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ALI 455: Topical Tafsir of Quran

Social Relationships - Session Two

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Verses for today's session

- 1) Sura Nahl, no.16, verse 90
- 2) Sura Aale Imran, verses 102-105
- 3) Sura Shams, no.91, verses 11-14

Agenda

- ◆ Role of the Quran
- ◆ Duties in society
- ◆ An Example of a society in the Quran

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The Holy Quran

إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ
الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا

Surely this Quran guides to that which is most upright and gives good news to the believers who do good that they shall have a great reward

Sura Israa, no.17, verse 9

Sura Nahl, verse 90

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

Indeed Allah enjoins justice and kindness, and generosity towards relatives, and He forbids indecency, wrongdoing, and aggression. He advises you, so that you may be mindful

الْعَدْلُ الْإِنْصَافُ، وَالْأَحْسَانُ التَّفَضُّلُ

Adl means equi-distribution and Ihsan means
favour.

Imam Ali (a), Nahjul Balagha, Hadith #231

Points about the Verse

- ◆ Justice is the basic rights of everyone in society, Kindness is going beyond that.
- ◆ The verse mentions three positive principles in society (Justice, kindness and generosity to relatives) and three negative ones (indecentcy, wrongdoing and aggression)
- ◆ The verse has been described as the most comprehensive verse for good and evil in society.
- ◆ Imam Baqir (a) used to recite the verse after Salaatul Jumuaa and then pray to be from those who are mindful.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ {102}

Shakir 3:102] O you who believe! be careful of (your duty to) Allah with the care which is due to Him, and do not die unless you are Muslims.

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا ۗ وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَىٰ شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُمْ مِنْهَا كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ {103}

Shakir 3:103] And hold fast by the covenant of Allah all together and be not disunited, and remember the favor of Allah on you when you were enemies, then He united your hearts so by His favor you became brethren; and you were on the brink of a pit of fire, then He saved you from it, thus does Allah make clear to you His communications that you may follow the right way.

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۗ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ {104}

Shakir 3:104] And from among you there should be a party who invite to good and enjoin what is right and forbid the wrong, and these it is that shall be successful.

وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ تَفَرَّقُوا وَاخْتَلَفُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْبَيِّنَاتُ ۗ وَأُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ {105}

Shakir 3:105] And be not like those who became divided and disagreed after clear arguments had come to them, and these it is that shall have a grievous hastisement.

The story of the people of Nabí Salih (a)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

كَذَّبَتْ ثَمُودُ بِطَغْوَاهَا {11}

[Shakir 91:11] Samood gave the lie (to the truth) in their inordinacy,

إِذِ انْبَعَثَ أَشْقَاهَا {12}

[Shakir 91:12] When the most unfortunate of them broke forth with

فَقَالَ لَهُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ نَاقَةَ اللَّهِ وَسُقْيَاهَا {13}

[Shakir 91:13] So Allah's messenger said to them (Leave alone) Allah's she-camel, and (give) her (to) drink.

فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَعَقَرُوهَا فَدَمْدَمَ عَلَيْهِمْ رَبُّهُمْ بِذَنبِهِمْ فَسَوَّاهَا {14}

[Shakir 91:14] But they called him a liar and slaughtered her, therefore their Lord crushed them for their sin and levelled them (with the ground).