

# بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## **Summary: Juz 3**

- Suratul Baqarah - Verse 253 to the end
- Surah Aali Imran - Verse 1 to Verse 93

### **Suratul Baqarah (253 to the end)**

#### **Among the Belief in Allah SWT is that He does whatever He wishes**

وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مَا افْتَتَلُوا وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَفْعَلُ مَا يُرِيدُ ﴿٢٥٣﴾

*And if Allah had willed, they would not have fought each other, but Allah does whatever He wants. (253)*

#### **Spending in charity**

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ

- Adopting the cause of the true faith require us to undertake financial sacrifices for its sake.

#### **Ayatul Kursi- The epitome of Tawheed and the greatest verse of The Qur'an**

It was narrated that Abu Umamah said: The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Whoever recites Ayat Al-Kursi immediately after each prescribed Prayer, there will be nothing standing between him and his entering Paradise except death." (An-Nasa'i)

Anas (RA) says: Rasoolullah SAS asked; "Do you know which Ayat in the Qur'aan is most lofty?" I said, Allaah and his Rasul know more." Nabi (saw) read Ayatul Kursi

This ayah describes the magnificence and greatness of Allah SWT

- The Kursi (footrest) is wider than the heavens and earth and the Kursi to the Arsh (Throne of Allah SWT) it is like a ring thrown in a desert and Allah SWT is on The Arsh.
- Lordship, godhead and divinity is exclusively for Allah SWT. Anything other than Allah SWT is His creation. He alone is Creator.
- Upon Him rests the entire order of the universe thus tiredness does not affect Him.
- He alone wields all sovereign authority and power over His dominion and His Knowledge of the entire creation is absolute and perfect.

- It contains many aspects of Tawheed of Allah SWT, verifying some of His Names and Attributes, His actions and His Knowledge.

### Ayatul Kursi for protection

*It was narrated that Abu Hurairah said: "The Messenger of Allaah (SAS) put me in charge of guarding the zakat of Ramadhan. Someone came to me and started grabbing handfuls of the food. I took hold of him and said, 'I will take you to the Messenger of Allaah (SAS).' He said, 'I will teach you some words by means of which Allaah will benefit you.' I said, 'What are they?' He said, 'When you go to your bed, recite this aayah: "Allaah! Laa ilaaha illa Huwa Al-Hayyul-Qayyoom (Ayatul Kursi) – until he completed the aayah. Then Allaah will appoint a guard for you who will stay with you and no shaitaan (devil) will come near you until morning.' The Messenger of Allaah (SAS) asked me, 'What did your prisoner do last night?' I said, 'O Messenger of Allaah, he taught me something, and claimed that Allaah would benefit me by it.' He said, 'What was it?' I said, 'He taught me to recite Aayat al-Kursi when I go to bed, and said that no shaitaan would come near me until morning, and that Allaah would appoint a guard for me who would stay with me.' The Prophet (SAS) said, 'He told you the truth, although he is an inveterate liar. That was the Shaitaan.'" Narrated by al-Bukhaari & Muslim.*

### Islam is not by force it is by clear evidence

قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ ۗ

*There shall be no compulsion in [acceptance of] the religion. ...*

- The verse means that the system of Islam, embracing belief, morals and practical conduct cannot be imposed by compulsion. It is by very convincing proofs.

#### **Three levels of Taghut:**

1. One who acknowledges in principle that obedience to Allah SWT is right, but disregards it in practice. This is **fisq** (transgression).
2. One who not only disobeys but also rejects obedience in principle, and thus either refuses to become the subject of anyone at all or he worships other than Allah SWT. This is **kufr**.
3. One who not only rebels against one's Lord but also imposes one's own will (in disregard of the Will of God) on God's world and God's creatures. This is **Taghut**.

### Abraham's simple Debate on Tawheed of Allah SWT...

﴿٢٥٨﴾ ... أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِي حَاجَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ فِي رَبِّهِ  
 about his Lord [merely] because Allah had given him kingship? ... (258)

- Here the reference is to Nimrod the ruler of the land of Mesopotamia, today's Iraq.
- Since he had placed his reins in the hands of taghut, he still could not believe in it no matter how convincing it was to him and how dumbfounded and speechless he was.

#### **Three persons are mentioned here with regards light and darkness:**

1. **Nimrod:** The arrogant ruler who claimed godhead and despite his weakness and inabilities he refused to accept truth and his arrogance kept him in darkness.
2. **A man** who wanted to know how can we come to life after death? So Allah SWT showed him by way of bringing him back to life after causing him to die and remained for 100 years. He accepted the evidence and became a firm Believer in Allah SWT.
3. **Prophet Ibrahim (AS)** whom Allah SWT showed directly how life returns after death so that it leaves absolutely no room for question. In a similar manner how Allah SWT took Rasoolullah SAS to the heavens and showed him a glimpse of the Unseen.

### Parable of spending in Charity and Etiquettes of Charity

- It grows minimum 700 times like the corn
- Charity should be free from reminders and insults
- Insults and reminders can ruin the blessings of one's charity
- It is better to say kind words than a charity followed by insults.
- Charity must be done sincerely for Allah SWT alone.
- Shaitaan tries to stop charity by whispering poverty in your hearts
- Wisdom is to give in Allah's way not how smart one can be to hoard and increase wealth
- Those who give charity sincerely will truly find their reward with Allah SWT.

### Prohibition of Riba (Usury) and its manifestations

الَّذِينَ يَأْكُلُونَ الرِّبَا لَا يَقُومُونَ إِلَّا كَمَا يَقُومُ الَّذِي يَتَخَبَّطُهُ الشَّيْطَانُ مِنَ الْمَسِّ ۗ

*Those who consume interest cannot stand [on the Day of Resurrection] except as one stands who is being beaten by Satan into insanity.*

- Riba makes someone become insane just like one who is touched evil jinn. He pursues his craze for money as if he were insane.
- Increasing wealth through business is far more beneficial and is blessed by Allah SWT.
- Taking usury is like declaring war against Allah and His Rasool.

### The return for accountability to Allah SWT should always be foremost

وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا تُرْجَعُونَ فِيهِ إِلَى اللَّهِ ۗ ثُمَّ تُوَفَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٨١﴾

*And fear a Day when you will be returned to Allah. Then every soul will be compensated for what it earned, and they will not be treated unjustly. (281)*

### The verse of writing down loans is the longest verse of The Qur'an yet people ignore this and problems ensue.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا تَدَايَنْتُمْ بِدِينٍ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى فَاكْتُبُوهُ ۗ...

*O you who have believed, when you contract a debt for a specified term, write it down...(282)*

- All business dealings must be reduced to writing and witnesses are required in all major business transactions
- If writing is not possible, take a security deposit

### Virtues of the end of Baqarah

*It was narrated from Abu Mas'ood al-Ansaari (may Allaah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Whoever recites the last two verses of Surat al-Baqarah at night, they will suffice him." Narrated by al-Bukhaari and Muslim.*

- True belief of Prophets and the Believer's Du'a

### Surah Al-Imran (1-93)

This Surah is a follow-up to Suratul Baqarah and the invitation therein is continued to the people of the Book. Muslims must be ready to carry out their obligations and invite to the Divine Guidance.

### The Qur'an, Taurah and Injeel are from the same source

نَزَّلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَأَنْزَلَ التَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ (3)

*It is He Who has sent down the Book (the Quran) to you (Muhammad SAW) with truth, confirming what came before it. And he sent down the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel). (3).*

### Allah SWT is The Designer of human: Our color, gender, our looks

هُوَ الَّذِي يُصَوِّرُكُمْ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ كَيْفَ يَشَاءُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿6﴾

*It is He Who fashions you in the wombs as He wills. There is no God but He; the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.*

#### **Three important points here:**

1. No being knows human nature as well as Allah SWT does; it is thus imperative that man should depend on the guidance revealed by God, something man needs the most.
2. The Being Who takes care of all of man's requirements, major and minor, from the time of conception onwards, will not fail to provide guidance for man's conduct in this life.
3. The outward nature is not the criterion for who is better. Allah, The All-Wise is The Designer of all human beings.

### Those whose minds are perverted take the vague and leave off the clear verses

هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ مِنْهُ آيَاتٌ مُحْكَمَاتٌ ... ﴿3:7﴾

*It is He Who has revealed the Book to you. Some of its verses are absolutely clear and lucid, and these are the core of the Book...*

- These verses are test from Allah SWT. Those whose minds are perverted they choose to dwell and search for more details such as the details of the soul etc.

### This world versus The Hereafter (Verse 14-15)

- Misleading happiness of this life is to boast and brag about temporary material things.
- Real happiness is the pleasure of Allah SWT and the everlasting bounties of Jannah.

### The Most Powerful Statement for which everything is created

شَهِدَ اللَّهُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ وَأُولُو الْعِلْمِ قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

*Allah bears witness that there is no god except He, and so do the Angels and those who possess knowledge, maintaining His creation in Justice, there is no god but He, the Almighty, Most Wise. (18)*

- The testimony in question is from Allah SWT Himself, Who knows directly all the realities of the universe, Who observes every existing thing without obstruction.
- After God, the most trustworthy testimony is that of the Angels then those who possess true knowledge that no one except the One True God reigns and rules over the universe.

### Deen is Islam

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ - *The true religion with Allah is Islam.*

- This shows that the religion of every Messenger of Allah, in every age and clime, was none other than Islam (submission to God).
- Likewise, every Divine book, in whichever language it was revealed, and to whichever people it was addressed, contained the teachings of Islam or surrendering to One God.
- The other faiths of mankind came about after deviating from surrendering to One God.

### The secrets in the hearts are known by Allah SWT

قُلْ إِنْ تُخْفُوا مَا فِي صُدُورِكُمْ أَوْ تُنَادُواهُ يَعْلَمُهُ اللَّهُ... ﴿3:29﴾

*Say: 'Whether you conceal what is in your hearts or disclose it, Allah knows it...*

- May Allah SWT forgive us for our evil thoughts and what heart conceals in terms of hypocrisy, envy, malice, hatred etc. Nothing is hidden from Allah SWT and we must be aware and always conscious of this fact.

### Love for Allah SWT necessitates obedience to Rasoolullah SAS

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحِبُّكُمْ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿31﴾

*(O Messenger!) Tell people: 'If you indeed love Allah, follow me, and Allah will love you and will forgive you your sins. Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Compassionate.'*

- This verse is a true test for anyone who claims that he loves Allah SWT.
- Many people make claims of being true lovers of God but it is the following Rasoolullah SAS that validates their claim or exposes their insincerity to that claim.

### From the birth of Mary to the birth of Esaa and his role (Verses 35-63)

- She was raised in the Mihrab
- Allah SWT blessed her with out of season fruits and food.
- She is of those who have the highest status among women.
- Allah SWT chose her to have a virgin birth
- The true followers of Isa (Jesus) are Muslims
- Their plot to assassinate Jesus (AS) and how Allah SWT saved him
- Rasoolullah SAS did not know any of this before. This detail is only through revelation.
- The creation of Jesus is like the creation Adam: Be! And he is. This is Allah's power!
- Allah SWT alone is God not Jesus (PBUH)

### Call to dialogue with The People of The Book

﴿3:64﴾... قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا

Say: 'People of the Book! Come to a word common between us and you: that we shall serve none but Allah and shall associate none with Him in His divinity....'

- The invitation here is for the two parties to agree on something believed in by one of them, the Muslims, and the soundness of which could hardly be denied by the other party, the Christians. For this was the belief of their own Prophets and had been taught in their own scriptures.
- Call for unity with Jews and Christians on what is common between them and Muslims and Religion of Ibrahim (AS) was Islam and Muslims are the followers of Ibrahim (AS).

### Praiseworthy character of some of The People of the Book

﴿75﴾... وَمِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ مَنْ إِنْ تَأْمَنَهُ بِقِنطَارٍ يُؤَدِّهِ إِلَيْكَ

And among the People of the Book there are some who would restore you even if you were to entrust a treasure of gold..

- Honesty and uprightness are part of the Shari'ah of the previous nations.

### Everything surrenders to Allah SWT and this is the meaning of Islam

﴿83﴾ أَفَعَيَّرَ دِينَ اللَّهِ يَبْغُونَ وَلَهُ أَسْلَمَ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ طَوْعًا وَكَرْهًا وَإِلَيْهِ يُرْجَعُونَ

Do they now seek a religion other than prescribed by Allah even though all that is in the heavens and the earth is in submission to Him - willing or unwillingly - and to Him all shall return?

- The entire universe surrenders to Allah SWT.
- Believers also surrender like the surrendering of all of Allah SWT's Prophets
- So choosing anyway other than Islam is not accepted by Allah SWT.
- Choosing a path other than surrendering to Allah SWT brings about His anger.

### Piety is not just words , it is action

لَنْ تَتَّالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ ۗ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ

*You shall not attain righteousness until you spend out of what you love (in the way of Allah).<sup>75</sup> Allah knows whatever you spend.*

- Piety is unfortunately often viewed as a cumulative amount of knowledge and ability to go into subtle details on Fiqhi some aspects of Deen. But in fact it is spending what one loves from his possessions.
- If the love of anything seizes a man's mind to such an extent that he is unable to sacrifice his wealth for the sake of the love of God, then that thing has virtually become an impediment for him to reach Allah SWT and achieve righteousness.