

Holy Verses for Life

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Abstract:

This writing aims to point to some messages extracted from related holy verses of the Quran and narrations which relate to our daily life. They are as follows:

- *Pray that your wife and children become your dear one and the joy of your eyes.*
- *Encourage your household members towards the performance of (the daily) prayers.*
- *A trustworthy person must record your deals and contracts.*
- *Bribery is a forbidden act.*

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*Pray that your wife and children become your dear
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*“And they who say: O' our Lord! Grant us in our wives and
our offspring the joy of our eyes.”* (The holy Quran 25:74)

Prayers, being the higher schools of spiritual training, if recited under correct and specific circumstances will have a great outcome. Having a pious and competent wife is amongst the good fortunes of a man. A spouse who is religious, good tempered, and fond of life and the household members and familiar with her duties and responsibilities; a woman who makes her husband happy and joyful by seeing her and obeys his directives. During his absence, she is careful of her chastity and protects his wealth.¹

The prophet (p.b.u.h.) says: “A righteous child is a bundle of flowers divided by God between his servants”². In another narration Imam al-Sadiq (p.b.u.h.) says: “the inheritance of the Almighty for His believing servant is a pious child who asks forgiveness for him.”³

It has been narrated from the holy Prophet (p.b.u.h.): “the Prophet Jesus, the son of Mary (p.b.u.h.) was passing from a grave whose owner was being tortured. The next year, he passed the same grave and saw that the owner of the grave was being punished no more. He asked, “O' Allah! What is the story (of this person)?” The Almighty replied, “O' high soul, a pious and competent child of his grew up and built a road and took the guardianship of an orphan. Because of these good deeds of his son, I forgave him”.⁴

¹ Makarem-ul-Akhlaq, vol. 2, p. 101

² Al-kafi, vol 6, p. 3

³ Makarem-ul-Akhlaq, vol. 1, p. 471

⁴ Wasail-us-shi'a, vol. 11, p. 560

*Encourage your household members towards the
performance of (the daily) prayers*

“Order your household to pray and have patience towards it.”

(The holy Quran 20: 132)

*I*n Islam, the family and household is a holy institute which its wellbeing is accompanied with the welfare and happiness of people and the society and its immorality and impurity leads to the spoiling of the individual and the society. The family and household is a Childs first school in which a child will gain many of his positive and negative characteristics. Imam Ali (p.b.u.h.) has said: What is Learnt in childhood (remains) like something which is inscribed on stone.¹

Parents influence their children in two ways: One through heredity which is not in the child’s will and jurisdiction; and the other through training and education in the family environment. The (daily) prayers are one of the best ways for purifying the heart, reviving the soul and increasing our spiritual capabilities, thus we should teach them to our children at an early age and encourage them to perform them daily even before it is compulsory for them to do so.

¹ Bihar al-Anwar, vol. 1, p.224

A trustworthy person must record your deals and contracts

“O you who believe! When you contract a debt for a stated period, then write it down; and let a literate person write it down between you properly.” (The holy Quran 2:282)

In an era in which only a handful of people were literate in Saudi Arabia and most contracts were not written down and were agreed on orally; by Gods order the Prophet of Islam (p.b.u.h.), encouraged people to write down their contracts. Using this part of the verse the following points can be perceived:

- 1) It is permissible to give and take loans, and to buy on credit.
- 2) It has been instructed to write down the loan and credit. This will prevent any future misunderstandings and misconceptions.

It has been instructed that a preliminary agreement should be prepared, and the period and conditions of the agreement should be specified. It has been strictly emphasized that everyone should be loyal to their agreements and promises.

“O you who believe! Fulfill the obligations.” (The holy Quran 5:1)

Writing down the documents and being loyal towards them will secure the financial rights of the people in the society.

Bribery is a forbidden act

“And do not take over one another’s belongings unjustly, nor use them to bribe the judges with, so that you may take over a part of the belongings of others wrongfully while you know.”

(The holy Quran 2: 188)

*J*urisprudents have said that accepting any form of bribery to change a right decision is forbidden. The middlemen to such unfair actions, and any money received through this action, will be illegal for them. Even accepting bribes to speedup or facilitate a regular task is forbidden. The wealth acquired through bribery is not the property of the one who receives it (and he is not allowed to spend it and must return it to its righteous owner).

After becoming governor, Imam Ali (p.b.u.h.) in a letter addressed the authorities and army commanders about the economic corruption of the previous rulers and the need for changes says: *“With Gods praise and salutations, truly the people before you perished because they didn’t pay peoples salaries and obtained their wealth by giving bribes. They lead people astray and the people obeyed them”*¹

The holy Prophet said: *“The Almighty Allah’s mercy is far from those who give or receive bribes, and the middlemen between them.”*²

Bribery causes social disturbance and corrupted relations between people and the authorities. Under such conditions there will be no social order and discipline.

¹ Nahaj al-Balaghe, letter 79

² Ibid, vol.5,p.2078