

achieved through submission to Allāh's Messenger. Thus, if a believer has practices and ideas that contradict the Sunnah of Allāh's Messenger (S.A.W), then he should lower his voice by submitting to the truth.

And if he does so, then he will have passed the test of piety and proved his belief in the Messenger of Allāh, Muhammad (S.A.W), because the second half of the testimony - "Muhammad-ul-Rasūl-Allāh", obligates the obedience to Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W). And Allāh says: "Whatsoever the Messenger (S.A.W) gives you take it and whatsoever He forbids you refrain from it." [Sūrah al-Hashr: 7]. Thus, this verse emphasizes the importance and obligation of following the Messenger of Allāh (S.A.W) and giving his Sunnah precedence over one's own desires and habits.

Forgiveness and reward  
 لَمَّا مَنَّ عَلَيْنَا مَا يَشَاءُ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ  
 اللَّهُ غَنِيٌّ غَنِيًّا

"Forgiveness and a great reward will be theirs."

Another general explanation of this verse was given by Umar Ibn Khattab (R.A), when he was asked whether a man who never desired evil nor did he do it, was better than one who desired it but did not do it. He replied: "surely, those who desire sin and don't commit it are the ones whom Allāh has tested their hearts for Taqwa.

This verse also refers to those who are tempted to commit acts of disobedience and choose to do the right. All such people have passed the test of Taqwa.

Verse-4 & 5 Patience

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ينادونك من وراء الحجرات أكثرهم لا يعقلون  
 ولولا أنهم صبروا حتى تخرج إليهم لكان خيرا لهم  
 والله غفور رحيم

"Surely, most of those who call you out from behind the apartments have no sense. And if they were patient until you came

out to them, it would have been better for them but Allāh is forgiving, Most Merciful."

Revelation: Allāh revealed this verse when a group of Bedouins called out to the Messenger of Allāh (S.A.W) from behind his house, as was their custom among themselves, saying: "O Muhammad (S.A.W), verily my praise is sweet and my curse is bitter." The Messenger of Allāh (S.A.W) replied: "Only Allāh is like that." [Musnad Ahmad, Tirmidhī].

Manners towards the Muslim leaders and Common Muslims

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The act of Bedouins, though not intentional, was disrespectful to the Messenger of Allāh (S.A.W). However, the approach towards a Muslim leader should be respectful and his right to privacy must be honored. Likewise, to all Muslims, if one wants to visit a Muslim, the Islamic etiquettes instruct him to knock on the door up to three times, if there is no reply then he should leave. The Messenger of Allāh (S.A.W) said: "If any of you seeks permission (to enter a house) and no permission is granted, he should return." [Sahīh al-Bukharī and Sahīh Muslim]

Sabr (Patience)

وَلَوْلَا أَنَّهُمْ صَبَرُوا حَتَّى تَخْرُجَ إِلَيْهِمْ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ

"And if they were patient until you came out to them, it would have been better for them."

Patience holds great virtues in Islām and Allāh has emphasized Patience with great stress. Allāh said: "And be patient and preserving: for Allāh is with those who patiently preserve