

SURATULMUNAAFIQOON (63)

The *Suratulmunaafiqoon* complements the *Suratuljumu'a*. In the latter, the last three verses criticize the weak believers. In the former throughout, hypocrites have been criticized. In the very first verse Allah bears witness against their claim to believe in the Messenger. They have been called liars. The second and third verses further debunk their claim to believe in the Messenger. The fourth verse pictures them as corpulent, opulent, unfeeling, insensitive, and wooden, given to talking extravagantly. The fifth verse portrays their arrogance and the sixth verse closes the door to forgiveness to any of them. The Surah, then, proceeds to expose them further and confirm what *Zayd*, the son of *Arqam*, had reported to the Messenger about *'Abdullah*, the son of *Ubaiyyi*, the arch-hypocrite, cited in the seventh and eighth verses with necessary comments. The hypocrites, as the nineteenth verse of the *Suratulmujaadala* asserts, belong to the Devil's party and the *Suratulmunaafiqoon* proves it.

In the last three verses believers have been warned not to follow suit, swayed by the love of wealth and children, into giving up remembering Allah, but go on spending what they can afford otherwise they shall meet their fate without being given any respite and the accountability of their conduct, on the Judgement Day, shall be held on the basis of their present performance.

SURATULMUNAAFIQOON

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

1. When the hypocrites come to you, they say, "We bear witness that you are, certainly, Allah's messenger" and Allah knows that you are, truly, His messenger and Allah bears witness that the hypocrites are, certainly, liars.
2. They make their oaths a shield and hence, they prevent (themselves) from (following) Allah's path; how evil is what they are doing!
3. Such is (their practice) because (at first) they believed and then, they disbelieved and hence, their hearts have been sealed and they, therefore, do not understand (anything).
4. And when you see them, their bodies strike you with wonder and if they talk, you will listen to their (pleasing) words (with rapt attention): (they are) as if they were (logs of) wood resting (against a wall): they take every shout against them; they are the enemies and hence, you must beware of them! May Allah curse them! Where are they, weak-mindedly, being deterred from (the guidance)?
5. And when they are told, "Come (to him), Allah's Messenger will seek forgiveness for you", they jerk their heads in disdain and you see them

سُورَةُ الْمُنَافِقُونَ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُنَافِقُونَ قَالُوا أَتَشْهَدُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ
وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُهُ وَاللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ إِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ
لَكَاذِبُونَ ﴿١﴾

اتَّخَذُوا أَيْمَانَهُمْ جُنَّةً فَصَدُّوا عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ
إِنَّهُمْ سَاءَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢﴾

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ ءَامَنُوا ثُمَّ كَفَرُوا فَطُبِعَ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ
فَهُمْ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٣﴾

وَإِذَا رَأَيْتَهُمْ تُعْجِبُكَ أَجْسَامُهُمْ وَإِنْ يَقُولُوا
تَسْمِعَ لِقَوْلِهِمْ كَأَنَّهُمْ خُشُبٌ مُسْنَدَةٌ يُحَسِبُونَ كُلَّ
صَيْحَةٍ عَلَيْهِمْ هُمُ الْعَدُوُّ فَاحْذَرْهُمْ فَوَقَّاهُمُ اللَّهُ
أَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ ﴿٤﴾

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ تَعَالَوْا يَسْتَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ لَوَّاْ
رُءُوسَهُمْ وَرَأَيْتَهُمْ يَصُدُّونَ وَهُمْ مُسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٥﴾

shunning (the Messenger) while they display arrogance.

6. It makes no difference to them whether you seek forgiveness for them or do not seek forgiveness for them, Allah shall never forgive them; Allah does not guide any transgressing people.
7. They are the people who say, "Do not spend (anything) on (those people) who are with Allah's Messenger till they disperse," though to Allah belong the treasures of the heavens and the Earth, but the hypocrites do not understand.
8. They say, "If we go back to Medina, the mightier shall, certainly, drive out of it (the town) the weaker," though all the might and dominance belongs to Allah and His Messenger and the believers, but the hypocrites do not know (lack comprehension).

SECTION 2

9. O the people who believe! Neither your properties (money power) nor your children (manpower) must draw your attention away from remembering Allah; and (those people) who do so are then, (the people who) are the losers (misled and ruined).
10. And you must spend some of whatever sustenance We provide you with before death comes to anyone of you and then, he says,

سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْهِمْ أَسْتَغْفَرْتَ لَهُمْ أَمْ لَمْ تَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ لَنْ يَغْفِرَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٦﴾

هُمْ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ لَا نُسْفِقُ أَعْلَىٰ مِنْ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ حَتَّىٰ يَنْفَضُوا وَلِلَّهِ خَزَائِنُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَكِنَّ الْمُسْتَفِيقِينَ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٧﴾

يَقُولُونَ لَئِنْ رَجَعْنَا إِلَى الْمَدِينَةِ لَيُخْرِجَنَّ الْأَعَزُّ مِنْهَا الْأَذَلَّ وَلِلَّهِ الْعِزَّةُ وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَلَكِنَّ الْمُسْتَفِيقِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُلْهِكُمْ أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٩﴾

وَأَنْفِقُوا مِنْ مَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْفِكَ أَحَدُكُمْ الْمَوْتَ فَيَقُولَ رَبِّ لَوْلَا أَخَّرْتَنِي إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ

"O my *Rabb!* Why do you not grant me a delay up to a term nearby so that I should give alms and be among the righteous."

11. And Allah never grants any delay to anyone when the time fixed for one's death comes, and Allah is cognizant (aware) of what you do.

فَأَصْدَقْ وَأَكُنْ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١١﴾

وَلَنْ يُؤَخِّرَ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِذَا جَاءَ أَجْلُهَا

وَاللَّهُ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٢﴾