



سورة المائدة

The Table Spread

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قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لَا تَغْلُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ غَيْرَ الْحَقِّ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا أَهْوَاءَ قَوْمٍ قَدْ ضَلُّوا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَأَضَلُّوا كَثِيرًا وَضَلُّوا عَنْ سَوَاءِ السَّبِيلِ

Say, "O People of the Scripture, do not exceed limits in your religion beyond the truth and do not follow the inclinations of a people who had gone astray before and misled many and have strayed from the soundness of the way."

لُعِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ عَلَى لِسَانِ دَاوُدَ وَعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ ذَلِكَ بِمَا عَصَوْا وَكَانُوا يَعْتَدُونَ

Cursed were those who disbelieved among the Children of Israel by the tongue of David and of Jesus, the son of Mary. That was because they disobeyed and [habitually] transgressed

كانوا لا يتناهون عن منكر فعلوه لبئس ما كانوا يفعلون
They used not to prevent one another from wrongdoing that they did. How wretched was that which they were doing
تَرَى كَثِيرًا مِنْهُمْ يَتَوَلَّوْنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَبِئْسَ مَا قَدَّمْتُمْ لَهُمْ أَنْفُسَهُمْ أَنْ سَخِطَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَفِي الْعَذَابِ هُمْ خَالِدُونَ

You see many of them becoming allies of those who disbelieved. How wretched is that which they have put forth for themselves in that Allah has become angry with them, and in the punishment they will abide eternally

وَلَوْ كَانُوا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالنَّبِيِّ وَمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مَا اتَّخَذُوهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ وَلَكِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِنْهُمْ فَاسِقُونَ

And if they had believed in Allah and the Prophet and in what was revealed to him, they would not have taken them as allies; but many of them are defiantly disobedient

لَتَجِدَنَّ أَشَدَّ النَّاسِ عِدَاوَةً لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الْيَهُودَ وَالَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا وَلَتَجِدَنَّ أَقْرَبَهُمْ مَوَدَّةً لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّا نَصَارَى ذَلِكَ بَانَ مِنْهُمْ فَسِيسِينَ وَرَهْبَانًا وَآنَهُمْ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ

You will surely find the most intense of the people in animosity toward the believers [to be] the Jews and those who associate others with Allah; and you will find the nearest of them in affection to the believers those who say, "We are Christians." That is because among them are priests and monks and because they are not arrogant

وَإِذَا سَمِعُوا مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْهِ الرَّسُولِ تَرَى أَعْيُنَهُمْ تَفِيضُ مِنَ الدَّمْعِ مِمَّا عَرَفُوا مِنَ الْحَقِّ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا فَاكْتَبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ

And when they hear what has been revealed to the Messenger, you see their eyes overflowing with tears because of what they have recognized of the truth. They say, "Our Lord, we have believed, so register us among the witnesses

وَمَا لَنَا لَا نُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَمَا جَاءَنَا مِنَ الْحَقِّ وَنَطْمَعُ أَنْ يُدْخِلَنَا رَبَّنَا مَعَ الْقَوْمِ الصَّالِحِينَ

And why should we not believe in Allah and what has come to us of the truth? And we aspire that our Lord will admit us [to Paradise] with the righteous people."

فَاتَّابَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِمَا قَالُوا جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ الْحَسَنِينَ

So Allah rewarded them for what they said with gardens [in Paradise] beneath which rivers flow, wherein they abide eternally.

And that is the reward of doers of good
وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا أُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَحِيمِ
But those who disbelieved and denied Our signs - they are the companions of Hellfire

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَحْرَمُوا طَيِّبَاتِ مَا أَحَلَّ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُعْتَدِينَ

O you who have believed, do not prohibit the good things which Allah has made lawful to you and do not transgress. Indeed, Allah does not like transgressors

5:77-87

The people who are rebellious are extremists in deen. They make deen too strict. They make violations within themselves, and are so strict with others. This is not the way to follow the covenant.

When the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم came, the Yahud hated him, and the Nasara were more soft towards him. The polytheists are like the Yahud, so rigid and stubborn. To fulfill the covenant, you don't have to be harsh and hard.

Sometimes you are doing a worship, and later you find out its wrong, or needs to be corrected, so you must be flexible and change. The ones who are stubborn have no mercy, and those who are soft hearted will be guided.

Arrogance prevents the person from accepting the truth. Even if you know the truth, don't be arrogant, as this will deprive you from benefiting from it. Deen needs honouring Allah and respecting the creation. Honouring Allah is to rush to listen to anything about deen which is correct. We see people in deen, who think that they are at the top. Look at the messengers, they were the best of mankind, but they were do humble.

We see scholars who have so much knowledge, and some young boy comes with a hadith, so excited, and they will listen attentively to him, even though they know the hadith from the time that this boy was in his cradle. This is humility and humbleness. You must show your respect by expressing your deen.

The arrogant people will transgress in deen. Pride is manufactured in them when they exaggerate in deen. They do more than is required, and this generates arrogance. This is transgression. More than the truth is innovation.

Another issue is that they follow the desires of others. We should not even follow our own desires, let alone others. The truth must remain the truth. The Bani Israel transgressed in deen, they have knowledge but no application, because they followed the desires of people. This leads to arrogance.

You must spread what you learn, then it becomes gentle and sinks into your system. Someone who doesn't know will exceed the boundaries.

From the many transgressions of the Bani Israeel, one thing is mentioned here. They didn't stop each other from doing wrong. Someone who knows and is transgressing must be advised, but they didn't advise each other. This is another misguidance. You must magnify the truth, so that you declare something as wrong if you see it. Don't be afraid that people think bad of you.

They took the disbelievers as friends. So they are all mixed up. Allah pinpoints their exact problem that they had. Sometimes you can't understand why someone is behaving in a certain manner. But Allah is Aware of the origin of their complications. The root of the problem is that they do not believe, because if they did believe, they would not take the disbelievers as friends. Most of them are rebellious.

The common factor should be belief, but they are enemies. The Nasara are soft, while the Yahud and the polytheists are very stubborn and unmoving. The title of the Nasara shows their nature. The priests of the Nasara soft, their monks and worshippers are also harmless, whereas the scholars of the Yahud are very hard. This is why Allah guides the Nasara to accept Islam. We see most of the reverts are from the Nasara. The polytheists very rarely accept Islam. Even if they are so intelligent, they worship idols.

The Nasara are not arrogant, they are respectful to other Divine books and the truth. Their eyes fill with tears when they hear the Qura'an. The Yahud are very harsh and stubborn. The Nasara will admit to their belief, they don't separate themselves, they want to be included with the rest of the believers. If the Yahud were in there place, they would sat they were in a higher position, and demand a separate group. The Nasara will be recompensed with Jannah. The ones who believe are always humble.