

JUZ 22 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH AL-AHZAB

- The better your 'aml in the Dunya, the better your reward in the Akhirah
- Do not be soft in speech when talking to a non-mahram (cousins, brothers in law, male colleagues, father's friends)

Command of Allah SWT, not the opinion of a Sheikh!

**Do not be submissive
Do not be seductive
Be serious and reserved
No laughing, joking or giggling
Not rude or harsh
Firm but polite
Talk to the point; do not prolong the conversation**

Instructions for the Prophet's wives, the purest women, then what about us?

Our intention might be pure but the listener's heart could be so diseased so the woman is being told to take precaution.

- **"And abide in your houses and do not display yourselves..." (33:33)**

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Do not go out unnecessarily only for needs such as seeking education, visiting a physician, visiting parents, earning (if financial circumstances require)

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Do not wear fancy, fitted clothes that you are visible and prominent from a distance like a Burj.

Dress up at home, cover up when going out

- *Command of Allah SWT*
- *Given to the Prophet's wives*
- *Then what about us?*
- *To remove impurity of sin*

"Allah intends only to remove from you the impurity [of sin], O people of the [Prophet's] household, and to purify you with purification." (33:33)

CLOSE THE DOOR TO SHAYTAN/FITNAH

- When you will stay at home you will get the opportunity to gain knowledge of Allah's Deen, teach it and spread it to others. Start Halaqah at home to promote the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Your purpose in life is not limited to getting married and bearing children. You were created to worship Him not just to cook, clean and dust. Learn the Deen, implement it, teach it to your children and others. #BeLikeTheMothersOfTheBelievers

JUZ 22 - LESSONS (2)

PEOPLE FOR WHOM ALLAH SWT HAS PREPARED FORGIVENESS AND REWARD

- the Muslim men and Muslim women,
- the believing men and believing women,
- the obedient men and obedient women,
- the truthful men and truthful women,
- the patient men and patient women,
- the humble men and humble women,
- the charitable men and charitable women,
- the fasting men and fasting women,
- the men who guard their private parts and the women who do so,
- the men who remember Allah often and the women who do so

Not limited to
Ramadan fasting.
Sunnah fasts as
well!

Do not jump from
the prayer mat as
soon as the Salah
is over. Do Dhikr
for some time.
(33:35)

- When Allah SWT and the Messenger (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) decide something then we **do not have a choice**. We cannot say, "I want to do this," or "I don't want to do this." There is no "I" here. We submit to the commands of Allah SWT and follow the Messenger (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam).

- When spouses do not get along with each other, it does not mean they are sinful or characterless people. Sometimes the hearts are blocked. No matter how much you try, you cannot get along.

Zainab RA
↓
Cousin of the
Prophet

Zaid ibn Harith RA
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Raised by the
Prophet

one of the best of the people

Allah SWT didn't open up their
hearts for one another.

Do not judge a divorced couple

- Be patient over the decree of Allah SWT. Whatever happens in our life is His decision (divorce, the death of a spouse, the birth of a disabled child).

- Allah SWT praises the people who convey His Message to others. Therefore, do not worry about what people are going to say if you tell them to pray, to leave Riba, look for a halal job, to cover up and dress up conservatively. Allah SWT is Sufficient for you so fear Him alone.

Our entire lives we are worried about, "What people are going to say?" In the end, the people will just say: Innaa lillaahi wa innaa ilaihi raaje'un.

JUZ 22 - LESSONS (3)

- The Messenger (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) is the Final Messenger. There is no new prophet after him. Do not deviate.
- Remember Allah SWT 24/7 whatever your circumstances might be
- People criticize the Prophet's marriages without learning about the wisdom behind them

1. It was a command of Allah SWT

2. to teach us that it is okay to marry a woman elder than the man
3. to teach us that it is okay to marry a divorcee
4. to teach us that it is okay to marry a widow
5. to teach us that it is okay to marry a revert
6. to teach us that it is okay to marry a first cousin

ETIQUETTES OF PAYING A VISIT TO SOMEONE (FROM THE QUR'AN)

- Do not go if not invited
- Do not go at meal times
- If invited, do not show up too early or too late
- Do not stay back to chat
- Eat and leave

- Have Haya when talking to someone else's wife. Be reserved and talk to the point. Sadly, in social events, we encourage our spouses to talk to the opposite gender...then we complain about extramarital relations and families breaking up!

- Send Salawat on Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam)

- Is Hijab optional? Read the tafseer of 33:59

- Do not pay heed to the rumors and negative news, they only weaken one's morale. There is no khair in them.

SURAH SABA

- Ask Allah SWT to enable you to worship like Daw'oud (AS) - dedicated time for worldly responsibilities, dedicated time for worship with khushu'.

The scholars say that if we stop disobeying Allah SWT during the day, He will make it easy for us to wake up for Tahajjud and keep Sunnah fasts throughout the year. May Allah SWT make us of those who sacrifice their comfort in this world for the comforts of the Hereafter, ameen.

JUZ 22 - LESSONS (4)

- Be thankful to Allah SWT because He says, "Few of My servants are grateful." (34:13)
Blessings are increased with shukr.

- The Jinns do not know the Unseen, so stop seeking help from them
- Do not ask Allah SWT for hardships (34:19)
- Do not be delusional about your blessings. Use your blessings to please Allah SWT.
- Do not be stingy. Allah SWT will replace our sadaqah with something better.

from pure wealth ↪ ↩ with pure intention

SURAH FATIR

- If one desires honor, power and glory then he should seek it from Allah SWT alone
- **"O mankind, you are those in need of Allah,"** (35:15). Express your neediness to Him.
- **"You cannot make hear those in the graves,"** (35:22). Then how can people go to the shrines and make supplications to dead saints?
- **"Only those fear Allah, from among His servants, who have knowledge,"** (35:28). Seek knowledge to know Who is Allah SWT. Qualities of talib ul 'ilm: **Dignified, calm, fear of Allah**
- Recite the Qu'ran to remove depression and anxiety from your heart
- Give sadaqah without telling anyone. You will never come across a person who says, "I gave zakat and became poor." People become poor when they take loans and get involved in Riba-based transactions.
- Those who learn and teach the Qur'an are Allah's **chosen servants**. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️
- Some people wrong themselves, some are moderate in Deen and some are **foremost**. Do not be an average Muslim. Be of the forerunners. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️
- Allah SWT has given each person sufficient time to reform himself. In the Hereafter, no excuses will work that why we didn't seek knowledge.

SURAH YA-SEEN

- Ya-Seen is NOT one of the names of Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam). This Surah is NOT the heart of the Qur'an
- Have hope in Allah's mercy and forgiveness with "fear." Do not be fearless.
- Everything is being recorded. The good that we do and the good that we teach to others. The wrong that we do and the wrong that we teach to others. We will carry the burden.
- Run to do good deeds. Do not seek rewards from the people.

JUZ 23 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH YA-SEEN

- Become others' well-wisher, whether they are your opponents or your supporters. Adopt the manners of the prophets (AS). Do not treat the people the way they treat you. Do ehsaan.
- When eating fruits, remember the Razziq Who provided you
- The sun and the moon shine as much as is permitted by Allah SWT. They have no will. They cannot modify their intensity, their timings or their size and shape.
- Take heed from the stories of the perished nations and be warned of the Hereafter
- The reason people are not punished immediately despite their wrongdoings is nothing but the Mercy of Allah SWT. Do not take advantage of this mercy.
- Run to Allah SWT happily today (when there is a call for any good deed - be the first one to do it with sincerity and contentment - starting with the prayer) so that tomorrow when you are resurrected you look forward to meeting Him and are not terrified.
- People will be busy in their daily disputes and the Day of Resurrection will occur
- Be conscious of your limbs. Do not use them in disobedience of Allah SWT, for they will testify for or against us on the Day of Judgment.
- Ayah 70 of Surah Ya-Seen says: "...warn whoever is alive," in some cultures this Surah is recited when a person passes away. Look at the meaning - warn whoever is alive. So what is the connection of this Surah with the deceased?
- Thank Allah SWT when eating meat and drinking milk, for He created these animals and made them submissive to us to take benefit from. Alhumdulillah!

SURAH AS-SAFFAT

- Learn how to make rows [Saff] especially if you pray in congregation. Feet to feet. Shoulders to shoulders. Otherwise, your prayers will not be accepted.
- In the Hereafter, people will be with those whom they love. Righteous people with the righteous and the sinful with the sinful. Check your company right now! Who do you love to hang out with in the Dunya?
- Do not blindly follow anyone - fashion trends, lifestyle, religious practices - Allah SWT gave you the intellect to use.
- People of Jannah will recognize their home better than their Dunya home. Ask Allah SWT for Jannah especially in these blessed days.

JUZ 23 - LESSONS (2)

- WOMEN OF JANNAH: "Qasirat-ut-Tarf," those who restrain their eyes and do not look at a non-mahram. We cannot even stare at a scholar or a Sheikh whether he is in person or in a photo or in a lecture.

- Work for Jannah. Do not waste your time.

- Ask Allah SWT to keep you away and protected from the misguided people lest you get influenced. Ask Him for righteous companions.

- A sound heart (Qalbun Saleem) is a well-wishing heart that wants everyone to be in Jannah

- **Prophet Ibraheem's Dua for a Righteous Child**

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ

"My Lord, grant me [a child] from among the righteous." (37:100)

- Prophet Ibraheem (AS) saw the command of Allah SWT in his dream and he got up to act on it, we read many commands of Allah SWT, with our open eyes, in the Qur'an but do not move.

- Consult your children in important matters as Ibraheem (AS) consulted Isma'eel (AS)

- Your forefathers being righteous won't benefit you unless YOU are righteous as well

- When you read the stories of the perished nations reflect on the reasons that called for their destruction. Stay away from those deeds and attitudes.

- Talk to the point. Do not share unnecessary details.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي

- Tasbeeh of Yunus (AS) can take us out of our trials

كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

Add-ons: Sadaqah + Du'a

- Saff denotes discipline and organization. Become organized in your life. Do not do things in a haphazard way.

SURAH SAAD

- Turn to Allah SWT in every situation as Prophet Daw'oud (AS) did

- **"And indeed many associates oppress one another, except for those who believe and do righteous deeds - and few are them."** (38:24)

People living together at times oppress others. This happens with everyone. So be patient in your trials. Do not do wrong to others.

- If you want blessings in your life then get attached to the Qur'an. Recite it, learn it, spread it and deduce lessons from it for yourself.

JUZ 23 - LESSONS (3)

- For the righteous Deen comes before Dunya. They do not give their "leftover" to Deen but the best.

SURAH AZ-ZUMAR

- **"Is one who is devoutly obedient during periods of the night, prostrating and standing [in prayer], fearing the Hereafter and hoping for the mercy of his Lord, [like one who does not]?" (39:9)**

We learn about the night prayer again and again because this is a hidden prayer. Only you know that you wake up in the middle of the night to pray and talk to Allah SWT in privacy. Because you sacrifice your sleep and comfort and there is no show-off in this prayer, its reward is great.

- **"Say, 'Are those who know equal to those who do not know?' Only they will remember [who are] people of understanding." (39:9)**

Qur'an reminds us the virtue of seeking knowledge. Earlier we learned only those who have the knowledge, fear Allah SWT. And now we learn that those who have the knowledge and those who do not have the knowledge are not equal.

- Allah SWT says to Muhammad (saAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam), **"So give good tidings to My servants who listen to speech and follow the best of it. Those are the ones Allah has guided, and those are people of understanding." (39:17-18)** What is our attitude towards the Qur'an? Do we listen to its commands and follow it?

- After Tawheed, knowledge is required. Knowledge helps us recognize Allah SWT, connect with Him, clean our hearts and leave everything that will not benefit us.

"Indeed, you are to die, and indeed, they are to die." (39:30)

JUZ 24 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH AZ-ZUMAR

- Do not lie about Allah SWT. Do not say it is in the Qur'an when it is not there. Do not call Allah SWT with the Names that are not His.

How Does One Lie
About Allah SWT?

- Ascribing partners with Him
- Ascribing a statement to Him

- If you want Allah SWT to erase your evil deeds then increase your good deeds
- A smart person is he who relies upon Allah SWT. When people harm you by their words or actions say HasbiyaAllah (Allah SWT is Sufficient for me).
- Instead of fighting with people - do Da'wah. Present your Deen in such a way that people want to learn more.
- Do not nag anyone after doing Da'wah. Our responsibility is only to communicate.
- Our souls are taken away every time we sleep. Do not forget to sleep in the state of ablution and recite your Adhkar. Say the Kalimah so that if you die, you are resurrected on Tawheed.

Life is short, do not sleep it away

- Do not be of those who when Allah SWT is mentioned their hearts are constricted. How can we check this?

What kind of gatherings do you enjoy?

Qur'an class?
Halagahs?
Taraweeh

Iftaar party?
Tea-party or any social gathering?
Waiting outside a store for 2-4 hours to get a discount or buy the latest gadget?

When people invite us to an Islamic lecture, a Dars, a Halagah, do we go running or do we come up with excuses (I've to do this and that)?

Do we like to talk about Allah SWT more or do we like to talk about our spouses, our children, the latest fashion, recipes, favorite drama and other people?

- Do not attribute your success or blessings to yourself. For example, do not say, "I got this position because I am brilliant," or "Because I have great networking skills." Every blessing that we enjoy is a favor of Allah SWT. Do not forget Him when you are blessed.
- If you have done any wrong in the past then remember this ayah:

"O My servants who have transgressed against themselves [by sinning], do not despair of the mercy of Allah. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins. Indeed, it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful."
(39:53)

JUZ 24 - LESSONS (2)

- Do not wait for Hajj, 'Umrah or Ramadan to come for you to repent. Repent as soon as you realize you have committed a mistake.

- **"And follow the best of what was revealed to you from your Lord..." (39:55)**

Do what the Qur'an commands you to do. Do not invent things in the religion

- Ayaat 39: 56-58 tell us to explain Ayaat 53-54 to the people. Give them hope. No matter how ignorant we were in the past Allah SWT is willing to forgive us.

- When you hear the Ayaat of Allah SWT such as Zakat is better than Riba, do not deny it.

"But yes, there had come to you My Ayaat, but you denied them and were arrogant, and you were among the disbelievers." (39:59)

Do not say this was for that time it does not apply to today's time anymore

Our attitude should be "Perhaps, I don't understand this command but it is true because it is from Allah SWT. It is difficult for me to leave my haram job but I acknowledge that it is haram." Then this person strives/makes an effort to find a halal job even if it pays less.

- On the Day of Judgment, some people will have black faces because of their evil deeds. If you want radiance in this world and the next, increase your good deeds.

- *"Allah is the Creator of all things, and He is, over all things, Disposer of affairs. To Him belong the keys of the heavens and the earth. And they who disbelieve in the verses of Allah - it is those who are the losers." (39:62-63)*

So ask Him!

Do not go for the haram job, haram relationship, haram provision, mortgage, student loan, car loan or any other kind of haram

- Shirk will not be forgiven unless one does Tawbah. Learn about different types of Shirk.

- On the Day of Judgment, the only light will be Allah's Noor (see 39:69)

- On the Day of Judgment, each person will be paid according to what he did so see where you are investing your time and skills. Do not be too involved in decorating your Dunya.

- The first words of the people of Jannah will be, "Alhumdulillah." Because it was His Mercy that He guided us to the Right Path and enabled us to do the righteous deeds.

DO NOT JUST RELY ON MERCY



DO SOMETHING!

(Righteous deeds with sincerity acc.to Sunnah)

ASK ALLAH SWT FOR HIS MERCY



DO NOT JUST DEPEND ON YOUR DEEDS

JUZ 24 - LESSONS (3)

SURAH GHAFIR/AL-MU'MIN

TAWBAH DEMANDS

Realization (+ Cessation (+ Repentance (+ Reformation (+ Right Timing
(I did wrong) (Don't persist in sin) (Salat al-Tawbah with sincerity) (Seek knowledge) (ASAP. Don't wait for tomorrow)

- The angels who bear the Throne make du'a for us:

"Our Lord, You have encompassed all things in mercy and knowledge, so forgive those who have repented and followed Your way and protect them from the punishment of Hellfire.

Our Lord, and admit them to gardens of perpetual residence which You have promised them and whoever was righteous among their fathers, their spouses and their offspring. Indeed, it is You who is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

And protect them from the evil consequences [of their deeds]. And he whom You protect from evil consequences that Day - You will have given him mercy. And that is the great attainment." (39:62-63)



These du'as are for those who **believe, repent and follow the way of Allah SWT.**

- "He knows the fraud of the eyes..." (40:19)

Fraud of the Eyes

- looking at a non-mahram (man or woman)
- looking at haram scenes (in movies, dramas, magazines)
- looking at someone else's confidential material

- "And what the chests conceal." (40:19) Haram feelings, haram thoughts and ideas

- Prophet Musa's Du'a

إِنِّي عُدْتُ بِرَبِّي وَرَبِّكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ مُتَكَبِّرٍ لَا يُؤْمِنُ بِيَوْمِ الْحِسَابِ

"Indeed, I have sought refuge in my Lord and your Lord from every arrogant one who does not believe in the Day of Account." (40:27)

- Learn Da'wah tips from the believing man of the Pharaoh's family (see 40:28-44)

"O my people, this worldly life is only [temporary] enjoyment, and indeed, the Hereafter - that is the home of [permanent] settlement." (40:39)

JUZ 24 - LESSONS (4)

- Do not dispute about the Ayaat of Allah SWT. Why do people dispute? Because of the pride in their heart. So seek refuge in Allah SWT.

- "And not equal are the blind and the seeing, nor are those who believe and do righteous deeds and the evildoer. Little do you remember."
(40:58)

meaning those who believe and do righteous deeds and those who just "wish" to enter Jannah without making any effort.



There is none worthy of worship EXCEPT Allah SWT. Invoke Him Alone. Do righteous deeds only for Him not to show-off. Do not love or rely on anyone more than Him.

"He is the Ever-Living; there is no deity except Him, so call upon Him, [being] sincere to Him in religion. [All] praise is [due] to Allah, Lord of the worlds." (40:65)

- When Allah SWT decided upon a thing all He has to say is "Kun" and it will be. Nothing is impossible for Him. Improve your du'as.

SURAH FUSSILAT

- The Qur'an was revealed in Arabic, so learn the language

- #BeLikeTheHeavensAndTheEarth who when commanded to come to Allah SWT willingly or unwillingly said, "We have come willingly." (41:11)

How do we go to Allah SWT? willingly or unwillingly? Our prayer contains the answer to this question. How quickly do we respond to the call to the prayer.

Wouldn't the earth want to swallow us up, when it submitted to Allah SWT at one call and we openly commit sins on it day in and day out.

- Our ears.... our eyes.... our skin will testify against us of what we used to do (see 41:20)

She used me to listen to the haram
She used me to see the haram
She used me to commit the haram

Remember this when disobeying Allah SWT

- Do not make noise when the Qur'an is being recited or you are in a religious gathering, whether a lecture or a mosque

- The best speech is *talking about Allah SWT*
Calling people to Allah SWT

Use your skills to call people to Allah SWT.
Your writing skills, speaking skills, etc.

JUZ 24 - LESSONS (5)

"And who is better in speech than one who invites to Allah and does righteousness and says,

'Indeed, I am of the Muslims.'" (41:33)

SPEAK GOOD

STAND FIRM IN DEEN

INVITE PEOPLE TO ALLAH SWT

DO RIGHTEOUS DEEDS

DECLARE: YOU'RE A MUSLIM

(Do not change your name, your dressing, your lifestyle, when you move abroad)

Good deeds and evil deeds are not equal

Repel evil with good

Enmity/hatred will change into close friendship

But this is difficult and cannot be done without patience

The problem is with US
Control your tongue and thoughts
Think good about others

Be with the righteous who do good deeds and encourage you to do good

SHAYTAN WON'T LET YOU DO THIS

Will come back and whisper to you,

"How can you forgive her?"

"How can you be nice to him?"

"Remember, what she said to you?"

DON'T PAY HEED TO HIS WHISPERINGS

MAKE DU'A

SEEK REFUGE IN ALLAH SWT

JUZ 25 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH FUSSILAT

- Allah SWT alone knows the exact time of the Day of Judgment. Our job is to prepare for it and not just wait for it.
- When a person's du'as are not answered he becomes depressed and leaves whatever good he has been doing. Instead of getting upset or losing hope continue making your du'as and get busy in doing good deeds. Allah SWT will answer your du'as at the right time.

Keep making your du'as with sincerity, intensity and certainty

- Get out of hopelessness. Be hopeful. It will give you the energy to keep striving.
- Be moderate in blessings and trials
be grateful ← → *be patient*
- Do not be doubtful about anything related to Allah SWT, the Qur'an, the Day of Judgment. Gain beneficial knowledge and remove the doubts.
- A time will come when people will recognize the truth. Do not engage in arguments.

SURAH ASH-SHURAA

- Resolve your matters according to the guidelines given in the Qur'an and Sunnah. We are different, our opinions will be different. We should acknowledge our differences and resolve our conflicts with maturity. Consulting those involved helps strength trust, whether it is a business matter or a family issue.

Group of people reflecting on different aspects of a situation, exchanging their opinions and coming to a consensus

WHAT IS SHURAA?

WHEN TO CONSULT? ***Any change in system, any new policy, seeking new ideas, analyzing the current situation, for important matters***

Allah SWT, people directly related to the issue, wise and knowledgeable people, expert in the field, sincere and serious people

WHO TO CONSULT?

WHO NOT TO CONSULT? ***People not related to the issue, people distanced from the Deen, self-centered people***

JUZ 25 - LESSONS (2)

There is nothing like Allah SWT

- Knowledge should not create division among us where we call each other disbelievers or deviants. The most important thing is **TAWHEED** - believing in the Oneness of Allah SWT.

Why is this division? Because each person thinks, only he is right.

- When a person remembers his return to Allah SWT, he gives up arguments. He knows he has to give an account of each word that he spoke and action that he performed.

- Those who live the life of this world while fearing Allah SWT will be in peace in the Hereafter whereas those who live fearlessly today, they will be the one in fear in the Hereafter. We seek refuge in Allah SWT from the torment of the grave and the Hereafter, ameen.

- Whatever misfortune befalls us is because of our wrongdoing. Yet, Allah SWT is willing to pardon us and allow us to get out of our trials. Ask Him to conceal your faults in the Hereafter as well, as He conceals in this world. SubhanAllah!

- He enlarges provision for whom He wills and straitens for whom He wills

ENLARGES → *Perhaps, because this person will not do sabr if given less*

STRAITENS → *Perhaps, because this person will become arrogant if given a lot*

So be pleased with His decision.

- Look at your possessions and remind yourself that all of that will be left behind when we die. Only that wealth will benefit us that we spend in the way of Allah SWT. For example, your car - it could either be a burden or a mean to get Jannah. When you sit in this car to go the mosque, to an Islamic gathering, to help others - you are using it in the way of Allah SWT.

- Be patient... and grateful when traveling. *patient on the fatigue and discomfort; grateful for ride that He provided.*

CHARACTER TRAITS OF ALLAH'S SPECIAL SERVANTS

Believe in and
rely upon
Allah SWT

*stay away from
major sins and
immoralities*

Establish
prayer

*Consult others
when making a
decision*

Spend from
what they have
been provided

*capable of taking revenge,
but they pardon and
reconcile*

patient and
forgive

JUZ 25 - LESSONS (3)

"He gives to whom He wills female [children], and He gives to whom He wills males. Or He makes them [both] males and females, and He renders whom He wills barren. Indeed, He is Knowing and Competent." (42:49-50)

- It is Allah's decision who gets daughters, who gets sons, who gets both daughters and sons and who is left childless. Notice that the daughter is mentioned first. Whoever is kind to their daughter - that same daughter which some people consider a burden will be a mean for their entry into Jannah, in sha Allah.

Do not curse your unmarried, divorced, widowed or sick daughters.

"The same applies if he has sisters or paternal or maternal aunts etc., and he treats them kindly, we hope that he will attain Paradise for that." (Sheikh Ibn Baaz)

The Prophet (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said, "Whoever has two daughters and treats them kindly, they will be a protection for him against the Fire."

"And thus We have revealed to you an inspiration of Our command. You did not know what is the Book or [what is] faith, but We have made it a light by which We guide whom We will of Our servants." (42:52)

The Arabic word used in this Ayah for "inspiration" is Ruh - the Qur'an is the Ruh. It gives life to the ignorant heart. After a person connects with the Qur'an, it seems as if they are a new person, subhanAllah. They are transformed for the better.

كَذَلِكَ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ رُوحًا

CHECK YOURSELF

What has Qur'an planted in us, love for this Deen, for Allah's Book, for the company of the pious people, motivation to do good deeds, striving in His Path?

OR DO WE REMAIN UNCHANGED?

Alhumdulillah 'alaa ne'mati Al-Qur'an

SURAH AZ-ZUKHRUF

"Indeed, We have made it an Arabic Qur'an that you might understand. And indeed it is, in the Mother of the Book with Us, exalted and full of wisdom." (43:3-4)

The Book was revealed in Arabic, if you want to understand the content learn the language. Translations do not do justice. If you want wisdom then study this Book.

Our degrees of the Dunya are worthless, if we have no knowledge of the Qur'an. Qur'an gives us guidance, a direction in life, principles to conduct our day-to-day matters and wisdom.

TAKE OUT TIME FOR THE QUR'AN

JUZ 25 - LESSONS (4)

- People who do not take a step towards Deen because of the fear of the people should remember that people in the past have gone through the same trial. The Prophets (AS) and their Companions were persecuted and exiled from their hometowns but they did not give up following the commands of Allah SWT. **Do not fear the people, fear Allah SWT!**

- Do not forget to recite the Du'a for traveling. Remember that Allah SWT provided the ride for you whether that is a bus, taxi, bicycle or a car. Be grateful and remember your return to Him.

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ وَإِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ

"Exalted is He who has subjected this to us, and we could not have [otherwise] subdued it. And indeed we, to our Lord, will [surely] return." (43:13-14)

Travel should be for the right purpose - going to the mosque, seeking knowledge, visiting parents, relatives or the sick and meeting one's family needs. NOT for any kind of haram act. When you are traveling, ask yourself if this journey is pleasing to Allah SWT?

Travel teaches us to pass through this worldly life as a traveler, with no attachments and minimum possessions. Carry only the essentials - such as Taqwa and good deeds.

- Allah SWT has distributed His provision among His servants. He made some rich and others poor. Wealth, degrees, status do not matter as much as the knowledge of the Deen, understanding of His Book - this is the real wealth that benefits a person in this world and in the next.

Knowledge of the Qur'an is a Rahmah of Allah SWT that He bestows to whom He loves

He says,

So do not look at your bank balance, rather look at your knowledge of the Deen, how much you are increasing in that. Ask Him for the blessing (Qur'an) that brings His Mercy.

"But the mercy of your Lord is better than whatever they accumulate." (43:32)

"And whoever is blinded from remembrance of the Most Merciful - We appoint for him a devil, and he is to him a companion." (43:36)

- If your heart does not open up to pray, to remember Allah SWT or to understand this Book then perhaps, Shaytan has become your companion. This is a punishment for those who are negligent eventually Shaytan makes them fall into sins. He who is sincere, remembers Allah SWT often. Angels are appointed for his protection to shield him from his opponents.

JUZ 25 - LESSONS (5)

"So adhere to that which is revealed to you. Indeed, you are on a straight path. And indeed, it is a remembrance for you and your people, and you [all] are going to be questioned." (43:43-44)

- Allah SWT commands the Messenger (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) on whom the Qur'an was revealed, **"Adhere to the Book."** Then what about us? Should we put it back on the shelf when Ramadan is over and take it out in the next Ramadan only?

For a believer, there is no greater honor than being chosen to study and understand the Book of Allah SWT, to learn it and teach it to others. Value this greatest gift!

Allah SWT says, **"You are going to be questioned,"** about the Qur'an. What will we say? O Allah, we were so busy in our Dunya that we did not have time for your Book?

- Do not feel that if you have a speech disability or any other disability you cannot work for Deen. Prophet Musa (AS) was chosen despite his stutter.

"And never let Satan avert you. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy." (43:62)

- Love the righteous for the love of Allah SWT 

SURAH AD-DUKHAN

- Surah Ad-Dukhan does not talk about the 15th Night of Sha'ban. Evidence: It says, the night Qur'an was revealed. Qur'an was revealed in Ramadan not Sha'ban.

- The revelation of the Qur'an began on Laylatul Qadr to warn mankind. This is a night when every precise matter for that year is decided (from one Ramadan to the next). Who will die, who will deliver a baby, who will go for 'Umrah or Hajj, who will get married...all such matters are decided for that year.

- ***"And the heaven and earth wept not for them, nor were they reprieved." (44:29)*** Even the heavens and the earth weep for the righteous servants when one of them passes away.

- The best place on earth is where there is peace

- ***"And indeed, We have eased the Qur'an in your tongue that they might be reminded." (44:58)***

SURAH AL-JATHIYAH

The Ayah that would make the righteous weep: ***"Or do those who commit evils think We will make them like those who have believed and done righteous deeds - [make them] equal in their life and their death? Evil is that which they judge."***

- Do not let your nafs control you. It will only humiliate you

(45:21)

JUZ 26 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH AL-AHQAF

- Allah SWT created this world, sent the messengers (AS), revealed the Books for our guidance and informed us that there would be a Day of Judgment to reward or punish us – all this tells us that there is a purpose of our life. We were created to worship Him and submit to His commands.

- How can man call upon an idol created by his own hands that neither hears nor responds? How can people call on the dead saints to help them when they cannot help themselves?

- Qur'an warns the unjust and gives glad tidings to the Muhsineen (those who do things with excellence)

- He who dies upon, "Laa ilaaha illaa Allahu," is among the successful ones. He will have no grief or fear.

- A mother has more rights than a father because of the pain she goes through due to pregnancy and the sacrifices she makes in raising a child

- Du'a for the Parents (46:15)

رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ
وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَّتِي ۗ إِنِّي تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

"My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to work righteousness of which You will approve and make righteous for me my offspring. Indeed, I have repented to You, and indeed, I am of the Muslims." (46:15)

- Spend on your parents (especially your mother). Set a monthly or bi-annual allowance for them. Buy them gifts. Give them money so that they can buy things for themselves of their own choice. Take charge of their medical expenditures. Take them for the doctor visits.

If they have passed away then use the same money to give away in sadaqah on their behalf.

If your children are misbehaving with you, then turn your focus on your parents. Serve them, perhaps Allah SWT will make your children listen to you.

- Everyone's rank in the Hereafter will be according to their deeds

- The Jinns heard the Qur'an once and understood it. It did not take them weeks, months or years to learn that when the Qur'an is being recited then one should listen to it attentively. They immediately believed in it and went forth to spread its message to other Jinns.

And what about us? What is our attitude towards the Qur'an?

JUZ 26 - LESSONS (2)

SURAH MUHAMMAD

- The one who does a lot of good deeds but does not believe then all his deeds are wasted. The one who believes and also does a lot of good deeds, if he had any sins they will be forgiven. Value your emaan.

- The dwellers of Jannah will know their homes better than their homes of the world

THINGS THAT HELP BUILD A HOME IN JANNAH

Offering 12 Sunnah prayers daily
Building a mosque
Visiting the sick
Reciting dua when entering a marketplace
Doing Shukr in calamity
Joining the rows (saff) in congregational prayers

- Help Allah's Deen and you will get steadfastness in Deen. Take out time from your routine to volunteer for Deen.

- Some people are so Dunya oriented that are living like animals, focused on just two things: food and desires. Is this the purpose of our life?

Eat as much is required to survive – do not make it the main focus of your life

- A man's desires stop him from living by the Qur'an

- **RIVERS OF JANNAH (SEE 47:15)**

Rivers of unaltered water

مَاءٍ غَيْرِ آسِنٍ

Rivers of milk the taste of which never changes

أَنْهَارٌ مِنْ لَبَنٍ لَمْ يَتَغَيَّرْ طَعْمُهُ

Rivers of wine for those who drink

أَنْهَارٌ مِنْ خَمْرٍ لَذَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ

Rivers of purified honey

أَنْهَارٌ مِنْ عَسَلٍ مُصَفًّى

- One person attends a gathering of knowledge but when he leaves it, he asks others about what was said. He does not listen or understands anything because he is overtaken by his desires. Another person attends the gathering seeking guidance, he is attentive and sincere, Allah SWT increases him in guidance and gives him righteousness.

- **“Do they not reflect upon the Qur'an, or are there locks upon [their] hearts?” (47:24)**

WHAT IS TADABBUR?

When you recite the Qur'an do not rush through it

Slow down and reflect on the Ayaat

Seek refuge in Allah SWT against the punishments mentioned in the Qur'an

Ask Him to make you from those whom He loves

If you recite the Qur'an daily but do not understand what it says, ask Him to open up your heart for its Tadabbur

Do not waste your deeds by doing things that displease Allah SWT

“Tadabbur signifies that you try to find the full meaning of every word, every ayah and every Surah.”

- Khurram Murad

JUZ 26 - LESSONS (3)

SURAH AL-FATH

- The real success is the success of the Hereafter

THREE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROPHET (SALALLAHU 'ALAYHI WA SALLAM)

1. To be a witness
2. To give glad tidings
3. To warn

THREE THINGS EXPECTED FROM US

Believing in Allah SWT and the Messenger (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam)
Honoring and respecting the Messenger (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam)
Remembering Allah SWT in the morning and in the evening

QUALITIES OF THE SAHABAH (RA) (SEE 48:29)

Forceful against the disbelievers
Merciful for the believers
Bowing and prostrating in prayer
Seeking bounty from Allah (SWT) and His pleasure
Marks on their faces from the trace of prostration

SURAH AL-HUJURAT

- Do not put yourself before Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam), in action, in thoughts, in speech. When hearing a Hadith or learning about a Sunnah do not say, "My opinion is this," or "I like to do this (the opposite of what is being said)."

- Do not raise your voice above a teacher or any elder. Show respect to someone more knowledgeable than you. It is not boldness to argue. Show mercy to those younger than you.

- When an information reaches you, verify it before you forward, share or act on it, lest you harm someone

- Make settlement between two believers who are fighting with each other. Bonds made on Deen are stronger than blood relations. Do not let disagreements escalate to a level where religion is affected.

- No one should make fun of others, we do not know their status with Allah SWT. They might be in disobedience of Allah SWT right now but perhaps Allah SWT will change their hearts in the future and they will become better than you. Or perhaps, because of YOUR making fun of them, you will slip and indulge in the same disobedience that they are in.

Do not call anyone with offensive nicknames. Do not call someone nerdy, fat or skinny. Do not comment on someone's physical features. Did they create themselves? Do not call other hypocrites, corrupt, poor or whatever. Do not talk about people. Remember Allah SWT.

JUZ 26 - LESSONS (4)

Do not taunt others. If others taunt you, do not respond.

- Do not look for faults in others. Hide others' shortcomings, so that Allah SWT may conceal your shortcomings.

- Avoid negative assumption

Do not spy (Why are you curious about others?)

Do not backbite (Would you like to eat the flesh of your dead brother?)

Busy yourself in good deeds so that you do not have free time to comment on others, spy on them or backbite about them.

A sister suggested: Start doing Hifz. Do Tadabbur in the Qur'an. Busy yourself in good deeds.

- Allah SWT has created us from different races or ethnicity only for recognition/identification purposes not to oppress or make fun of each other.

DEFINITION OF A BELIEVER

"The believers are only the ones who have believed in Allah and His Messenger and then doubt not but strive with their properties and their lives in the cause of Allah . It is those who are the truthful." (49:15)



- If good deeds are done for the sake of Allah SWT, you won't advertise them. Hide them.

SURAH QAF

- When we backbite, spy, ridicule, taunt and insult each other whether verbally or in our hearts, we should remember these Ayaat:

"And We have already created man and know what his soul whispers to him, and We are closer to him than [his] jugular vein. When the two receivers receive, seated on the right and on the left. Man does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared [to record]." (50:16-18)

A person should be conscious of the presence of Allah SWT and the angels with him, 24/7,

- Paradise will be brought closer to every Awaab (the one who keeps returning to Allah SWT in remembrance and after committing sins) and every Hafeez (the one who keeps his promises, protects his eyes from seeing haram, his ears from hearing haram, his heart from thinking haram, his tongue from speaking haram)

- Do Tasbeeh of Allah SWT 24/7, when you are hurt and when you are joyful

- Advise people with the Qur'an

SURAH ADH-DHARIYAT

For who is Jannah?

Accepting what their Lord has given them. Indeed, they were before that doers of good. /Muhsin
They used to sleep but little of the night, Pray Tahajjud
And in the hours before dawn they would ask forgiveness, Seek forgiveness of their Lord
And from their properties was the right of the [needy] petitioner and the deprived. Give
(50:16-19) Zakat/Sadaqah

JUZ 27 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH ADH-DHARIYAT

"So flee to Allah..." (51:50)

فَفِرُّوا إِلَى اللَّهِ

- Muhsineen run to Allah SWT. Criminals run away from Allah SWT.

*Ordinary people run from ignorance to knowledge, from laziness to activity, from constriction to expansion
Special people run from knowledge to 'amr, tadabbur, khashyah - they do not just make outward changes but focus on the reformation of their hearts as well*

When we are going somewhere, whether to work, to school or the mall, we should analyze how eager or concerned we are to reach our destination to fulfill our purpose. Compare that to the speed and concern with which we respond to the call of Allah SWT.

- Those who have emaan, they accept advice
- Allah SWT is not interested in our wealth but in how much we strive in His Path

SURAH AT-TOOR

- al-Bayt al-M'amoor is the Much-Frequented house in the seventh heaven, right above Al-Masjid- al-Haram (in Makkah). Every day 70,000 angels visit it and leave, never returning to it ever again, followed by another group of 70,000 angels [al-Bukhari].
- It is disliked to argue over religious matters, to joke about them or have a non-serious attitude regarding them (jokes about Ramadan fasting, moon sighting are not part of Islam)

THREE THINGS DISLIKED IN RELIGION

1. Idle talk
2. Wasting money
3. Asking unnecessary questions

PROPHET'S ADVICE FOR THE DAYS OF FITAAN (PRESENT TIMES)

"Control your tongue, keep to your house and weep over your sin."

[Classed as saheeh by al-Albani]

- Emaan is incomplete without good deeds
- Eat fruits before eating meat. Qur'an teaches us etiquettes of eating, subhanAllah!
- A special trait of the dwellers of Paradise - they live in fear in their homes. They are fearful of usurping others' rights (parents, spouse, siblings and children's rights). (see 52:26)
- Be patient while waiting for the decision of your Lord. He can CHANGE your situation. Remember your Lord at Fajr. **PRAY ON TIME!** He who offers Fajr, on time, is in His protection for the rest of the day.

JUZ 27 - LESSONS (2)

SURAH AN-NAJM

- Stars are the adornment of the skies. Revelation is the adornment of the earth.

When people live their lives according to the Revelation (the Qur'an), life on earth becomes a Paradise for them - no human being, animal or plant is oppressed.

- When you visit someone's home or a public place, lower your eyes. Do not look at their belongings with desire. Do what the visit was intended for and go home.

- We were not created to get all of our desires fulfilled in the Dunya. We will get whatever Allah SWT wills for us.

- The foundation of emaan should be certain/authentic knowledge and not, "I heard such-and-such," or "So-and-so said this." Back up your statement with evidence from the Qur'an and Sunnah.

- Do not consider yourself pious. Do not call your children pious. Do not name them: Taqwa, Pakiza, Tahir, Muthahir, Azka, Athar

Forget about your status in the sight of the people, **worry about your position in the Sight of Allah SWT**

- Your good deeds will benefit you, so strive in Allah's path. Do not be lazy. Complete what you have started. Do not give up.

- If we keep the terrors of life after death in our conscious mind, we would weep a lot and laugh less

**"And you laugh and do not weep?"
(53:60)**

SURAH QAMAR

- Following one's desires makes one deny the truth

- The world is an examination hall, whatever we record on our answer sheets today - the result will be shown to us on the Judgment Day. Attempt your exam with your eyes open!

THREE TYPES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE QUR'AN

1. Those who recite the Qur'an fluently and frequently
2. Those who spend time in understanding the in-depth meaning of the words and Ayaat
3. Those who memorize the Qur'an

And there are "some" - the best kind - who are from all the three types

O Allah, please make us of the best kind who give Your Book its due right, reciting it with proper Tajweed rules, stopping over the Ayaat and reflecting over their meanings, seeking refuge in You when reading about the punishments, begging you to bestow on them Your favors and the delights of Jannat al-Firdaws, spending their days and nights with the Qur'an and preserving it in their hearts. Allahumma ameen. ❤️❤️❤️

"We have certainly made the Qur'an easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember? (54:17)

JUZ 27 - LESSONS (3)

Gratitude is the way out of the trials

SURAH AR-RAHMAN

- This Surah talks about the favors of Allah SWT among which the greatest favor is the Qur'an

- *Ar-Rahman taught you the Qur'an*

الرَّحْمَنُ - عَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ

this is why He created you (this is the purpose of your life)

خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ

teach it to others through speech or writing or express it in any other way (see 55:1-4)

عَلَّمَهُ الْبَيَانَ

- The favor of the Qur'an demands that we spend time with it, not only through its recitation but also by Tadabbur - reflecting over its Ayaat and finding and understanding their meanings

- Speech is a great blessing of Allah SWT. Speak good. We have learned there is no better speech than calling people to Allah SWT, talking about Him and remembering Him.

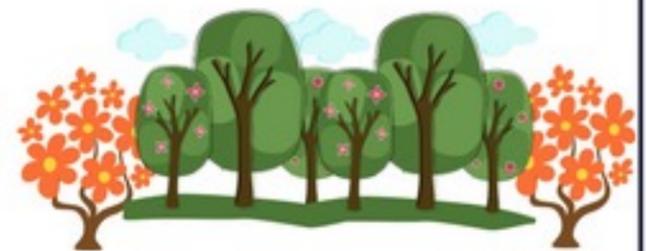
- Be just. Maintain a balance between your responsibilities. Give everyone and everything its due right - rights to other human beings, rights to your job/work, rights to your study, rights to your Deen - such that when it is time to pray you leave whatever you are doing and get up to pray at its appointed time (fulfilling all the mandatory conditions of wudhu, clothing and khushu')

- Our life situations keep changing with His permission. Do not be too relaxed in your blessings. Do not be hopeless in your trials.

*Those who have recognized Allah SWT are content and hopeful in Him. They do not expect anything from the people. All their hopes and expectations are in Allah SWT.
True Tawakkul! ❤️❤️❤️*

- For he who fears standing before his Lord will be two gardens

- Quality of the woman of Jannah - she keeps her gaze low. A woman's beauty is in her shyness.



"Blessed is the name of your Lord, Owner of Majesty and Honor." (55:78)

- If you want blessings in your life, recite His Name (say Basmallah) before doing anything

JUZ 27 - LESSONS (4)

SURAH AL-WAQ'IAH

ON THAT DAY PEOPLE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS

أَصْحَابُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ

THE COMPANIONS
OF THE RIGHT

The fortunate

Ordinary Muslims

أَصْحَابُ الْمَشْأَمَةِ

THE COMPANIONS
OF THE LEFT

The unfortunate

السَّابِقُونَ

THE FORERUNNERS

"THE BEST"

They were the first ones to
do a good deed

Prophets, their Companions, the
righteous, the martyrs, the truthful

- Qualities of women of Jannah - devoted to their husbands and of equal age
- One dip in the Hellfire will make one forget all the blessings of this world. Being blessed is not a curse, but being deluded by these blessings and not finding time for Allah SWT is a calamity. Be like Daw'oud (AS) and Suleiman (AS) who had treasures of this world but were devoted to Allah SWT. ❤️❤️❤️
- The rainwater is made from the seawater but subhanAllah, Allah's mechanism is such that the salty seawater becomes pleasant and drinkable

- Do Tasbeeh of Allah SWT to express your gratitude

SURAH AL-HADEED

- Call Allah SWT by His Names Al-Awwal, Al-Akhir, Al-Zahir, Al-Batin

- "He is with you wherever you are," (57:6) Allah SWT is watching you, why are you keen on showing your good deeds to others? Be conscious when disobeying Him.

"Believe in Allah and His Messenger and spend out of that in which He has made you successors. For those who have believed among you and spent, there will be a great reward." (57:7)

"And why do you not spend in the cause of Allah while to Allah belongs the heritage of the heavens and the earth?" (57:10)

We find a repetition of the reminder for spending in the Way of Allah SWT. Do not fear poverty. He for Whose sake you are spending will enrich you.

- On the Day of Judgment when there will be darkness people will have Noor [light] according to their emaan. Work on your emaan.

- The enjoyments of the worldly life are a delusion. Do not look down on others because of your wealth and children.

"Race toward forgiveness from your Lord," (57:21)

JUZ 28 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH AL-MUJADILAH

- Allah SWT hears our conversations. Be conscious of what you say.

We cry before the people, hoping they will understand our situation or guide us but we forget that Allah SWT "hears" us, talk to Him. He is the One Who controls everything – take your problems to Him.

- If you have uttered some words that you regret saying then give sadaqah (any amount) and fast voluntarily. One can do this for any sin that they can recall and have regrets about.

- If we want an easy reckoning in the Hereafter, then we should watch our tongues. **Do not talk about people.** We are not required to comment on everything that we hear or see.

- Najwa (secret counsel – whisperings in a gathering) is disliked

- Greet others as has been taught by Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam)

Say, **Asalaam o Alaykum wa rahamtullahi wa barakatuhu** and not hey, hello and hi.

- Make your assemblies spacious. Make room for others. Do not take too much space because you want to stretch your legs. Be welcoming. Whoever makes things easy for others, Allah SWT makes things easy for him.

- People will be resurrected the way they die. If you want to be resurrected as a true believer then live as a true believer right now. Be conscious of your company. Do not support them in disobedience of Allah SWT.

- Allah SWT is pleased with them who do not displease Him to please others. You reap what you sow. Make the pleasure of Allah SWT your top priority.

SURAH AL-HASHR

- Whoever breaks the covenant with Allah SWT or the Messenger (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) or goes against their commands, should be prepared for humiliation in this world and the next

- Wealth should not remain with the rich only, rather it should be circulated. It is similar to the blood in our body. If the blood clots in one part it will make one sick. When only a handful of the people are rich then such a society becomes sick and corrupt.

- Follow whatever Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) has commanded us to follow and stay away from whatever he has forbidden us to do

- Give preference to others' needs over your own even if you are needy. When a guest came to a Sahabi's home – the family served the guest whatever was available in the home while they themselves slept hungry.

JUZ 28 - LESSONS (2)

SURAH AL-HASHR

- Ask Allah SWT to clean your hearts for other believers (59:10)

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيمَانِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلًّا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا
رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَعُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ

"Our Lord, forgive us and our brothers who preceded us in faith and put not in our hearts [any] resentment toward those who have believed. Our Lord, indeed You are Kind and Merciful."

Whatever is missing in your life, make du'a for others. Your children are misbehaving, make du'a for others' children. You are worried about your provision, make du'a for someone else's provision. Your relationship with your husband or the in-laws isn't pleasant, make du'a for someone else's family. This is the teaching of Islam! Do not be stingy in your du'as.

- There is no one less sensible than the one, who fears the people more than fearing Allah SWT

- Allah SWT does not help the people/ families who are disunited and hate one another

- **"O you who believe! Fear Allah and keep your duty to Him. And let every person look to what he has sent forth..."** (59:18) Time is now to do good deeds. Do not delay them.

- When a person forgets Allah SWT, he becomes weak and is not motivated to do great deeds. Having a strong connection with Allah SWT is what boosts self-esteem and encourages one to keep striving.

- Allah SWT says that if we free ourselves for His worship, He will make us free of asking people to meet our needs

- If the Qur'an was revealed on a mountain, it would have collapsed. We have been reciting it since our childhood yet there is no change in us.

- Use the Names mentioned in Surah Al-Hashr to call upon Allah SWT (59:22-24)

هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ عَالِمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ ۖ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ - هُوَ
اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ هُوَ الْمَلِكُ الْقُدُّوسُ السَّلَامُ الْمُؤْمِنُ الْمُهَيَّمِنُ الْعَزِيزُ الْجَبَّارُ
الْمُتَكَبِّرُ ۗ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ - هُوَ اللَّهُ الْخَالِقُ الْبَارِئُ الْمُصَوِّرُ ۗ لَهُ
الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ ۗ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

His Names are His introduction, therefore, learn them and recognize who He is. Each time you recite the Qur'an, use these Names before making the du'a. Du'a made at the completion of a good deed has a HIGH chance of being accepted.

JUZ 28 - LESSONS (3)

SURAH AL-MUMTAHANAH

- Sometimes a person commits Haram for the sake of his family such as a haram job, taking mortgage, car loan, personal loan, etc. One should remember that tomorrow no son or wife will benefit one or come to their help.
- Ask Allah SWT for the love of the righteous people and those who love Allah SWT
- When you love the righteous, you are motivated to do more and more good deeds. When your company does not regard the commands of Allah SWT then you too become negligent of them.

SURAH AS-SAFF

- The one who enjoins good and forbids evil should be the FIRST ONE to act on his own advice
- Do not commit to do something that you cannot do. Otherwise, this too will be recorded as a lie. If you cannot do the task then say so.
- The best people are those who fight in His cause like a solid wall
- **What can save one from the torment of tomorrow?**

Striving in the path of Allah SWT with one's wealth and life (skills, knowledge, time)

- Learn from the people of other faith, how they are striving to promote their Deen. Christian schools in Muslim countries. Christian aid in Muslim countries. This was OUR job!

We were not created to enjoy the comforts of this world, eat and socialize. We were assigned a much greater responsibility - to live as His Khalifah and promote His Deen. Jannah is for resting, the world is for striving in His path.

SURAH AL-JUMU'AH

- We received the Deen through the efforts of the Sahabah RA, Tabi'een, the Salaf and the scholars, now it is OUR RESPONSIBILITY to learn the Deen, implement its teachings in our lives and STRIVE to spread it to others so that only the CORRECT and AUTHENTIC knowledge reaches till the last person on earth before the Day of Judgment
- Those who have knowledge but do not act on it are like donkeys - carrying load - meaning it is a burden for them because neither they are benefiting from it nor sharing it with others
- Attend the Friday prayer in the mosque. Go before the Khutbah begins, for those who especially prepare for the Friday prayer (take ghusl, remove their unwanted hair, trim their nails, wear nice clothes and reach the mosque early) will have a special reward with Allah SWT in the Hereafter. (O Allah, please make us of them, ameen.)

JUZ 28 - LESSONS (4)

SURAH AL-MUNAFIQOON

- Talking too much is the trait of the hypocrites. Not everyone, whose speech pleases you, is worth listening to.

- Do not be so involved in your homes or children that you forget the Right of Allah SWT

- On the Judgment Day, people will have regrets for not spending in the path of Allah SWT

SURAH AT-TAGHABUN

- Whoever is saved from the stinginess of his soul, it is he who will be successful

SURAH AT-TALAQ

- If you want to get out of your trials then nurture Taqwa, for Taqwa can free you of your sorrows, your provision will increase and your tasks will become easy

- Whatever you are going through today, soon it will pass!

SURAH AT-TAHREEM

- We cannot declare things halal and haram on our own. Whatever Allah SWT has made permissible is allowed and whatever He has forbidden is haram for us.

- Ignoring/forgiving the faults of others is a Prophetic trait. We need to study the Seerah to adopt the best characteristics.

- After correcting one's mistake do not prolong the dialogue. Talking extra spoils the message. There is a difference between scolding someone and correcting their mistake. The Prophet (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) did not scold the people, he would "correct" their mistakes.

- When someone boycotts you, if you are a righteous believer, then do not fear or grieve. Allah SWT, the angels and the righteous people are sufficient for you.

- Traits of a good Muslim woman submitting [to Allah], believing, devoutly obedient, repentant, worshipping, and traveling (to promote Allah's Deen)

- Save yourself and your family from the Fire!

- Du'a that the Believers will Recite on Sirat Bridge (and should make in Dunya too)

رَبَّنَا أَنْتُمْ لَنَا نُورٌ نَا وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا ۝ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

"Our Lord, perfect for us our light and forgive us. Indeed, You are over all things competent." (66:8)

- Du'a of Aasiya (AS) for a House in Jannah close to Allah SWT

رَبِّ ابْنِ لِي عِنْدَكَ بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ

"My Lord, build for me near You a house in Paradise." (66:11)

JUZ 29 - LESSONS (1)

SURAH AL-MULK

- To be recited every night before going to sleep (for protection against the punishment of the grave)

- All good is in the Hands of Allah SWT, the Owner of Everything, so ask Him with certainty!

- Allah SWT created life and death to test who among us will do the BEST deeds, not average or bare minimum deeds. (Best Deeds = Sincerely for Allah SWT + Acc. to Sunnah)

- PURPOSE OF STARS

- *beautifying the sky*
- *hitting the Devils*
- *showing the way to the travelers*

Major Sins

NOT FOR

- *reading horoscopes*
- *understanding personalities*
- *finding out the future*

- When people would be thrown in the Hellfire, they would concede that they were not of those who paid attention to the warnings. They heard the advice but did not change.

- Allah SWT knows the secrets of our hearts and our intentions

- Imagine, if the earth was constantly shaking, how we would have walked on it?

- When we are committing a sin or doing an act of Allah's disobedience, we should ask ourselves if we would like to die in this state? Died, while watching a movie? Died, while attending an event that involved singing and dancing (mehndi, concerts, galas)?

Remember, we will be resurrected the way we died. Be conscious of your actions and gatherings.

SURAH AL-QALAM

- By revealing a Surah on "the pen" we learn about the importance of writing. He is blessed who has been granted writing skills and he uses it for preserving and spreading knowledge. Whatever good you write will become sadaqah jaria for you, in sha Allah.

- Rasoolullah (salAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) had the best character. His character was the Qur'an. Your honor lies in "your character and morals" not wealth and children.

- Blessings can be a trial - do not be deluded

- We should avoid people who call us to participate in evil deeds

- Do not obey a habitual swearer, a scorners spreading malicious gossip, a preventer of good, transgressor, sinful, cruel and an illegitimate pretender. People follow them because of their wealth and children. They have no manners or akhlaq.

- Do not hold back charity or you will be the one in loss

- Realize your mistake, repent and come out of depression

JUZ 29 - LESSONS (2)

SURAH AL-HAQQAH

- Be conscious of the time that you spend alone. One may appear pious in the company of the other people, but how do they spend their private hours? When there is no one with him besides Allah SWT. Do we remember Allah SWT when we are alone or do we only remember to pray because everybody else around us is praying? Do we think good about others only when we are in a crowd? And when we are alone, our heart is filled with hatred and rancor?

Taqwa and Tazkiyah are not possible unless one's private life becomes pure

- On the Day of Judgment, he who was busy in this world striving in the path of Allah SWT doing righteous deeds would be showing off his records to others. With joy, he would say,

**"Here, read my record!
Indeed, I was certain that I would be
meeting my account." (69:19-20)**

*Reflect on this - will our record be
such that we would want to
show it to others?*

(O Allah, please make us of those who will enter Jannah al-Firdaus without reckoning and whose record would be given in the right hand and they will be joyous, ameen.)

- On the other hand, the one who was busy in his Dunya would be presented his record in the left hand and he would wish that he had not been given his record. And that his death was his final death - he had not been resurrected. He would be full of regrets. (O Allah, please do not make us of this group or our families and our loved ones, ameen.)

- **What was his sin?**

- *He did not used to believe in Allah SWT*
- *He did not used to encourage the feeding of the poor*

- Didn't learn or implement the commands of Allah SWT

- He was not asked to feed the people but "encourage" others to do so but he didn't even do that

- The Qur'an is a reminder for the righteous - meaning its message will only affect those who want to do righteous deeds to win the pleasure of Allah SWT

SURAH AL-MA'ARIJ

- "So be patient with gracious patience." (70:5)

What is beautiful patience?

صَبْرًا جَمِيلًا

- *Not expressing our pain by our tongue*
- *Not showing the state of our heart by our outward appearance*
- *Not conveying our pain through our attitude*

- Upon seeing the calamities of that Day, people would be willing to give away their children, their spouse and their siblings to ransom themselves from the punishment. The same people for whom we compromise on our Deen, we would be willing to throw them in the Hellfire to save ourselves. (Allahumma inni a'udhu bika min 'adhabi jahannam, ameen)

JUZ 29 - LESSONS (3)

SURAH AL-MA'ARIJ

- "Mankind was created anxious," (70:19) when he is tested he is impatient; when he is blessed, he withholds his blessings.

Only they are saved from this attitude who:

- are regular in their prayers
- give from their wealth to those who ask and to those who do not ask
- believe in the Day of Recompense
- are fearful of the punishment of their Lord
- guard their private parts from illegal sexual intercourse
- are trustworthy and honor their promises
- are honest and upright in their testimonies
- carefully maintain their prayers (on time and fulfilling all its conditions)

"They will be in gardens, honored." (70:35)

SURAH NUH

- When we are about to give up on our Da'wah efforts we must recall the story of Prophet Nuh (AS). He called his people to Allah SWT - **day and night for 950 years**. How much effort have we made?

- From the supplication of Nuh (AS) we learn the etiquette of making Du'a. First make du'a for yourself, then your parents (because they deserve your favors and ehsaan the most) and then the rest of the believers, your friends or relatives.

SURAH AL-JINN

- Prophet Nuh's people were given Da'wah for 950 years but it did not affect them, the Jinns heard the Qur'an only once and believed in it right away. Some people have been listening to the Message of the Qur'an for a long time still they do not change. And there are those who hear only one Ayah or one lecture and they are transformed or motivated to change. Which category are we from?

- Do not be scared of the Jinns, rather seek help with Allah SWT. Learn how to do Ruqya.

JUZ 29 - LESSONS (4)

SURAH AL-MUZZAMMIL

*O you who wraps himself [in clothing],
Arise [to pray] the night, except for a little -
Half of it - or subtract from it a little
Or add to it, and recite the Qur'an with measured recitation.
(73:1-4)*

- Do not leave the habit of Qiyaam al-Layl after Ramadan. Spend a portion of your night praying to Allah SWT in secret. Recite the Qur'an in a measured tone such that each letter is pronounced clearly.

The prayer at night is more effective than the day prayers because at this time a person is free of obligations and commitments. You are detached from the world and can concentrate on your relationship with Allah SWT.

When one is unable to wake up for Qiyaam al-Layl, then know that your sins have overwhelmed you. (Innaa lillahi wa innaa ilaihi raje'oon)

*"And be patient over what they say and avoid them with gracious avoidance."
(73:10)*

SURAH AL-MUDDATHHIR

- The previous Surah was about personal worship, this Surah is about communal duty. **Rise and warn.** Thus, it shows us a balance. In the night, when you are free from your worldly occupations, wake up and stand in prayer before your Lord. In the day, your duty is to spread the Message to the people. What is this Message? The Message of Tawheed.

- A Da'ee must look presentable. Our mouth, hair, and clothes should be clean. Hijab is not an excuse to not wash or comb our hair. Keep your Hijab, Jilbab/Abaya clean. Use Alum after shower - a natural deodorant to prevent body odor. Angels do not descend in smelly places.

- **"For your Lord be patient,"** (74:7) especially as a Da'ee. We do not seek the reward from the people, therefore, in response to their insults we will remain patient for the sake of our Lord.

- **"Indeed, the Fire is of the greatest [afflictions]."** (74:35)

- When the people of Jannah will meet the people of Jahannum, they will ask them what put them in the Hellfire, they will say:

*How often do we feed the poor the same food that we eat?
"We were not of those who prayed,
Nor did we used to feed the poor.*

And we used to enter into vain discourse with those who engaged [in it],

And we used to deny the Day of Recompense.." (74:43-46)

*What about our prayers?
How regular are we?*

*Do we engage in
arguments over Deen?*

JUZ 29 - LESSONS (5)

SURAH AL-QIYAMAH

- On that Day, man will be a witness against himself
- Knowledge demands patience, attentive listening and not interrupting the teacher
- People want immediate rewards but the rewards of the Hereafter are eternal. We want a comfortable life in the Dunya so we are striving to make it better. We forget our Dunya will end the day we die. The pleasures and punishments of the Hereafter are forever - there is no end to them - comfort in the Hereafter demands efforts now, but we do not want to wait.
- Some faces that Day will be radiant because of their good deeds and upon seeing the Countenance of Allah SWT - O Allah, please make us of those, ameen

"Does man think that he will be left neglected?" (75:36)

And he will not be questioned?

SURAH AL-INSAN

- Man was created to be tested, whether he will be of the grateful or the ungrateful ones
- For the Abraar [the pious believers] there will be rewards. Who are they?

"They [are those who] fulfill [their] vows and fear a Day whose evil will be widespread. And they give food in spite of love for it to the needy, the orphan, and the captive, [Saying], 'We feed you only for the Countenance of Allah. We wish not from you reward or gratitude. Indeed, We fear from our Lord a Day austere and distressful.'" (76:7-10)

When you give people something, do not expect anything in return. Not even a thank you or a du'a because we did it for Allah SWT and expect our reward from Him. ❤️

- To the dwellers of Jannah, it will be said

"Indeed, this is for you a reward, and your effort has been appreciated." (76:22)

We want people to recognize us and appreciate our efforts, Allah SWT is the Most Appreciative

- Recite the Qur'an slowly, be patient for the sake of your Lord, do not obey the sinner or an ungrateful person, remember Him in the morning and evening, and exalt Him at night (Qiyaam al-Layl)

SURAH AL-MURSALAT

- Thank Allah SWT for making the water pleasant and drinkable (neither too sweet nor salty)
- The believers will enjoy in the Hereafter everything that they desired but could not get or could not imagine in Dunya. It will be because of what they used **TO DO.**

BLESSINGS OF JANNAH ARE NOT FREE!