

SURATUTTAHREEM (66)

The *Suratutthahreem* treats the same theme with a difference. If hatred drives a husband to divorce and violate Allah's bounds, love may, also, drive him to declare unlawful what is lawful for him whereas it is not, at all, permitted to anyone, least of all, to the Last Messenger, to violate His bounds. Hence, the Messenger who had sworn not to eat honey just to please his wives has, in the second verse, been commanded to annul his oath and all the believers must do so, if they happen to swear an oath violating any of Allah's bounds. The Surah, then, from the third verse to the fifth verse alludes to the incident obliquely and warns the two wives __ 'Aayisha and Hafsa __ in particular and all the wives in general not to do so in future otherwise the Messenger shall be driven to divorce them. This warning was necessary because they were, as the Messenger's wives and all the believers' mothers, models of obedience and guarding themselves against His disobedience and their image as such must continue. The sixth verse warns the believers in general because transgression of His bounds, if once permitted, shall become the prevalent practice only to threaten the cohesion of the Islamic Community by shattering homes. The seventh verse gives an image of transgressors and disbelievers on the Day of Judgement. The eighth verse exhorts the believers to repent and be with the Messenger to earn the Paradise and their light in the afterworld with belief in this world. The ninth verse enjoins the Messenger to strive against disbelievers and hypocrites and not spare them. The ninth and tenth verses cite the fate of two disbelieving wives __ Noah's wife and Lot's wife __ whom their husbands, despite being messengers, could not protect from the fire. The last two verses cite the examples of Pharaoh's wife and Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ __ the two ladies singled out by Allah to be emulated by all the believing women.

SURATUTTAHREEM

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

1. O Prophet! Why do you, (by an oath), hold unlawful what Allah holds lawful for you, (only), to seek the pleasure of your wives? And Allah is forgiving, merciful.
2. Allah has made obligatory on all of you the annulment of your oaths; and Allah is your protector and He is the Omniscient, the Sole Source of wisdom.
3. And (it is worth mentioning) when the Prophet confided a secret to one of his wives but, when she made it known and Allah disclosed it to him, he (the Messenger) apprised (her) some of it and evaded (did not mention) the rest: but, when he (the Messenger) informed her about it, she said (to him), "Who has told you this?" He said (to her), "The Omniscient, the Most Cognizant has told me."
4. (O the two wives of the Messenger!) If both of you turn in repentance to Allah, (it is, only, proper for you) because the hearts of both of you have, already, inclined (towards repentance) and if both of you help one another against him (the Messenger), then, (you must know that) Allah is his protector and, after such a (protection), Gabriel and righteous believers and angels are his supporters.

سُورَةُ التَّحْرِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ لِمَ تُحَرِّمُ مَا أَحَلَّ اللَّهُ لَكَ تَبْتَغِي مَرْضَاتَ
أَزْوَاجِكَ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١﴾

قَدْ فَرَضَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ تَحِلَّةَ أَيْمَانِكُمْ وَاللَّهُ مَوْلَاكُمْ
وَهُوَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٢﴾

وَإِذْ أَسْرَأَ النَّبِيُّ إِلَى بَعْضِ أَزْوَاجِهِ حَدِيثًا فَلَمَّا بَيَّنَّاتُ بِهِ
وَأَظْهَرَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَرَفَ بَعْضُهُ، وَأَعْرَضَ عَنْ بَعْضٍ
فَلَمَّا تَبَيَّنَّاهَا بِهِ، قَالَتْ مَنْ أَبْأَكَ هَذَا
قَالَ نَبَأَنِي الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٣﴾

إِنْ تَنْوِبَا إِلَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ صَغَتْ قُلُوبُكُمَا وَإِنْ تَظَاهَرَا
عَلَيْهِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ مَوْلَاهُ وَجِبْرِيلُ وَصَالِحُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ ظَهِيرٌ ﴿٤﴾

5. It may be that his *Rabb*, if he divorces all of you, gives him in place of (in return for you), wives better than all of you — women (truly) submitting, believing, obeying, repenting, serving (Allah), fasting, deflowered, (separated or divorced) and virginal.

عَسَىٰ رَبُّهُ إِنْ طَلَّقَكُنَّ أَنْ يُبَدِّلَهُ أَزْوَاجًا خَيْرًا مِنْكُنَّ
مُسْلِمَاتٍ مُّؤْمِنَاتٍ قَنَاطَاتٍ تَبِيبَاتٍ عَدِيدَاتٍ سَجَّحَاتٍ
تَيَّبَاتٍ وَأَبْكَارًا ﴿٥﴾

6. O (the people) who believe! You must guard yourselves and the members of your families / and kinsfolk against a fire the fuel of which will be human beings (who disbelieve) and the stones (idols): there (stand guard) on it stern and firm angels who do not disobey Allah in what He commands them and do (execute) what they are commanded.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا
النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غُلَاظٌ شِدَادٌ
لَّا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٦﴾

7. (On the Judgement Day disbelievers shall be told), "O (the people) who had disbelieved! Do not make excuses today: you are being requited, only, for what you had been doing" (in the world).

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَعْذِرُوا الْيَوْمَ إِنَّمَا تُجْرُونَ
مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٧﴾

SECTION 2

8. O (the people) who believe! You must turn to Allah in repentance, repenting sincerely: it may be that your *Rabb* remits your sins and admits you into the gardens under which rivers will be flowing on the Day when Allah will not disgrace the Prophet and (those people) who believe with him: their light will be moving before them and on their right sides: they will be saying, "O our *Rabb*! Bring our light, for us, to the full and forgive us: You, certainly, possess absolute power and authority over everything."

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا تُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَوْبَةً نَّصُوحًا
عَسَىٰ رَبُّكُمْ أَنْ يُكَفِّرَ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ
وَيُدْخِلَكُم جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرَى مِنْ تَحْتِهَا
الْأَنْهَارُ يَوْمَ لَا يُخْزِي اللَّهُ النَّبِيَّ وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا
مَعَهُ نُورُهُمْ يَسْعَىٰ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَبِأَيْمَانِهِمْ
يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا نُورَنَا وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا
إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٨﴾

9. O Prophet! You must struggle against the disbelievers and the hypocrites and treat them ruthlessly; and their resting place (home) is the Gehenna (Hell) and what a bad place of arrival it is!

يٰٓأَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ جَاهِدِ الْكُفَّارَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ
وَأَغْلظْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَمَأْوَاهُمْ جَهَنَّمُ
وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٩﴾

10. Allah gives an example for (those people) who disbelieve __ Noah's wife and Lot's wife __ both of them were under two of our righteous servants (messengers), but both of them betrayed them, and hence, both (the messengers) were, at all, of no avail to both (the wives) against Allah and both of them were told, "Enter the fire (of the Hell) along with those entering" (going into it).

ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا امْرَأَتَ نُوحٍ
وَأَمْرَأَتَ لُوطٍ كَانَتَا تَحْتَ عَبْدَيْنِ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا
صَالِحِينَ فَخَانَتَاهُمَا فَتُفْعِلَا عَنْهُمَا مِنَ اللَّهِ
شَيْئًا وَقِيلَ ادْخُلَا النَّارَ مَعَ الدَّٰخِلِينَ ﴿١٠﴾

11. And Allah gives (another) example for (those people) who believe, (that of) Pharaoh's wife, when she said, "O my *Rabb*! Build a house for me with You in the Paradise and deliver me from Pharaoh and his misdeeds and deliver me from the wrongdoing people."

وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا امْرَأَتَ
فِرْعَوْنَ إِذْ قَالَتْ رَبِّ ابْنِ لِي عِنْدَكَ بَيْتًا
فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنْ فِرْعَوْنَ وَعَمَلِهِ وَنَجِّنِي
مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١١﴾

12. And (He gives yet another example of) Mary, *Imraan's* daughter, who used to guard her chastity and hence, We breathed some of Our spirit into it (her womb) and she accepted her *Rabb's* words (promises) and His books as true and belonged to the obedient.

وَمَرْيَمَ ابْنَتَ عِمْرَانَ الَّتِي أَحْصَنَتْ فَرْجَهَا فَنَفَخْنَا
فِيهِ مِنْ رُّوحِنَا وَصَدَّقَتْ بِكَلِمَاتِ رَبِّهَا
وَكُتِبَ عَلَيْهَا الظُّلُمَاتِ ﴿١٢﴾