



سورة المائدة

The Table Spread

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When you want to fulfill the covenant, you must magnify Allah. Check yourself; don't do anything which is not allowed. If you are disrespectful about anything in deen, you are not giving respect. We see this in the misbehavior of the

people of the book. Don't humiliate and put down anyone. This is more intense when it is regarding deen; it cannot be a subject of mockery.

The people in front of us also deserve to be treated with respect. You cannot misbehave with anyone. If someone is talking, you need to listen attentively, and focus on his words. Train yourself to respect each other.

Allah commanded His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم to convey everything that Allah sent to him as revelation. This is respect. Proclaim the message to the people. If you don't, then you didn't convey the message. Respect the rules, which are ordained on you, and fulfill them. Don't fear people. If they are not happy with you, Allah will protect you.

Someone who memorizes the Divine book and studies it must be up to a standard. The people of the book have no value unless they establish what Allah sent to them, whether it is the Torah or the Injeel or the Qura'an. The memorizer of the Qura'an has to behave with that honour. You cannot do anything to spoil that image. The carrier of the Qura'an must have respect for himself, and attract respect from others. Give your whole self to the words of Allah, 100%, and you will you will get 1% in return. But if you don't give hundred percent, you will get 0%. Be grateful because this is a trust. Anything that Allah gives you do is a trust.

But the people of the book did not follow their book. so instead of their books making them better, they seem to increase in transgression and disobedience. Don't feel sorry for these people, they have the book and don't establish it. These people are described as قوم الكافرين.

Happiness and salvation is in one direction. Anyone who believes Allah, and the Day of Judgement, and does good deeds, will have no fear and no grief on that day.

When you read the ayaat of the Qura'an, they must generate faith in your heart, and you must increase in good deeds. Salvation is to do what Allah ordains. All creatures must be given respect, even an ant and a huddud. This value of respect is very important.

Those who don't respect the legislations of Allah, His books and His messengers, want everything according to their desires. Allah took a covenant from the Bani Israeel, and send so many messengers to them. What was expected from them was that they respect the messengers, nit worship them, and follow their guidance. If you don't respect the messengers, it is as if you don't magnify Allah. Instead of this, they killed and rejected their messengers because they didn't like what they brought. Killing someone is so intense, deciding that the person doesn't have a right to live any more.

يَا أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ بَلِّغْ مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ
وَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلْ فَمَا بَلَّغْتَ رِسَالَتَهُ وَاللَّهُ
يَعْصِمُكَ مِنَ النَّاسِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ
الْكَافِرِينَ

O Messenger, announce that which has been revealed to you from your Lord, and if you do not, then you have not conveyed His message. And Allah will protect you from the people. Indeed, Allah does not guide

the disbelieving people
قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لَسْتُمْ عَلَىٰ شَيْءٍ حَتَّىٰ
تُقِيمُوا التَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ
مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَلَيَزِيدَنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُمْ مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ
مِن رَّبِّكَ طُغْيَانًا وَكُفْرًا فَلَا تَأْسَ عَلَى الْقَوْمِ
الْكَافِرِينَ

Say, "O People of the Scripture, you are [standing] on nothing until you uphold [the law of] the Torah, the Gospel, and what has been revealed to you from your Lord." And that which has been revealed to you from your Lord will surely increase many of them in transgression and disbelief. So do not grieve over the

disbelieving people
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالصَّابِقُونَ
وَالنَّصَارَىٰ مِن أَمِنَ بِاللهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَعَمِلُوا
صَالِحًا فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ
Indeed, those who have believed [in Prophet Muhammad] and those [before Him] who were Jews or Sabeans or Christians - those [among them] who believed in Allah and the Last Day and did righteousness - no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve
لَقَدْ أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ وَارْسَلْنَا
إِلَيْهِمْ رُسُلًا كَلَّمَا جَاءَهُمْ رَسُولٌ بِمَا لَا
تَهْوَىٰ أَنفُسُهُمْ فَرِيقًا كَذَّبُوا وَفَرِيقًا يَقْتُلُونَ

We had already taken the covenant of the Children of Israel and had sent to them messengers. Whenever there came to them a messenger with what their souls did not desire, a party [of messengers] they denied, and another party they killed
وَحَسِبُوا أَلَّا تَكُونَ فِتْنَةٌ فَعَمُوا وَصَمُوا ثُمَّ
تَابَ اللهُ عَلَيْهِمْ ثُمَّ عَمُوا وَصَمُوا كَثِيرٌ مِّنْهُمْ
وَاللَّهُ بَصِيرٌ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ

And they thought there would be no [resulting] punishment, so they became blind and deaf. Then Allah turned to them in forgiveness; then [again] many of them became blind and deaf. And Allah is Seeing of what they do

5:67-71

Everything around us in the universe is a sign Allah, but the people make fun of the signs, and the laws of Allah. Even an ant is a sign. When Sulayman عليه السلام saw her, and heard her words, he smiled, he didn't dismiss her, or deem her useless. This is the life of the ant, don't make fun of them. You can't lie even to animals. It is all about you, even if you think you don't understand the reason for the existence of a creature. Everything in a creation of Allah, so you must respect everything. Reuse and recycle, don't pollute. We have all these values in our deen.

Those who were at the maximum level of transgression, were the ones who didn't follow their book and killed their messengers. The people of the book, the Yahud, are always carrying their book, but it doesn't show in their behaviour. They make fun of the commands of Allah. They don't see their sins as serious transgressions, nor their killing of their messengers as a big deal. They take everything so lightly. The message that the messengers brought was not what they wanted, and this was a test for them, but they didn't see anything as a test, so they were blind and deaf to it.