

Lesson 9 - Surat al Muzzammil (The Wrapped Up)

SURAT AL MUZZAMMIL – CONTINUATION VERSE 20

إِنَّ رَبَّكَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ تَقُومُ أَدْنَىٰ مِنْ ثُلُثِي اللَّيْلِ وَنِصْفَهُ وَثُلُثَهُ وَطَائِفَةٌ مِنَ الَّذِينَ
مَعَكَ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يُقَدِّرُ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ ۗ عَلِمَ أَنْ لَنْ تُحْصُوهُ فَتَابَ عَلَيْكُمْ ۗ فَاقْرَءُوا مَا
تَيَسَّرَ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ ۗ عَلِمَ أَنْ سَيَكُونُ مِنْكُمْ مَرْضَىٰ ۙ وَآخَرُونَ يَضْرِبُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ
يَبْتَغُونَ مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ ۙ وَآخَرُونَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۗ فَاقْرَءُوا مَا تَيَسَّرَ مِنْهُ ۗ
وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَقْرِضُوا اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا ۗ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ
مِنْ خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ هُوَ خَيْرًا وَأَعْظَمَ أَجْرًا ۗ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا لِلَّهِ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ
رَحِيمٌ

Indeed your Lord knows that you stand vigil nearly two thirds of the night – or at [times] a half or a third of it – along with a group of those who are with you. Allah measures the night and day. He knows that you cannot calculate it [exactly], and so He was lenient towards you. So recite as much of the Qur'an as is feasible. He knows that some of you will be sick, while others will travel in the land seeking Allah's grace, and yet others will fight in the way of Allah. So recite as much of it as is feasible, and maintain the prayer and pay the zakat and lend Allah with a good loan. Whatever good you send ahead for your souls you will find it with Allah [in a form] that is better and greater with respect to reward. And plead to Allah for forgiveness; Indeed Allah is all – forgiving, all-merciful.

RELEVANT VERSES

Surat al Mujadilah – Verse 13 – “Were you apprehensive of offering charities before your secret talk? So, as you did not do it, and Allah was clement to you, maintain the prayer and pay the zakat, and obey Allah and his Apostle. And Allah is well aware of what you do.” This verse is similar to the verse we are discussing. Allah (swt) is commanding us to maintain the prayer, pay the zakat and obey Allah (swt) and our Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Surat al Nisa – Verse 18 - “But [acceptance] of repentance is not for those who go on committing misdeeds: when death approaches any of them, he says, ‘I repent now.’ Nor is it for those who die

while they are faithless. For such We have prepared a painful punishment.” – In this verse Allah (swt) is telling us that the repentance of those who continue to commit sins will not be accepted.

RELEVANT AHADITH

Imam Ali (as) has said, *“Verily, there is no good in recitation that does not have contemplation in it. Verily, there is no good in worship that does not have understanding”*

Al Kafi, v.92, p. 617, no. 1

Imam Ali (as) has said, *“Repentance stands on four pillars: remorse with the heart, asking for forgiveness with the tongue, work with the limbs, and resolve not to repeat [the offense].”*

Bihaar al –Anwaar, V.6, page 81, no. 74

IMPORTANT LESSONS

1. Allah (swt) instructs us in many verses of the Qur’an to follow his commands. These commands are there for our own benefit to reach spiritual perfection. By establishing these commands we get closer to Allah (swt).
2. We should plead to Allah (swt) for forgiveness for our sins. The fact that Allah (swt) has allowed us to speak to Him after committing a sin is a great blessing which should not be taken for granted.

PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATIONS

1. You have a busy week coming ahead of you. How would you plan your week taking into consideration the commands mentioned by Allah (swt) in Verse 20 of Surat al Muzammil or Surat al Mujadilah, verse 13 ?
2. You have committed a sin. What necessary steps should you take to ask for repentance?

ACTIVITY

What have you learnt from Surat al Muzzammil?

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How would you implement what you have learnt?

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