

extravagance and opulence of lifestyle and between enjoying the pleasures of this world.

Moderation (Medium way)

”وَكَانَ بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ قَوَامًا“

”But hold a medium (way) between those (extremes).“

So the true servants are not extravagant with their wealth nor are they niggardly. How then do they use their wealth? Allah tells us that they are in a state between them of qawaamma. This means to spend what is right in the cause of Allah. Islam is a way of life that teaches moderation in all things. Allah does not tell us to be overindulgent nor does He tell us to completely renounce. Through the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) Allah has taught us that we can partake in some of the good things of this world as long as we observe the Law of Allah and not even go near anything that might be forbidden. We must also not be extravagant in that we buy things to show off to other people or we buy things that we will never use. At the same time we are not miserly where we desperately hold on to our wealth and refuse to spend it on anything. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) said:

”مَاعَالَ مَنِ اقْتَصَدَ“

”He who adopts moderation (in spending) will not become reliant“
Again:

”مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الرَّجُلِ قَصْدُهُ فِي مَعِيشَتِهِ“

”Taking moderate measures in economy is a symbol of wisdom.“
(Masnad-Ahmad Tibrani)

Verse-68

Prevention from shirk, killing & illegal intercourse

وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَدْعُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ وَلَا يَقْتُلُونَ النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا يَزْنُونَ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ أَثَامًا

”And those who invoke not any other ilāh (god) along with Allāh, nor kill such life as Allāh 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

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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 your 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. Another occasion, says Allah in the Holy Quran:

”إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ“

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

”إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ“

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

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