

## ALI 096: Themes from Sura al-Jumuah Session Eight

### Verses 10-11 - Questions for Tadabbur

1. What is meant by *seek of Allah's Grace*? What are the different possible interpretations of the word Grace in this verse?
2. How could this verse be used to show how practical the laws of Islam are?
3. What is Allah referring to when He says: *what is with Allah is better than sport and merchandise, and Allah is the best of Sustainers*? Compare the appeal of sport and the appeal of trading.
4. How can religious matters (salaat, religious programs etc.) be made more appealing than sport and merchandise?

### Cross references from other verses

(1) وَابْتَغِ فِي مَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ وَلَا تَنْسَ نَصِيبَكَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا

And seek by means of what Allah has given you the future abode, and do not neglect your portion of this world (28:77)

(2) رِجَالٌ لَا تُلْهِهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَن ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَإِقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ يَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا تَتَقَلَّبُ فِيهِ الْقُلُوبُ وَالْأَبْصَارُ

Men whom neither merchandise nor selling diverts from the remembrance of Allah and the keeping up of prayer and the giving of poor-rate; they fear a day in which the hearts and eyes shall turn about; (24:35)

(3) يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُلْهِكُمْ أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُكُمْ عَن ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَن يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ

O you who believe! let not your wealth, or your children, divert you from the remembrance of Allah; and whoever does that, these are the losers (63:9)

(4) فِيمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ لِنْتَ لَهُمْ وَلَوْ كُنْتَ فَظًّا غَلِيظَ الْقَلْبِ لَانْفَضُّوا مِنْ حَوْلِكَ فَاعْفُ عَنْهُمْ  
وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ وَشَاوِرْهُمْ فِي الْأَمْرِ

Thus it is due to mercy from Allah that you deal with them gently, and had you been rough, hard hearted, they would certainly have dispersed from around you; pardon them therefore and ask pardon for them, and take counsel with them in the affair (3:159)

### Hadith

Whoever remembers Allah sincerely in the market place when people are heedless and busy in what is in there for them, Allah will write for him a thousand good deeds and forgive him on the day of Judgment with a forgiveness that the human heart has never thought of.

Holy Prophet (s)

### Du'a for leaving Mosque after completing Salaat

اللَّهُمَّ دَعَوْتَنِي فَاجَبْتُ دَعْوَتَكَ وَصَلَّيْتُ مَكْتُوبَكَ وَانْتَشَرْتُ فِي أَرْضِكَ كَمَا أَمَرْتَنِي فَاسْأَلُكَ  
مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الْعَمَلُ بِطَاعَتِكَ وَاجْتِنَابُ سَخَطِكَ وَ الْكَفَافَ بِالرِّزْقِ بِرَحْمَتِكَ

O Allah You called me and I answered Your call, and I have prayed what You ordained and I have dispersed on the earth as You have commanded, so I beseech You from Your Grace (the ability) to act on Your obedience and to avoid Your anger and sufficient sustenance, by Your mercy.