

Surah Al-Baqrah

Ayat al-Kursi (the Verse of the Throne)- The greatest verse of Qur'an (Hadith Ubayy bin Ka'b). Tawheed (Oneness of Allah) has been expounded in emphatic language. It contains a concise lesson, a beneficial statement, and clarification of all three categories of at-Tawheed; a compressed articulation of the Divine in a single verse. No deity but One God, sustains Himself and sustains creation, neither gets tired of anything nor does He sleep, to Him belongs the dominion, No intercession without His permission, He knows the past, present and future, His throne extends over the heavens and earth, the Most high, The Greatest.

Debate between Ibrahim (A.S) and Nimrod, king of Canaan. This argument illuminates the best etiquette of da'wah. Lessons are, while calling people to Allah, speak in the best way possible, don't attack people or their beliefs. Make them question what they are doing, don't get stuck arguing with people, be careful about the words that we choose, the way we speak and our behavior. It's Allah who guides people not us.

Etiquettes of Spending in the way of Allah, Do not nullify your acts of charity by stressing your benevolence or with reproachful reminders. لَا تُبْطِلُوا صَدَقَاتِكُمْ بِالْمَنِّ وَالْأَذَى (264)

Prohibition of Riba (usury)- An accrued amount which is added to the capital in exchange for time is riba and categorically prohibited here. (as well as by numerous narration of Hadith and juristic opinions). Some people call riba same as trade but in fact Allah declared they are not the same. (275)

Write down your financial transactions – Allah enjoins that whenever loans, business transactions or trade agreement(s) take place, their conditions should be recorded in black and white and should be attested by witnesses so that there remains no ground for misunderstanding or dispute (282)

Surah Al-Baqrah ends with a magnificent supplication – every soul is individually accountable in front of Allah (His law of retribution), Who knows what is hidden or evident, with unchallenging power and absolute authority, Owner of the recompense. O Lord do not subject us to the severe tests, terrible persecutions and hardships that people before us had undergone. And do not lay on us burdens which we do not have the power to bear, and overlook our faults, and forgive us, and have mercy upon us.- Ameen

Surah Al-i'Imran (Revealed in Madinah)

This surah consists of four discourses (Khutbaat)-**The first** (1-32) was revealed soon after the Battle of Badr (an introduction to address to Christians). **The second** (33-63) was revealed in 9 A. H. on the occasion of the visit of the deputation from the Christians of Najran. **The third** (64-120) appears to have been revealed immediately after the first one (address to both Christians and Jews). **The fourth** (121-200) was revealed after the Battle of Uhd (detailed address and all round instructions to believers in challenging circumstances.)

Mohkam (مُحْكَم) verses - Most of the verses of Qur'an are in clear and lucid language with no ambiguity in meaning

Ambiguous verses (مُتَشَبِهَات) There are few verses whose meaning may have some degree of equivocation (due to the fact that few things pertaining to Allah Himself and hereafter are beyond human perception)

People with disease (of doubt and hypocrisy) in their hearts devote their attention to futile discussions about the contents of the 'ambiguous" verses whose full meaning are known to Allah alone.

Temptations of this world: People are naturally tempted by the lure of women, children, treasures of gold and silver, horses branded (for blood and excellence); and (wealth of) cattle and well-tilled land. But such are the possessions of this world's life; what is with Allah is a more excellent abode.

Vow of Mariam's mother – that the child in her womb will she devote to the exclusive service of Allah. Allah graciously accepted her vow. Mary (Mariam A.S) was placed in the care of Zechariah. He also prayed to Allah SWT to grant him righteous child as His special favor.(Lesson- even Allah's messengers ask from Him alone)

Miraculous birth of Jesus (عِيسَى) - His miracles, help of his disciples, being taken and raised up to heavens, all profoundly refutes the beliefs and dogmas of Christians.

Visiting delegation of Christian from Najraan- when did not accept the " Truth" then were invited to come forward and pray to God that His curse should fall on the deniers of the truth, none of them came forward.

Allah took covenant from the Prophets: When a (last) Prophet come to you confirming that which is already with you, you shall believe in him and shall help him.

Islam only acceptable Deen to Allah - whoever seeks a way other than Islam will not be accepted from Allah

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ