



Quranic & Prophetic Nurturing Program

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Introduction

- In Surah Al Baqarah, there are three types of people: the muttazeen, disbelievers and hypocrites. Anyone who has taqwa then he will be successful in following the curriculum. The disbelievers reject the curriculum, but the hypocrites will follow it but they don't believe in it and this is worse. The disbelievers and hypocrites are both bad, but the hypocrites are worse because they're wicked. They show we're with you and we're your friend but they're enemies.
- The hypocrites are using their talk as a way to disguise their deception in normal times but when a situation happens on the spot then their reality shows.

Ayah 52

وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَيَخْشَ اللَّهَ وَيَتَّقْهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ

And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم), fears Allah, and keeps his duty (to Him), such are the successful.

1. (وَمَنْ يُطِعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ) (And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم)): the word (طوع) means to bend and have no resistance, so the one who's obedient is not resisting. The obedience of the hypocrites is different from the obedience of the believers. The share of obedience for the hypocrites is with their tongue, but for the believers it's with their actions.
 - Obedience requires listening so one is to:
 1. To believe in the news (التصديق للأخبار)
 2. Follow what's commanded and abstain from what's prohibited (امتثال الامر واجتناب النهي)
2. (وَيَخْشَى اللَّهَ) (fears Allah): the hypocrite does not fear Allah (ﷻ) but fears the people so he agrees to obedience in order to blend with the people. Ka'ab ibn Malik (ra) told the truth for not going to battle because he feared Allah (ﷻ) and not the Prophet (ﷺ).
- (خشى) is to fear with knowledge (خوف مقرونا بالعلم) but the hypocrites do not know nor understand. The hypocrites don't want to know the ayat because they fear these ayat will expose who they are.

3. **(وَيَتَّقُهُ) (and keeps his duty (to Him))**: a person can't only obey and fear Allah (ﷻ), but he also needs to have taqwa. Taqwa is to not only to fear but take extra precaution. If there's no taqwa then a person will show too much fear of Allah (ﷻ) to others. This is similar to a lantern which adorns the glass and light inside. Taqwa covers and adorns the heart. Not everyone needs to see your love, tawakkul and fear of Allah (ﷻ). The hypocrite has no taqwa because he's following his desires. In **Surah Al 'Araf 31: (يَا بَنِي آدَمَ خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ عِنْدَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ) (O Children of Adam! Take your adornment (by wearing your clean clothes))** – to take your adornment (خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ) includes wearing more than one layer. For example, in the office, no one can enter with just a t-shirt or slippers, so imagine for the masjid? Subhan Allah.
- **(فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ) (such are the successful)**: whoever obeys Allah (ﷻ), fears Him and has taqwa then they are (الْفَائِزُونَ) – the winners. The hypocrite thinks he's the winner by his fake attitude but the true winners are the ones who are struggling much but they don't show it. For example a good student fears when there's an exam but he's not telling others at the time of exam, 'I'm so scared of it'.

Ayah 53

وَأَقْسَمُوا بِاللَّهِ جَهْدَ أَيْمَانِهِمْ لَئِن أُمِرْتُمْ لَيَخْرُجُنَّ قُلْ لَا تُفْسِمُوا طَاعَةَ مَعْرُوفَةً إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

They swear by Allah their strongest oaths, that if only you would order them, they would leave (their homes for fighting in Allah's Cause). Say: "Swear you not; (this) obedience (of yours) is known (to be false). Verily, Allah knows well what you do."

- The hypocrites use different types of swearing in order to make sure the Prophet (ﷺ) is not angry with them. They don't like it for others to turn away from them.
- **(وَأَقْسَمُوا بِاللَّهِ جَهْدَ أَيْمَانِهِمْ) (They swear by Allah their strongest oaths)**: the hypocrites swear by Allah (ﷻ) and the word (قسم) is to divide and section. They swear by Allah (ﷻ) and not by something else because it would be shirk. So they know how to swear in order to show they magnify Allah (ﷻ) so they can be accepted by the Prophet (ﷺ).
- They're using Allah's name for their desires and this is entering a dangerous zone. Someone who's always swearing shows dishonesty. And when they swear by Allah (ﷻ), they **(جَهْدَ أَيْمَانِهِمْ)** – which means they use all effort to show they're swearing by Allah (ﷻ) with their speech and body language.

- **لَنْ أَمْرْتَهُمْ لِيَخْرُجُنَّ ط** (**that if only you would order them, they would leave (their homes for fighting in Allah's Cause).**): when they don't come for something, they will say 'next time I will come' and this is teaching us to not say, 'next time I'll come' because it shows a person has some kind of fear of others or worries the other person will be displeased with him. Especially regarding worships, a person shouldn't say 'next time' because it's like a vow. Acquiring knowledge is a worship and a person shouldn't fear others if he's unable to come.
- **قُلْ لَا تُفْسِمُوا ط** (**Say: "Swear you not;**): the Prophet (ﷺ) is to tell them 'don't swear' because he doesn't need their swears or excuses. Why do the hypocrites give excuses to the Prophet (ﷺ)? Because they fear him.
- **طَاعَةٌ مَّعْرُوفَةٌ ء** (**(this) obedience (of yours) is known (to be false).**): it's already known when someone is applying the rules of Allah (ﷻ) so there's no need to swear (انقياد بدوم قسم). For example a person doesn't need to say 'I swear I'm going to pray'. The one who swears regarding worships shows he doesn't want to do it; truthful people don't swear. Unlike the hypocrites who always swear in order to justify themselves.
- **إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ** (**Verily, Allah knows well what you do.**): notice the name of Allah Al-Khabeer is mentioned because He's All-Aware of people's intentions, acts and talks. An action or utterance might look good from the outside but He knows what's behind it. It's important a person is himself with Allah (ﷻ).

Surah At Tawbah 75: (وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ عَاهَدَ اللَّهَ لَئِنْ آتَانَا مِنْ فَضْلِهِ لَنَصَّدَّقَنَّ وَلَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ) (And of them are some who made a covenant with Allah (saying): "If He bestowed on us of His Bounty, we will verily give Sadaqah (Zakat and voluntary charity in Allah's Cause) and will be certainly among those who are righteous.")

- The hypocrites make promises to Allah (ﷻ) and break it so Allah (ﷻ) imprinted hypocrisy in their hearts, astagfar Allah. They are always commenting about others and say 'you are giving too much, you're not giving enough', etc.
- They'll always give excuses and make fun of others and the worst punishment for them in the duniya is there will not be a next time for them; they will be deprived. They always say 'next time I'll do so and so worship' but a next time won't come because there will be some obstacle, subhan Allah. When they gave an excuse to not go to battle with the Prophet (ﷺ), the next time they were deprived of it.

Ayah 54



قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ فَإِن تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْهِ مَا حُمِّلَ وَعَلَيْكُمْ مَّا حُمِّلْتُمْ وَإِن تُطِيعُوهُ تَهْتَدُوا وَمَا عَلَى
الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ

Say: "Obey Allah and obey the Messenger, but if you turn away, he (Messenger Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) is only responsible for the duty placed on him (i.e. to convey Allah's Message) and you for that placed on you. If you obey him, you shall be on the right guidance. The Messenger's duty is only to convey (the message) in a clear way (i.e. to preach in a plain way)."

- A person is not responsible for the guidance of others because Allah (ﷻ) guides whomever He wills. When the 'light' is shared with others, not everyone accepts it because Allah (ﷻ) is All-Knowing of where to place that light.
- Within the Muslims are hypocrites and who's fault is it that there are hypocrites? The hypocrites themselves so it's not a sin upon the Prophet (ﷺ).
- (قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ) (Say: "Obey Allah and obey the Messenger,): notice in this ayah it says to obey Allah (ﷻ) and obey the Prophet (ﷺ) in the form of a command. So when a person wants to command others then it needs to be as clear as possible. It's understood that whoever obeys Allah (ﷻ) and obeys the Messenger (ﷺ) then he will have the best and he will have happiness.
- (فَإِن تَوَلَّوْا) (but if you turn away,): as for the one who turns away, what will happen?
 1. (فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْهِ مَا حُمِّلَ) (he (Messenger Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) is only responsible for the duty placed on him (i.e. to convey Allah's Message)): everyone has (حُمِّلَ) which are responsibilities and duties which we are being carried such as worships, knowledge, and rights. The Prophet (ﷺ) has the message, to show the truth and falsehood, to call the people and convey the message. This is his responsibility.
 2. (وَعَلَيْكُمْ مَّا حُمِّلْتُمْ) (and you for that placed on you.): and carried upon us is to obey and follow. If someone turns away then then he himself is responsible.
- (وَإِن تُطِيعُوهُ تَهْتَدُوا وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ) (If you obey him, you shall be on the right guidance. The Messenger's duty is only to convey (the message) in a clear way (i.e. to preach in a plain way)."): when a person obeys the Prophet (ﷺ) then he'll be guided and when a person disobeys him then he'll be misguided. We need to follow the Prophet (ﷺ) in order to be guided. To be continued in sh'a Allah.



How do we apply what we learned and change for the better?

- Fear Allah and have taqwa, do not fear the people
- Do not swear much

May Allah (ﷻ) make us among the winners and protect us from hypocrisy. Ameen.