Surah 63 Surah Munaafiqoon

THE HYPOCRITES

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH MUNAAFIQOON AND SURAH JUMUAH

Surah Jumu’ah indicates to the Mu’mineen that they should learn the etiquette of spending in Allaah’s path. Surah Munaafiqoon now speaks about those Munaafiqeen who said that no one should spend on the Sahabah and that the people of Madinah should expel the Muhajireen from Madinah. Allaah also tells the Muslims that they should spend from their own wealth and should not be dependent on people like the Munaafiqeen.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

This Surah contains the following:

* The Munaafiqeen are reproached and their despicable condition is revealed.
* The Muslims are chided for not spending on their brethren and for their dependence upon the Munaafiqeen.
1. When the Munaafiqeen come to you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) they say, “We testify (with conviction) that you are certainly Allaah’s Rasool.” Allaah knows well that you are His Rasool and Allaah testifies that the Munaafiqeen are liars. (Although their statement is true, they are lying about the fact that they believe it.)

2. They use their oaths (when they swear that they are Muslims) as shields (to protect their hypocrisy from being exposed) and (they also) prevent (others) from Allaah’s path (Islaam). Evil indeed is that which they do.

3. This is because they had accepted Imaan (previously) and then committed kufr (thereby becoming Kuffaar again), so their hearts were sealed (from accepting Imaan again) and (because of this seal) they do not understand (the reality of Imaan).

4. When you look at them, their physical appearance appeals to you (because they are, strong and good-looking) and when they speak, you listen attentively to what they have to say (because they speak eloquently and confidently). (However, despite their sturdy and confident appearance, they are like sticks leaning against a support (they are weak and cowardly). They think (fear) that every shout is (directed) against them (to harm them), They are enemies so beware of them (and never regard them as your friends). May Allaah destroy them! Where are they wandering astray? (They deviate further from Islaam with each passing day.)

5. When they are told, “Come forward and Allaah’s Rasool ﷺ will seek forgiveness for you (for your evil statements and actions against Rasulullaah ﷺ and the Muslims),” they turn their heads around and you see them arrogantly (in pride) turning away.
6. It is the same to them whether you (O Rasulullah SAW) seek forgiveness for them or whether you do not seek forgiveness for them. (In either case,) Allaah shall never forgive them. Verily Allaah does not guide the sinful ones.

7. They (the Munaafiqeen) are the ones who said (to the Ansar during one of the expeditions), “Do not spend on those with Rasulullaah (SAW) (the Muhaajireen) until they disperse (leave Madinah),” (However, they fail to realise that Allaah can sustain people without them because) To Allaah belongs the treasures of the heavens and the earth but the hypocrites do not understand (this).

8. They (the Munaafiqeen) say, “If we return to Madinah, the honourable ones among us (the people of Madinah) shall certainly exile the humiliated ones (the Muhaajireen).” (However, they fail to realise that it is the true Mu'mineen who are truly honourable because) All honour belongs to Allaah, His Rasool (PBUH) and the Mu'mineen, but the Munaafiqeen do not know it.

9. O you who have Imaan! Let not your wealth and your children (the things of this world) make you neglect Allaah's remembrance (the duties that you owe to Allaah). Those who do this are certainly losers (who will lose the bounties of the Aakhirah).

10. Spend (for Allaah's pleasure) from what We have provided for you before death comes to any of you and then he says, “O my Rabb! Why do you not grant me respite (additional time to continue living) for a little while longer so that I can spend in charity and become of the righteous?”

11. (However,) Allaah shall not grant respite (an opportunity to continue living) to any soul when its term (the time for its death) arrives. Allaah is Informed of what you do.