

# بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## Summary Juz 5

### **Suratun Nisaa continues (24-147)**

This Surah shows the developmental stages of the Muslim Community:

**First:** Rasoolullah SAS was engaged in bringing about an all-round development of the Islamic Community that had been formed at the time of his migration to Al-Madinah.

**Second:** The juggling between the three groups

- The mushrik Arabs,
- The Jewish clans and
- The hypocrites who were opposing tooth and nail his mission of reform.

**Third:** Continue the Da'wah in the face of the bitter opposition of these powers.

### Because of man's weaknesses Allah wishes to make things easy (Verses 25-28)

- **يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُبَيِّنَ لَكُمْ** - Allah wishes to make clear (what is lawful and what is unlawful) to you,
- **وَيَهْدِيَكُمْ سُنَنَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ** -and (He wants) to show you the ways of those before you
- **وَاللَّهُ يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَتُوبَ عَلَيْكُمْ** - Allah wishes to accept your repentance
- **يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَفِّفَ عَنْكُمْ** - Allah wishes to lighten (the burden) for you

### But those who reject such bounties want to follow their vain desires

- **وَيُرِيدُ الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الشَّهَوَاتِ أَنْ تَمِيلُوا مَيْلًا عَظِيمًا** - but those who follow their lusts, wish that you (believers) should deviate tremendously away from the Right Path.

### Warning against aggression to others and even against oneself

**يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالِكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ**.... Believers! Do not devour one another's possessions wrongfully;

- Eat not up your property among yourselves unjustly
- And do not kill yourselves (nor kill one another).
- Do not covet what Allah has conferred more abundantly on some of you than others. ...

### Give up sins and Allah SWT's is always ready to forgive

**إِنْ تَجْتَنِبُوا كَبَائِرَ مَا تُنْهَوْنَ عَنْهُ نُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَنُدْخِلْكُمْ مُدْخَلًا كَرِيمًا ﴿31﴾**

But if you avoid the major sins which you have been forbidden, We shall remit your (trivial) offences, and cause you to enter an honorable abode

- Allah SWT is not overly exacting and severe in His judgements.
- He SWT is not on the lookout for trivial omissions and lapses on the part of His creatures in order to punish them.
- Allah SWT is ready to cover our faults provided but we free ourselves from major sins.

### Men's responsibility with regards women

الرِّجَالُ قَوَّامُونَ عَلَى النِّسَاءِ بِمَا فَضَّلَ اللَّهُ بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ وَبِمَا أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِمْ ... ﴿34﴾

*Men are in charge of women by [right of] what Allah has given one over the other and what they spend [for maintenance] from their wealth. ... (34).*

- Both men and women have responsibilities towards each other. Some are same such as kindness, honesty and good speech. Others are specific and this verse instructs that man should be maintaining their families.
- Unfortunately this verse has been misconstrued both by Muslims and non-Muslims in our times to mean Islam oppresses women when in fact, it is honoring them.

### Resolving marital disputes The Islamic Way

وَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ شِقَاقَ بَيْنِهِمَا فَأَبْعَثُوا حَكَمًا مِنْ أَهْلِهِ وَحَكَمًا مِنْ أَهْلِهَا إِنْ يُرِيدَا إِصْلَاحًا يُوَفِّقِ اللَّهُ بَيْنَهُمَا ... ﴿35﴾

*If you fear a breach between the two, appoint an arbitrator from his people and an arbitrator from her people. If they both want to set things right...*

- The first step in resolving a break up in marriage is to seek counseling and both sides should have a representative who will judge according to facts and not by emotions.
- Today divorce has become so messy and ugly because we avoid Allah's guidance as emotions and injustice takes place instead.

### Worship Allah SWT goes hand in hand with social obligations to parents and neighbors

وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ... ﴿36﴾

*Serve Allah and ascribe no partner to Him. Do good to your parents, to near of kin, to orphans, and to the needy, and to the neighbor who is of kin and to the neighbor who is a stranger, and to the companion by your side, and to the wayfarer, and to those whom your right hands possess. Allah does not love the arrogant and the boastful,*

- After serving Allah SWT there are social obligations and to complete serving Allah SWT it is a requirement to take care of parents and human beings in need.
- One social responsibility is with our wealth. It should not be hoarded nor should it be used to boast and brag about

### Allah SWT does not commit any injustice to His creation

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَظْلِمُ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ وَإِنْ تَكَ حَسَنَةً يضاعفها وَيؤتِ مِنْ لَدُنْهُ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿40﴾

*Indeed Allah wrongs none, not even as much as an atom's weight. Whenever a man does good, He multiplies it two-fold, and bestows out of His grace a mighty reward.*

- Allah SWT is always just no matter what happens to us. The belief of Alhus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah is that if Allah SWT were to punish everyone we believe He is just and He were to forgive everyone He is still just.
- It is Kufr to think that Allah SWT is unjust.

### Warning against playing with Allah SWT's Revelation

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا نَصِيبًا مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ يَشْتَرُونَ الضَّلَالََةَ وَيُرِيدُونَ أَن تَضِلُّوا السَّبِيلَ ﴿٤٤﴾

Have you not seen those who were given a portion of the Scripture, purchasing error [in exchange for it] and wishing you would lose the way?(44)

- There are those who rejected the message of Rasoolullah SAS just that they can do whatever they want in this life.
- Then there those who alter the words from their context turning away from the true meaning
- There are some who say: 'We have heard and we disobey'
- Then there are those who make mockery with Allah SWT's words.

Then Allah SWT call to the People of The Book : *O you who have been granted the Book! Do believe in what We have (now) revealed, which confirms the revelation which you already possess.*

### Shirk is the gravest sin

﴿48﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ افْتَرَىٰ إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا

*Surely Allah does not forgive that a partner be ascribed to Him, although He forgives any other sins for whomever He wills. He who commits shirk has indeed forged a mighty lie.*

- Shirk or associating partner with Allah SWT or rejecting Him is the gravest of sins
- If someone dies on this injustice he is not granted Allah SWT's forgiveness. However if he repents before death comes upon him then Allah is Most Forgiving Most Merciful.

### Do not try to promote yourself by false praising

﴿49﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَزْكُونَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ بِاللَّهِ يُزَيِّجُونَ مَن يَشَاءُ وَلَا يُظْلَمُونَ فَتِيلًا

*Have you not seen those who boast of their righteousness, even though it is Allah Who grants righteousness to whomsoever He wills? They are not wronged even as much as the husk of a date-stone*

- We should avoid boasting about our deeds. Rasoolullah SAS said: "Indeed the thing that I fear most for you is the minor shirk." The companions asked, "And what is minor shirk, Oh Messenger of Allah [SAWS]?" He [SAWS] said, "It is Ar-Riyaa. Allah will say to the people of Riyaa on the Day of Judgement – when the people are being re-payd for their deeds – 'Go to those who you showed off your deeds to in the worldly life then see if you can find any reward with them!'" May Allah SWT protect us from this sin!

### Be upright with your trusts and judge fairly

﴿58﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا وَإِذَا حَكَمْتُمْ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ أَنْ تَحْكُمُوا بِالْعَدْلِ ...

*Allah commands you to deliver trusts to those worthy of them; and when you judge between people, to judge with justice. ....*

- In pursuit of either personal or national interests, honesty and good faith can often be sacrificed. Therefore, justice requires that you look at facts and not the person.

### Obedience to authority on non- legal issues

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِن تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِن كُنتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا ﴿59﴾

*Believers! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger, and those from among you who are invested with authority; and then if you were to dispute among yourselves about anything refer it to Allah and the Messenger if you indeed believe in Allah and the Last Day; that is better and more commendable in the end.*

- This verse is the cornerstone of the entire religious, social and political structure of Islam.
- Allah SWT alone is the focus of loyalty and obedience.
- Obedience to the Prophet (SAS) is compulsory since he is the only authentic means by which Allah SWT communicates His injunctions and ordinances to men.
- In everyday life, Muslims are further required to obey those in authority that would bring about discipline and law and order in society.
- Allah SWT and His Rasool (SAS) are the ultimate source of determining matters.

### Prophets have been sent to teach mankind not just deliver the message

﴿64﴾ ... وَإِلَّا لِيُطَاعَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ...

*We never sent a Messenger but that he should be obeyed by the leave of Allah. ...*

- Prophets are **NOT** sent so that people may pay lip-service to them, and then obey whoever they wish. Prophets should be followed as they are the ones sent by Allah SWT to explain His laws.
- So when there is disagreement, faith requires that we refer Rasoolullah SAS. Rasoolullah SAS said: *"None of you (truly) believes until his desire or inclination is in accordance with what I have brought."*
- He who obeys the Messenger SAS thereby obeys Allah SWT
- The reward of obeying Allah SWT and His Messenger SAS is: He be with those whom Allah has favored -the Prophets, those steadfast in truthfulness, the martyrs, and the righteous." This Du'a we make every time when we recite Surat-ul Fatihah. صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ

### The Qur'an is to ponder upon not just recitation

﴿82﴾ أَفَلَا يَتَدَبَّرُونَ الْقُرْآنَ وَلَوْ كَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ لَوَجَدُوا فِيهِ اخْتِلَافًا كَثِيرًا

*Do they not ponder about the Qur'an? Had it been from any other than Allah, they would surely have found in it much inconsistency.*

- For the Qur'an itself is a strong, persuasive testimony to its divine origin.
- It is inconceivable that any human being should compose discourses on different subjects under different circumstances and on different occasions, and that the collection of those discourses should then grow into a coherent, homogeneous and integrated work, no component of which is discordant with the others.
- The information is so precise that through science and technology man now understands that which was revealed in a desert land over 1,400 years ago
- The Qur'an is not just recitation but deep reflection and thoughts. This is what builds faith.

### Aadab of responding to someone giving Salaams

وَإِذَا حُيِّئْتُمْ بِتَحِيَّةٍ فَحَيُّوا بِأَحْسَنَ مِنْهَا أَوْ رُدُّوهَا - When you are greeted with a salutation then return it with a better one, or at least the same. Surely Allah takes good count of everything.

- Abu Huraira (RA) said: A man passed by the Rasoolullah SAS - who was seated in a gathering and said "Asalaamu Alaikum" The Prophet SAS said "Ten good deeds are written for him", Another man passed by and said, "Assalaamu Alaikum Wahrahmatullah", and the Prophet SAS said, "Twenty good deeds". Then another passed by and said, "Assalamu Alaikum wahrehmatulahi Wabarakatuhu" and the Prophet SAS said "Thirty good deeds".

### The evil consequence for whosoever kills a Believer

﴿93﴾ وَمَنْ يَقْتُلْ مُؤْمِنًا مُتَعَمَّدًا فَجَزَاؤُهُ جَهَنَّمُ خَالِدًا فِيهَا وَغَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَلَعَنَهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُ عَذَابًا عَظِيمًا

And he who slays a believer willfully his reward is Hell, where he will abide. Allah's wrath is against him and He has cast His curse upon him, and has prepared for him a great chastisement.

- Killing is one of the major sins. Rasoolullah SAS said: "A man will continue to be sound in his religion so long as he does not shed blood which it is forbidden to shed."
- With regard to the rights of the victim, he is not alive so you cannot put things right with him. The matter has to wait until the Day of Resurrection. By then it is very severe.

### The danger of calling someone an unbeliever without proofs

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا ضَرَبْتُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَتَبَيَّنُوا وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنْ أَلْقَى إِلَيْكُمُ السَّلَامَ لَسْتَ مُؤْمِنًا تَبْتَغُونَ عَرَضَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ... ﴿4:94﴾

O ye who believe! When ye go forth in the way of Allah, be careful to discriminate, and say not unto one who offers you peace: "you are not a believer," seeking the chance profits of this life... (94)

- Muslims have become too judgmental and here Allah SWT is warning us not to do so about the faith of others.
- So if a person says he's a Muslim we must not determine otherwise. Let Allah be The Judge! Investigate properly before jumping to conclusion. We do not hold monopoly over this Deen.

### Salaah Regulations: Qasr and Salaatul Khouf (fear) and Timing of Salaah

وَإِذَا ضَرَبْتُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَلَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ أَنْ تَقْصُرُوا مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ

And when you travel in the land, there is no sin on you if you shorten your Salaah (prayer)

- On a journey it is preferable to shorten the Salaah unless one is praying behind an imam who is offering the prayer in full, then he should offer the prayer in full behind him.
- If Ruku' and Sujood are not possible on a journey, one performs with hand signals.
- Rasoolullah SAS performed the Sunnah of the Fajr Salaah, and the Witr, all the other Salaah, he performed only the obligatory Prayers while on a journey.
- Salaatul Khouf is also legislated if prayed in a congregation. The Imaam leads the prayer but there will be two groups. One joins him in the first Rakaah while the other keeps guard. Then the first group finishes their Salaah quickly while the Imaam is on the second Rakaah. Then the second group joins the Imaam while he is still in the second Rakaah and when the Imaam finishes they complete what they have missed.

- Salaah is to be prayed on time. إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَّوْقُوتًا - Verily, the prayer is enjoined on the believers at fixed times.
- All these regulations tells us about the importance of Salaah and Jamaa'ah in all circumstances.

### Struggle is for everyone but hope in Allah SWT's mercy is for Believers

﴿104﴾ ... إِنَّ تَكُونُوا تَأْلَمُونَ فَإِنَّهُمْ يَأْلَمُونَ كَمَا تَأْلَمُونَ وَتَرْجُونَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَرْجُونَ ...

If you happen to suffer harm they too are suffering just as you are, while you may hope from Allah what they cannot hope for.

### The Qur'an is the criterion by which to judge

﴿105﴾ إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ لِتَحْكُمَ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ بِمَا أَرَاكَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَكُنْ لِلْخَائِنِينَ خَصِيمًا

(O Messenger!) We have revealed to you this Book with the Truth so that you may judge between people in accordance with what Allah has shown you. So do not dispute on behalf of the dishonest

- We know what is right and what is wrong from the guidance give to us in The Qur'an
- It should not be our forefathers, our, customs and culture that would give us guidelines how to judge. It is The Book of Allah that we always refer to for guidance when we have to judge.

### Man can hide from man but he cannot hide from Allah SWT

يَسْتَخْفُونَ مِنَ النَّاسِ وَلَا يَسْتَخْفُونَ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَهُوَ مَعَهُمْ إِذْ يُبَيِّتُونَ مَا لَا يَرَى مِنَ الْقَوْلِ ۗ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ مُحِيطًا  
They can hide (their deeds) from men but they cannot hide (them) from Allah for He is with them even when they hold nightly counsels that are displeasing to Allah. Allah encompasses all their doings. (108)

- Allah SWT knows all that is hidden in the breasts of men. The more we are conscious about that the more Taqwa increases. This is the essence of Taqwa.

### Allah SWT is always willing to forgive and everyone should hope in Allah SWT's mercy

﴿110﴾ وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ سُوءًا أَوْ يَظْلِمْ نَفْسَهُ ثُمَّ يَسْتَغْفِرِ اللَّهَ يَجِدِ اللَّهَ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا

He who does either evil or wrongs himself, and then asks for the forgiveness of Allah, will find Allah All-Forgiving, All-Compassionate.

- We must never give up hope in Allah SWT's mercy. We should always try to encourage others to seek His forgiveness and we should not be the ones who try to cut off Allah SWT's mercy from anyone.

### Shirk with Allah SWT is total misguidance

﴿116﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا

Verily! Allah forgives not Shirk, but He forgives whom he pleases sins other than that, and whoever sets up partners in worship with Allah, has indeed strayed far away. (116)

- Shirk is one sin that Allah SWT does not forgive if someone dies with that. It is totally rejecting The Oneness of Creator and His authority

### Shaitaan plot is to change the nature of man through false desires

وَالضَّلَّانَ لَهُمْ وَالْمُنْبِتِينَ لَهُمْ وَالْمُرْتَدِّينَ لَهُمْ فَلْيَبْتَكَرْ أَدَانَ الْأَنْعَامِ وَالْمُرْتَدِّينَ خَلَقَ اللَّهُ وَمَنْ يَتَّخِذِ الشَّيْطَانَ وَلِيًّا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ خَسِرَ خُسْرَانًا مُبِينًا ﴿119﴾

*And surely I will lead them astray, and surely I will arouse desires in them, and surely I will command them and they will cut the cattle' ears, and surely I will command them and they will change Allah's creation. Whoso chooses Satan for a patron instead of Allah is verily a loser and his loss is manifest. (119)*

- Satan makes promises to man is nothing but delusion and deception
- Allah SWT warns those who follow the path of Shaitaan hell will be his abode.
- On the other hand, those who reject Shaitaan and obey Allah SWT and do good deeds will have their abode in Paradise.

### Establishment of justice for women

وَإِنْ امْرَأَةٌ خَافَتْ مِنْ بَعْلِهَا نُشُورًا أَوْ إِعْرَاضًا فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِمَا أَنْ يُصْلِحَا بَيْنَهُمَا صُلْحًا وَالصُّلْحُ خَيْرٌ.

*If a woman fears either ill-treatment or hatred from her husband it is not wrong for the husband and wife to bring about reconciliation among themselves, for reconciliation is better...*

- It is better for the spouses to come to a mutual understanding so that the wife may remain with the same man with whom she has already spent part of her life.
- But if there is harm then parting should be allowed in an agreeable way.

### The Ultimate Justice

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ إِنْ يَكُنْ غَنِيًّا أَوْ فَقِيرًا فَاللَّهُ أَوْلَىٰ بِهِمَا فَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا الْهَوَىٰ أَنْ تَعْدِلُوا وَإِنْ تَلُؤْا أَوْ تُعْرِضُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا ﴿135﴾

*Believers! Be upholders of justice, and bearers of witness to truth for the sake of Allah, even though it may either be against yourselves or against your parents and kinsmen, or the rich or the poor: for Allah is more concerned with their well-being than you are. Do not, then, follow your own desires lest you keep away from justice. If you turn away from (the truth), know that Allah is well aware of all that you do.*

- Muslims ought to be the standard bearers of justice
- A true believer is required to be the pillar supporting the establishment of right and justice. Hence, the need for justice for everyone irrespective who he/she is.