

**The first House of Allah** on earth (Ka'abah)- Allah has imposed a duty on mankind to make pilgrimage to this House once they are able to do so. **Otherwise**, they let themselves fall into disbelief which causes God no harm **Good deeds** ( عمل صالح ) **a criteria for Faith** ( إيمان ) - These intertwined terms are mentioned 35 times in Qura'n together. Faith (Iemaan) offers a moral framework and an ethical standard for our behavior which reflects as an action of good deed( عمل صالح ) in this world. "Faith and Good Action are partners. One is considered incomplete without the other" (Hadith)

**Unity of Muslim Ummah** – How ? Through the Book of Allah, referred as 'Rope of Allah' also applies to 'religion of Allah'. It both establishes a bond between man and God and joins all believers together. Believers should attach profound importance to their religion: this should always be the centre of their concerns; they should continually strive to establish it; and the common desire to serve it should make them co-operate with each other. On contrary, away from this injunction, will cause schisms and dissensions in believers which is bound to plague their lives and to suffer indignity and disgrace both in this world and the Next as happened with the followers of the previous Prophets. *وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا* Faith and brotherhood are the two pillars upon which the structure of the Muslim community is built.

**The Role & Responsibilities of Muslim Ummah** - Muslims Ummah is charged with the responsibility of divine message to take it to the people of all generations and to establish this Deen from Allah SWT. "Let there become of you a nation That invites to all that is good, enjoin the doing of what is right and forbid what is wrong. Such are they who shall prosper." *وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ*

**Honoured and elevated position** - By the virtue of this supreme responsibility, Muslim Ummah has been honored to a privileged and eminent position. "You are the best community that has ever been raised for mankind; you enjoin the doing of what is right and forbid what is wrong, and you believe in God."

*كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ* But grave consequences for not delivering this responsibility.

**Prohibition of usury** (ربا) - Usury give rise to the feeling of greed, selfishness, narrow-mindedness, and malignancy. These negative traits in society dilute the positive qualities related to charity, mercy and brotherhood.

**Battle of Uhud** - Evaluation, criticism, weakness, and praise of believers has been mentioned in 55 verses:

- Disobedience of Prophet ﷺ ( as well as local commander/ameer) carry a negative consequence, as the archers in Uhud have experienced themselves.
- Allah's help is associated with patience (صبر) and taqwa (تقوى) - *وَأَنْ تَصْبِرُوا وَتَتَّقُوا لَا يَضُرُّكُمْ كَيْدُهُمْ شَيْئًا*
- Believers are tested by adverse conditions from Allah. In the face of defeat, tragedy and losses, you must establish the reason between cause and effect. Learn from the mistakes, put your trust in Allah.
- Believers should be committed to Deen and continue (to strive for it) even if the Prophet dies for the cause.
- The reason for this seeming defeat – weakness of faith, mutual disagreement, disobedience and love of money

**The best quality of a caller towards Allah** - An easy, gentle, lenient and compassionate nature, which attracts people and establishes real bonds among them. *فَبِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ لِنْتَ لَهُمْ وَلَوْ كُنْتَ فَظًّا غَلِيظَ الْقَلْبِ لَانْفَضُّوا مِنْ حَوْلِكَ*

**Consultation** (شورى) A clear order to implement the principle of consultation in collective affairs of Muslims at all levels. Prophet ﷺ adopted and implemented this divine principle in spite he was receiving revelation (وحي).

**Four Basic Tasks of the Messenger** ﷺ 1- To recite the verses of Allah's book, 2- to Purify people, 3- to teach (and explain) them the book of Allah and 4- to teach them wisdom *يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِنَّ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ*

**Four principles of success for believers-**

The chapter al-Nisa concentrates on the rights of the weak, downtrodden, the orphans, women, and those oppressed and unable to migrate.