

SURAH HUJARAT- CODE OF CONDUCT FOR A MUSLIM



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SESSION 3

Code of Conduct – Surah Al-Hujarat

- In the previous sessions, Mufti Abdul Rahman Waheed laid down the foundation of adab and conduct with the first five verses. After we have adab, there will still be tests, as the Prophet SAW who was the highest of all in manners, was tested the most. One of those tests will be hearing rumors about people.

Verse # 6

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَن تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِجَهَالَةٍ فَتُصِحُّوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَادِمِينَ (٦)

- This is about the foundation about a good community and a family, which is advice being given to the Prophet SAW. Not every person that will tell us information will be a pious person. Allah SWT is telling us the etiquette of listening, that we ask ourselves “who is the person telling me?”

Note that this is not about paranoia, but only applies to people who is fasiq, who openly sin. Fasiq means when the seed has come out of its shell, essentially someone who has broken away from the truth and has become a habitual sinner. Also note that we do not have the license to label someone as a fasiq.

- Allah SWT tells us about a fasiq that comes with a naba, which comes from the same word as nabi (messenger). It is essentially an important message. He tells us tabayanu, to verify before we amplify. It is our responsibility to verify and distinguish the other part of the story.
- Umar Ibn Khattab (RA) spoke about this by saying whenever you hear something negative, even if the person in front of you said it, take the positive angle of what is happening. Perhaps he had a headache or was going through something. Believers are not the rumor mill, rather the rumor stops when it comes to us. One comment that you pass on can create a great snowball effect.
- You need power to hurt someone physically, but you do not need power to hurt someone with your tongue. As stated earlier in Surah Al-Hujarat, you can say something that takes away deeds without even knowing it. Reputation is sacred and no one has the license to break it.

Allah SWT also speaks about this in Surah Nur, by saying that you should not gaze at everything in someone's house as you enter, perhaps you see something that they may want to hide. Do not give ourselves a pass; do not even entertain these messages or comments.

Verse # 7

وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ فِيكُمْ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ لَوْ يُطِيعُكُمْ فِي كَثِيرٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْرِ لَعَنِتُّمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ حَبِيبٌ إِلَيْكُمْ إِلِيمَنَ وَزَيْنَهُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ وَكَرَّهَ إِلَيْكُمْ الْكُفْرَ وَالْفُسُوقَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الرَّاشِدُونَ (V)

- Regret is a tough feeling to stomach. One of the names of the Day of Judgment is the day of regret. As followers of the Prophet SAW we have to be careful, as Allah SWT reminds us that the Prophet SAW will be with us on the Day of Judgment. That we should not be the one to cause more harm to the Prophet SAW. We should be diligent and not want him to be disappointed.
- Allah SWT expands on this by saying that you would suffer if he (the Prophet SAW) took in all of your opinions. Most problems and conflicts happen when people cannot accept the possibility that they are wrong. It is a form of arrogance. You have to be able to compromise, whether it be community or within the family. When you have an opinion, make dua, say it once, and do not be persistent about it.

- Allah SWT has made imaan beautiful for us, and open sins ugly for us. We should all make dua that we love imaan so we run towards it. Praying salaah brought the most pleasure to the Companions. When we our acts of worship become beautified, it makes it easier for us to do it.

FAQs

- After Allah SWT lays dow the foundation of a good family, what is the first trial that Allah SWT mentions believers will face?
- What does fasik mean?
- What is naba?
- How does naba relate to nabi?
- What did Umar ibn Khattab (RA) tell us about dealing with others?
- What is the default response for a believer when they hear rumors?
- What is one of the names of the Day of Judgment?
- What does Allah SWT mean when he says in the next ayah (Ayah7) that the Prophet SAW is amongst us?
- What does Allah SWT mean when he says "If he were to obey you in much of the matter, you would be in difficulty."
- How do most conflicts happen? What is this an indicator of?