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Q1:

Ans:

Translation: "O you who believe! Raise not your voices in the presence of Allah's Messenger (S.A.W) nor speak aloud to him in talk as you speak loud to one another, lest your deeds may be rendered fruitless, while you perceive not."

Background: When a delegation from tribe of Tamim came to the Holy Prophet (S.A.W), Abu Baqr (R.A) suggested to the Holy Prophet that al-Qaqa ibn Ma'bad (R.A) be sent to meet them and "Umar ibn Khattab (R.A) said that al-Agra bin Qays (R.A) be sent instead. Abu Baqr (R.A) was irritated by Hazrat Umar (R.A)'s counter proposal so he turned to 'Umar (RA) and said: You only said that to contradict me Umar (R.A) in turn replied that he did not do it to be contrary, A quarrel aroused and both of them raised their voices to such a level that the prophet's (SAW) voice was drowned out.

Explanation:

It has been narrated that the great Caliph Umar ibn Khattab (R.A) once he heard two men raising their voice in the Prophet's Masjid, so he asked them: Do you realize where you are? But before they could answer, he asked them Where are you both from? They replied they were from Taif. He then said to them: If had said that you were from Madinah, I would have given you both severe lashes for raising your voices in the masjid of Allah's Messenger (S.A. W) [Sahih al-Bukhari]

Allah warns that one might loose all his good deeds, due to disrespect to the Messenger of Allah (S.A.W) or his Sunnah, without he knowing it. Also, the Messenger of Allah (S.A.W) said: "A man may inadvertently speak a word pleasing to Allah because of which Paradise is destined to him, and another may recklessly speak a word displeasing to Allah because of which he will be cast in the Hellfire, further then the distance between heaven and the earth." [Sahih al-Bukhari] Allah also said: "O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and make not vain your deeds. [Surah Muhammad: 33]

Q2

Ans:

Prevention from shirk, killing and illegal sexual intercourse:

Translation:

“And those who invoke not any other ill: (god) along with Allah, nor kill such life as Allah has forbidden, except for just cause, nor commit illegal sexual intercourse and whoever does this shall receive the punishment.”

Explanation:

In this verse, Allah has described three characteristics of a true believer, i.e

- Who invoke not any other ilah (god) along with Allah.
- Nor kill such life as Allah has forbidden, except for just cause.
- Nor commit illegal sexual intercourse. Prevention from Shirk .

- Prevention from Shirk:

Translation:

“And those who invoke not any other ilah (god) along with Allah”

In this ayah the description that Allah gives of his true servants is that they do not call on any other illah besides Him. Recall how we said that an illah is anything that fills your heart and anything that your mind and thoughts are always focused on. Since our illah is what is always on your mind, you will naturally have hope in your illah to save you from troubles and difficulties. So you put all your hopes in your illah and you call on your illah all the time. For a true Muslim this illah has to only be Allah. That is why Allah describes His true servants in this ayah as those who do not call on any other illah besides Allah. They are the ones who dedicate their very existence only to the service of Allah, so in times of difficulty and need they do not call on anyone except Allah. At another occasion, says Allah in the Holy Quran:

1. Translation:

“Verily, joining others in worship with Allah is a great zoolm (wrong) indeed.” (luqman:13)

2. Translation:

“Verily Allah forgives not that partners should be set up with him in worship.”(An-Nisaa:48)

- Not to Murder:

Translation:

“Nor kill such life as Allah has forbidden”.

Murder in the light of Sunnah:

When we look to the Sunnah we find the extremely authentic -hadith of the Prophet (S.A.W) where he (S.A.W) said

"I have been ordered to fight against the people until they testify that there is none worthy of worship except Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger e: Allah, establish the prayer and pay the zakat. Then if they do

that their blood and their wealth will be protected from me- except, in accordance with the right of Islam. And their reckoning will be with Allah the Exalted. From is ayah and this hadith we learn that the blood of a Muslim is sacred and it is not permitted to shed the blood of a Muslim except if that Muslim becomes guilty of such a terrible crime for which Allah has prescribed the death penalty. Thus says Allah at another occasion:

1. Translation:

“if anyone killed a person not in retaliation of murder, or(and) to spread mischief in the land it would be as if he killed the whole man kind.”

- In Hadith:

We know the hadith where the Prophet (S.A.W) said "one drop of Muslim blood is more sacred than the entire Kabbah", We all know. how sacred the Kabbah is it is the first House that was ever built for the worship of Allah. But in front of Allah the blood of a Muslim is very special. Because that blood and the body through which that blood flows contains a soul that believes in and submits to the Oneness of Allah. That is a seal which has

never seen Allah but still it believes in Him because it recognizes the Signs of Allah in the world around it. It has the sincerity to look for, the truth and it is humble in that-it does not allow its pride to prevent it from submitting to Allah. It also does not allow the temptations of this world to distract it from its remembrance of Allah. So the Muslim is beloved to Allah and Allah is beloved to the Muslim. During that speech he (S.A.W) Said:

“Verily your blood and your wealth are inviolable to you like the sacredness of this any of yours, in this month of you in this land of yours until you your Rabb”.

It is enough to say that these are sins that are so terrible that Allah has sanctioned the taking of a Muslim life for it:

No Illegal Sexual Course:

Translation:

“Nor commit illegal sexual intercourse”

Explanation:

Do not even go near fornication for it is a very indecent flung and a very evil way" (Al-Israa: 32) This commandment is meant both for individuals and society as a whole It warns each individual not only to guard' against adultery or fornication itself but against all those things that lead to or stimulate it As regards society as a whole the commandment enjoins it to make such arrangements as prevent adultery and eradicate the means and stimulants that lead to adultery. Therefore, the society should employ all those legal and educative means that help develop such an environment as prevents and eradicates indecency.

- Meeting Punishment:

“And whoever does this shall receive the punishment.”

In the final portion of the ayah Allah tells us that whoever does these evil actions..of shirk, murder or. zina will have to meet with punishment. For those who commit such evil actions as shirk, . murdering a Muslim without cause, and zina they would be thrown into the valleys of hell where they will burn for days and days and that would be the most fitting of punishments for such terrible crimes.

Q3:

Ans:

Translation:

O mankind! We have created you from a male and female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily, the most honorable of you with Allah is that (believer) has Taqwa (Allah-consciousness, fearing Allah). Verily, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware

Explanation:

Islam came to finalize the equality of all humans. It came to a people who worshipped many gods, during a time when the blood of the nobility was considered far superior to that of the common man, to a mindset that based society on all-pervasive social strata that could never be breached. Under this modus operandi, the poor would always be poor and deaths. Contemporaneously; some were debating the true nature of women: did they

have souls, and if so, were they pure evil? subservient to the rich until their Finally, Islam insisted that the only things that would benefit mankind on the Day of Judgment are sound belief and good deeds done solely for the sake of Allah. Hazrat Bilal (R.A), a freed Abyssinian slave, to give the first Adhan. Hazrat Bilal (RA) used to ascend to the roof of the house adjacent to the Prophet's Mosque and deliver the Call to Prayer from there. By seeing this Aqab bin Asad, a newly converted muslim, commented in the presence of Abu Sufiyan that "thanks God my father had died, if he would see him, he did not bear". Abu Sufiyan told that he will not comment on it because our conversation will be conveyed to Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) through revelation. That was the occasion when this verse revealed. Allah addresses all mankind and mentions that He created all humans from one soul; Adam (A S). From him, He created his wife, Hawa (Eve), and through them the human race grew and spread. Therefore, all humans are of the same category, rank and status, everybody is alike in the Sight of Allah. Thus, pride in one's lineage is against the teachings of Islam, and Allah's Messenger (SAW) discouraged all such practices. He pres "All of you are the children of Adam

and Adam himself was created from clay. Refrain from boasting upon one's lineage. (Otherwise) you will be lighter than the heap of dust and marine birds in the Sigh of Allah.

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