Surah 60 Surah Mumtahina

THE TESTED WOMAN

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH MUMTAHINA AND THE PRECEDING SURAHS

Surah Mujaadalah and Surah Hashar condemn the Munaafiqueen. Surah Mumtahina chides those Muslims whose behaviour resembled that of the Munaafiqueen when they were negligent about the affairs of Jihaaad.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

* Those Muslims who befriend the Mushrikeen are reminded about their transgression.
* The rules about how to treat Muslim women who migrate from a Kaafir country to a Muslim country.
* The pledge of allegiance taken at the hand of Rasulullaah ﷺ.
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In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

ياَيَا الْذَّيْنَ آتَيْنَاهُمَا الْجَاهِرَةَ وَعَدْنَاهُمَا عَدَدٌ لَّكُنُوتُونَ إِلَيْهِمْ بِمَوْقِعٍ وَقَدْ أَحْزَنُونَ عَنْهُمْ بِالْقُلُوبِ

1. (Referring to the time when Haatib bin Abi Balta'ah attempted to reveal confidential information to the Mushrikeen, Allaah says,) O you who have Imaan! Do not take My enemy and your enemy as friends, offering your friendship to them when they reject the truth (of Islaam) that has come to you. They have driven out the Rasool and yourselves (from Makkah simply) because you believe in Allaah as your Rabb. If you emerge to strive (in Jihad) in My path and to seek My pleasure (you would not befriend the Kuffaar). You secretly show friendship to them (by passing confidential information on to them) when I am Aware of what you conceal and what you reveal. (How is this possible when you know that Allaah has knowledge of your doings?) The one who does this from among you has certainly strayed from the straight path.

2. If they (the Kuffaar) where to get the better of you (Muslims), they will be enemies to you and extend their tongues and hands towards you with evil intent. (They will do everything to harm you without honouring any friendship they may have had with you). (This is because) They wish that you were Kaafiroon (like them). (The Kuffaar will therefore never be pleased with you until you are Kuffaar like them.)

3. (If you befriend them for the sake of your relatives or children, then remember that) Neither your (blood) relatives nor your children will help you (against Allaah's punishments) on the Day of Qiyaamah. (On the Day of Qiyaamah) you will be separated. (Those destined for Jahannam will be separated from those destined for Jannah and each group will go their separate ways). Allaah is Watchful over what you do (so be careful of what you do).
4. There was certainly a sterling (good) example for you in Ibraheem and those who followed him when they said to their people, “We absolve (free) ourselves from you and from that which you worship apart from Allaah. We reject you (your beliefs and acts of Shirk). Enmity and hatred have surfaced (come) between yourselves and us forever (because of the irreconcilable differences in our beliefs, and this will continue) until you believe in One Allaah.” (The words of Ibraheem and his followers to the Kuffaar expressed their separation from them) Except for the statement (saying) of Ibraheem to his father when he said, “I shall definitely pray (to Allaah) for Him to bless you with Imaan and thereby secure) your forgiveness. (Besides making du’aa to Allaah that He blesses you with Imaan,) I have no power to do anything for you against (the punishment of) Allaah. O our Rabb! In You do we trust, to You do we turn (in repentance) and to You shall we return (after death).”

5. “O our Rabb! Do not make us a test (victims) for the (oppression of the) Kaafiroon and forgive (us), O our Rabb. Indeed You are the Mighty, the Wise.” (did us against our enemies.)

6. There was certainly an excellent example in them (Ibraheem and his followers) for those of you who believe in Allaah and the Last Day. As for him who (arrogantly) turns away (from Imaan and Islaam), Allaah certainly is Independent (not in need of his worship), Most worthy of praise.

7. (Although enmity and hatred exist between the Muslims and non-Muslims, this need not be permanent because the enmity can soon be transformed into love when Allaah guides the same non-Muslims to Islaam. Referring to this, Allaah says,) Allaah shall soon create love (friendship) between you and those who are your enemies (when they accept Islaam). (This is not impossible for Allaah because) Allaah is Most Capable and Allaah is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

8. Allaah does not forbid you from behaving cordially and justly towards those (Kuffaar) who do not fight you for religion and who do not drive you out from your homes. Verily Allaah loves those who are just.
9. Allaah forbids you from befriending (behaving sociably with) only those (Kuffaar) who fight you for (your) religion, who drive you out of your homes and who assist (your enemies) in driving you out (of your homes and countries). Those (Muslims) who befriend them are certainly oppressors (to themselves and to all Muslims).

10. (According to the Treaty of Hudaybiyyah, Muslim men who left Makkah to join the Muslims in Madinah had to be returned to Makkah. However, women were excluded from the clause by mutual agreement. Referring to this, Allaah says,) O you who have Imaan! When Mu’mineen women come to you (in a Muslim country) as immigrants, then (instead of sending them back) examine them (test whether they are sincere Muslims). (Of course, you can only judge the sincerity of their Imaan because only) Allaah best knows the (true) condition of their Imaan. If (after examining them,) you determine that they really are Mu’mineen women (and not impostors), then do not return them to the Kuffaar. Neither are these women lawful (as wives) for the Kuffaar men nor are the Kuffaar men lawful (as husbands) for these women. Return to them (to their Kuffaar husbands) what they have spent (as dowry because the marriage has terminated). (Thereafter,) There is no harm if you (Muslim men) marry these women when you give them their dowry. (O Muslim husbands!) Do not stubbornly cling to your Kuffaar wives (who do not want to accept Islaam after you have accepted and who do not want to make Hijrah with you). Ask (their new Kuffaar husbands) for what (dowry) you have spent and let the Kuffaar men ask (you) for what (dowries) they have spent (when you marry their former wives who are now Muslims). This is Allaah’s command (judgement). Allaah decides (judges) between you and Allaah is All Knowing, the Wise.

11. If you (Muslim men) lose any of your wives to the Kuffaar (when she marries a Kaafir who refuses to pay you back your dowry), you have your own back (when any of the women of the Kuffaar accepts Islaam and comes over to the Muslims), then (from the money owing to the Kuffaar ex-husbands, you may) pay those (Muslim men) who have lost their wives (to the Kuffaar without receiving their dowries) equivalent (equal) of what (dowries) they have spent. Fear Allaah in Whom you believe.
12. O Nabi! Accept the pledge of allegiance from the Mu'mineen women (without touching their hands) and seek forgiveness from Allaah on their behalf when they come to you to pledge that (among other things) they will not ascribe any partner to Allaah, that they will not steal, that they will not fornicate (or commit adultery), that they will not kill their children, that they will not come forth with slander which they fabricate before their hands and legs (by claiming that another man's child is her husband's) and that they will not disobey you (O Rasulullaah) in any good (deed that you command them to do). Indeed Allaah is Most Forgiving (of faults and failings), Most Merciful. (This verse proves the ceremonial pledge of allegiance, called the Bay'ah, which is practised in Tasawwuf.)

13. O you who have Imaan! Do not befriend a nation with whom Allaah is angry (especially the Jews) and who have lost hope in the Aakhirah (have convinced themselves that Qiyaamah will not take place) just as the Kuffaar in the graves have lost hope (of attaining salvation).