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Summary of Surah Al-Hujurat

Introduction

This Surah is Madinan and it has 18 ayats. The surah takes its name from verse 4 in which the word Hujurat has occurred.

This is the foremost and the basic demand of the Faith. If the person who regards Allah as his Lord and accepts Allah's Messenger as his guide and leader is true in his belief, he can never have the attitude that he should give his own opinion and view precedence over the decision of Allah and His Messenger, or should adopt an independent opinion in the matters, and pass his own judgment without caring to find out whether. Verily, Allah is All-Knower of every thing.

In this section, the manners which the Muslims

must observe before the Prophet (pbuh) have been highlighted. They have been warned to show respect to the Prophet (pbuh) and to give priority to his directives instead of asserting their own views. They must not raise their voice above his, and also must not address him as they address one another. The Almighty nurtures the seed of piety in only those hearts who have regard and respect for the Prophet (pbuh). Those who express their superiority because they think that they have done Allah and the Prophet (pbuh) a favour by accepting Islam should be aware that this attitude might render vain all their deeds whilst they may not even realize this loss.

Background of Revelation

Narrated Az-Zubair (R.A) When a delegation from tribe of Tamim came to the Holy prophet (S.W.A), Abu Bakkar (R.A) suggested to the Holy Prophet (S.W.A) that al-Qaqa ibn Mabad (R.A) be sent to meet them and "Umar ibn khattab (R.A) said that al-Aqra bin Qays (R.A) be sent instead. Abu Bakkar(R.A) was irritaed by 'Hazrat Umar (R.A) counter proposal so he turned to Umar (R.A) and said "You only said that to cotradict 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 voice was downed out.

Islam came to finalize the equality of all humans. It came to a people who worshiped many gods, durnig a time when the blood of the nobility was considered for superior to that of the common man, to mindset that based society on all pervasive social that could never be breached.

Finally, islam insisted that the only things that would benefit mainkind on the Day of judgment are sound belief and good deeds done solely for the sake of Allah.

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