in solid rows in His way, like a well-compacted wall.
[Qur'an 61:4]

Allah loves those who stand firm, and support one another, like each brick supports another in a wall; it does not disperse and move when the rain and winds come.

O you who believe! Why do you say what you do not do? This is severely disliked with Allah that you say what you do not do. (Verse 2-3) Muslims are being trained to first act upon your religion and then encourage others to act upon it.

They wish to extinguish Allah's light with their mouths, whereas Allah will perfect His light even if the unbelievers dislike it. (Verse 8) Mentions the dominance of the light (*nur*) of Islam. Despite the best efforts of all the Arab tribes to blow out the light of Islam, Allah completed the light of Islam and the Prophet ﷺ fulfilled and spread the message of Islam so excellently that no power in the world could oppose it. Within a few years, the world saw the flag of Islam firmly grounded on all the Arab lands and now 1400 years later the fastest growing religion is Islam.

Surah al-Jumu'ah (Chapter 62: The Congregation/Friday) Madinan. 11 Verses.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩﴾

O you who believe! When the call is made for the (Friday) prayer on the day of Friday, then immediately hasten towards the remembrance of Allah and leave off buying and selling. That is better for you if you knew. [Qur'an 62:9]

The Prophet ﷺ said: "Whoever bathes on a Friday, wears his best clothes, perfumes if he has any, and then attends the Friday prayer...he remains quiet when the Imam proceeds (to deliver the sermon) until he completes his prayer, it shall be an atonement for (the mistakes committed by) him between this and his preceding Friday (prayer)." [Sunan Abi Dawud]

"O Muslims! This is a day that Allah has rendered for you an 'Eid, so bathe yourselves, and brush your teeth (with a tooth stick)." [al-Mu'jam al-Awsat]

Surah al-Munafiqun (Chapter 63: The Hypocrites) Madinan. 11 Verses.

إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُنَافِقُونَ قَالُوا نَشْهَدُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ ۗ

When the hypocrites come to you, they say: "We testify that you are certainly Allah's Messenger." [Qur'an 63:1]

The characteristics of the hypocrites are mentioned in the first eight verses. One of those is lying. The biggest lie is they say they believe with their tongue but reject it in the heart and make false promises to hide their hypocrisy.

Although, the treasures of the heavens and the earth are solely for Allah. However, the hypocrites do not understand. (Verse 7) The hypocrites of Madinah thought if they do not spend on the Muslims then they would go hungry and then leave Madinah. Allah warns them that the ultimate Provider is not you, but Allah and He has ownership of the treasures of the heavens and earth.

Surah al-Taghabun (Chapter 64: The Showing of Loss) Madinan. 18 Verses.

يَوْمَ يَجْمَعُكُمْ لِيَوْمِ الْجَمْعِ ذَلِكَ يَوْمُ التَّعَابِينِ

The day when He will gather you for the Day of Gathering. That will be the Day of showing loss. [Qur'an 64:9]

Taghabun: All losses will be shown on this day. The unbelievers and sinful will realise that they wasted their lives being disobedient to Allah and this loss of theirs will be apparent on that day. The believers will also realise their loss that if they had worshipped Allah more their rank would be even higher.

This Chapter explains how your children and wealth are a test. Do not become so in love with them that you forget Allah. And do not deprive them so much that you become a sinner. Rather keep a balance, keep fearing Allah and keep spending in His way. (Verse 15)

Surah al-Talaq (Chapter 65: The Divorce) Madinan. 12 Verses.

Some more rulings of divorce and the waiting period ('iddah) are mentioned. We need to be aware of such rulings, when it should be given, when it should not and how many times. E.g.: Do not divorce your wife during her menstrual cycle and divorce her only once. The waiting period for women who have a menstrual cycle is three cycles.

Surah al-Tahrim (Chapter 66: The Prohibition) Madinan. 12 Verses.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ لِمَ تُحَرِّمُ مَا أَحَلَّ اللَّهُ لَكَ

O Prophet! Why do you prohibit that which Allah has made lawful for you? [Qur'an 66:1]

Taken from *lima tuharrimu*. If somebody takes an oath, they will not eat something lawful (*halal*) then they are to break the oath and offer an expiation. In this verse the Muslims have been prohibited from considering lawful things to be unlawful (*haram*) or vice versa.

O you who believe! Repent sincerely to Allah. (Verse 8) After committing a sin sincere repentance is to: acknowledge the sin, be remorseful, repent, leave the sin and promise not to return to it, make up for the sin e.g.: seek forgiveness from the person or make up the prayer.