

## Juz 8

**Truthfulness (صدق), Trust (امانة) and Justice (عدل)** are the crux of Islamic system.

**Truthfulness (صدق)** is the state of being true in all aspects of life, **Trust (امانة)** is to act on truthfulness and to implement this truthfulness through judiciary/social system is **Justice (عدل)**.

**Majority** does not always equate the truth. Majority tend to follow their conjectures and fancies rather than sound knowledge. Criteria for truth is the word of God (His revelation)

**Abstain from sins**, be it either open or in secret, those who commit sins shall surely be requited for all they have done

**Whomsoever Allah wills**, he guides and open his chest for Islam (and Islamic knowledge) and vice versa.

**A scene from day of judgement-** Allah will also ask both jinn and men, did there not come to you Messengers from among yourselves? They would confess that the Prophets had come, but they did not respond to their call.

**Allah gives right guidance** about food and other matters of life; do not eat the animals slaughtered in the name of any one other than Allah.

**Slaying of their offspring** – Satan has beatified this dreadful act of infanticide for those people. This has been alluded and condemned here. There are many forms of infanticide exists today in 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**10 Divine commandments** (in Torah as well as in Quran), **1-** Associate none with God in His divinity, **2-** Treat parents kindly, **3-** Do not slay your children out of fear of poverty, **4-** Never even come close to acts of promiscuity and immodesty, **5-** Do not slay the soul sanctified by Allah except in just cause, **6-** Do not even draw near to the property of the orphan, **7-** Be just when weighing and measuring, **8-** Always speak the truth and implement justice even though it may impact negatively on one's relatives, **9-** Fulfil the covenant of Allah, **10-** Follow my path which is straight and do not follow other paths lest they scatter you from His path.

**Division, schism, and split in religion condemned** – It is declared that Prophet (pbuh) has no relation to those who have made divisions in their religion and become factions. Their matter is with Allah and He will indeed tell them (in time) what they have been doing.

**Last instruction of the surah-** Allah appointed man vicegerent (خليفة) over the earth. He exalted some over others in rank that He may try people in what He has bestowed upon them. Provision of life, ranks in status, knowledge, and wealth are as a test in this world, not necessarily a sign of Allah's pleasing or displeasing.

**Surah Al A'raf (The Heights)** – Revealed in Makkah, longest of all Makkan surahs with 206 verses.

**The basic theme of this Surah** is Prophethood. Several Prophets and parts of their stories are mentioned to emphasize Prophets' mission and their struggle with their people. Addressed to the children of Israel and etiquettes and wisdom of calling upon Allah among other subject matters.

**The Qur'an is revealed to remind** the believers and to warn humankind about the consequences of their actions. For this purpose it is imperative to study Quran with understanding.

**Accountability on the day of Judgement** is based on the testimony of messengers. Allah will call to account those to whom Messengers were sent, and He shall call to account the Messengers (to see how dutifully they conveyed the Message, and how people responded to it) – The reckoning on the day of Judgement.

**The story of Adam** - has been related with a view to warning his descendants against the evil devices of Satan who is ever ready to mislead them as he did in the case of Adam and Eve. A warning to the children of Adam to be aware of Satan's plots.

**Purpose of the dress**, The basic purpose of dress to cover the private parts of the body, 2- additionally, shield of protection against the inclemencies of the weather and 3- a means of adornment. But true spirit of the dress should be piety. **وَلِبَاسُ التَّقْوَىٰ ذَٰلِكَ خَيْرٌ**

**The etiquettes of dua'a** – Call upon your Lord with **humility** (showing a humble recognition of the greatness of the Lord and the lowliness of oneself) and **in secret** (away from the dangers of riyā' or showing off to others).

**Rejecting messengers' message** has grievous consequences. Some events from the lives of well known prophets Noah, Hud, Salih, Lot, Shu'aib, Moses (Allah's peace be upon them all) have been related to show the consequences of the rejection of the message. A warning to those who were rejecting the message of Prophet Muhammad(saw).