

SURATUSSAFF (61)

As the entire cosmos ___ an orderly harmonious systematic universe ___ reflects His oneness, being free from any imperfections, similarly Allah wants the same oneness, the same identity between the words and deeds of every believer. Only such a conduct can guarantee vigilance and fighting against the forces of evil in battle array as a lead compacted wall to preserve the Islamic identity, the Islamic state, and the Islamic Community and it is dearer to Allah than anything. The *Suratussaff* sets such a goal before everyone who accepts Allah and the Messenger as his guide from the first verse to the fourth verse. But the Surah points out, in the fifth and sixth verses, the mental and moral perversion of the peoples of Moses and Jesus. Hence, both of them repudiated their messengers for no other reason but defiance and arrogance. Hence, they were punished. Believers have, therefore, been warned not to tread in their footsteps for both of them have lost their revealed books ___ the Torah and the *Injeel* ___ and when the Last Messenger, prophesied by Jesus, has come with the *Quraan*, the children of Israel repudiate him, also, in collusion with the Makkan polytheists and want to blow out Allah's light. But, since Allah has sent His Messenger with the guidance, He shall make it prevail, however they may dislike it and it did prevail.

From the tenth verse, the Surah proceeds to the thirteenth verse, to guide the believers the true course that they must adopt to be rewarded in the world and the afterworld. If they do so, the conquest (the Conquest of Makka) shall come with His help to delight them, so tells them the thirteenth verse explicitly. The next verse presents, before them, the conduct of the disciples of Jesus Christ worth emulating by them. If they follow them, Allah shall help them also as he had helped the believers in the past.

SURATUSSAFF

In the name of ALLAH, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

1. What is throughout the heavens and what is throughout the Earth declare Allah free from imperfections and He is the Almighty, the Sole Source of wisdom.
2. O (the people) who believe! Why do you say what you do not do?
3. Exceedingly abhorrent in Allah's view is that you should say what you do not do.
4. Indeed, Allah loves (those people) who fight (against the enemy in battle) array, in His cause, as if they were a lead compacted wall.
5. And (remember) when Moses said to his people, "O my people! Why do you hurt me though you know well that I am Allah's messenger towards you?" But (they did not listen to him and) when they deviated (from the right path), Allah, (also), perverted their hearts; and Allah does not guide any transgressing people.
6. And (remember) when Jesus, Mary's son said, "O children of Israel! I am Allah's messenger towards you, substantiating what (had been prophesied) before me by the Torah (revealed to Moses) and announcing the good news of a messenger, coming after me, his name being Ahmed (s. a. w. s.)* But, when he came to them with

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

سَبَّحَ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ
وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لِمَ تَقُولُونَ مَا لَا تَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٢﴾

كَبُرَ مَقْتًا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَنْ تَقُولُوا
مَا لَا تَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٣﴾

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِهِ
صَفًّا كَأَنَّهُمْ بُنْيَنٌ مَرْصُوصٌ ﴿٤﴾

وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَى لِقَوْمِهِ يَقُولُ لِمَ تُؤْذُونَنِي
وَقَدْ تَعْلَمُونَ أَنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ فَلَمَّا
زَاغُوا زَاغَ اللَّهُ قُلُوبَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي
الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٥﴾

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ
إِلَيْكُمْ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ
يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا
هَذَا سِحْرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٦﴾

clear evidences, they said, "It is clear magic."

7. And who is a worse wrongdoer than he who forges falsehood against Allah though he has been invited to Islam (submission to Allah); and Allah does not guide any wrongdoing people.
8. They intend to blow out Allah's light by their mouths and Allah is going to bring His light to the full even if the disbelievers dislike (it).
9. It is He Who has sent His messenger with the guidance and the true *Deen* (the Islamic way of life) so that He should make it prevail (gain ascendancy) over the *deen* (the un-Islamic way of life) in its entirety, even if the polytheists hate (it).

SECTION 2

10. O the people who believe! Shall I lead you to the transaction that will save you from a grievous punishment?
11. You must believe in Allah and His Messenger and struggle for Allah's cause with your properties and your persons __ such (a conduct) is the best for you if you know.
12. He shall forgive your sins and admit you into the gardens under which rivers will be flowing and (grant you) excellent houses in eternal gardens; such is the supreme success.

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ وَهُوَ يُدْعَىٰ
إِلَى الْإِسْلَامِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٧﴾

يُرِيدُونَ لِيُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَاللَّهُ مُتِمُّ نُورِهِ
وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٨﴾

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ
عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٩﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا هَلْ أَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَى مَخْرَجٍ تُنَجِّجُونَ
مِنْ عَذَابِ أَلِيمٍ ﴿١٠﴾

تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَتُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ
وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١١﴾

يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَيُدْخِلْكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرَىٰ مِنْ تَحْتِهَا
الْأَنْهَارُ وَمَسْكَنٌ طَيِّبٌ فِي جَنَّاتٍ عَدْنٍ
ذَٰلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿١٢﴾

13. And (there is) one more (thing) that you love ___ Allah's help and the conquest close by and announce good news to the believers.

وَأُخْرَىٰ تُحِبُّونَهَا نَصْرٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَفَتْحٌ قَرِيبٌ
وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٣﴾

14. O (the people) who believe! You must be Allah's supporters as Jesus, Mary's son, said to the disciples, "Who is my supporter (in my strivings) towards Allah?" The disciples said, "We are Allah's supporters." Then, a section of the children of Israel believed in (him) and (another) section disbelieved in (him) and then, We backed up (those people) who believed (in him) against their enemies and hence, they came to prevail (triumph over them).

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا أَنْصَارَ اللَّهِ كَمَا قَالَ عِيسَى
ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ لِلْحَوَارِيِّينَ مَنْ أَنْصَارِي إِلَى اللَّهِ قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّونَ
نَحْنُ أَنْصَارُ اللَّهِ فَنَامَتْ طَائِفَةٌ مِّنْ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ
وَكَفَرَتْ طَائِفَةٌ فَأَيَّدْنَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا عَلَىٰ عَدُوِّهِمْ
فَأَصْبَحُوا ظَاهِرِينَ ﴿١٤﴾

**Most frequent in giving glory
(abiding praise and thanksgiving)
to Allah*