

RECITATION

Surah Baqara - verse 180 - 195

Reflection of verses read:

In 15 verses, Allah has spoken about so many different things whilst making beautiful connections

- 1) Fasting - what to do and what not to
- 2) How a believer should make dua
- 3) Financial dealing between people – don't take money that is not yours
- 4) Lunar calendar - Hajj
- 5) Jihad - fighting for the cause of Allah
- 6) Shar-al-haraam - the holy months

One month to Ramadan...we need to start preparing for Ramadan physically and mentally. Fast before Ramadan as practice. Also increase worship this month.

In one verse, Allah tells the Prophet that he should say to his people that Allah is saying I am here, and Allah is saying I am near to my servants. When we need something, we have to believe that Allah is near and hearing us.

Jihad: Allah tells us to fight in the way of Allah IF others fight you first i.e. in self-defense. Allah also continues to say to fight till there is no disbelief. But if there is an opportunity for stopping, then we should stop fighting. Allah starts off by saying that He does not like the transgressors...so he tells Muslims to fight the disbelief, but to not transgress, so you need to fight in the right way. It is not about aggression or fighting—Allah is actually trying to give us a way out of it. Allah also says don't fight in certain months and in certain places. From the seerah, we know that it took the prophet and the companions so many years to fight back because Allah told them not to. If Islam was about aggression, then it would not have been tolerable like that.

REMINDER

Skipped due to absence of Sana.

TAFSIR

-- *Hajera*

Verse 14

- the verse is about Allah reprimanding the hypocrites...the hypocrites did not support the Jews OR the Muslims.

Allah in Al Nisa - says that they sway from this or that

In the verse, Allah says that His wrath is upon the Jews – because they were so hostile to the Muslims. Even though the Jews were forbidden to hold secret counsels, they used to. And they used to greet Muslims with a greeting of death and destruction.

The hypocrites stay wherever they find it to their advantage.

The vow of al Ghamus - this oath is when the hypocrites swear allegiance to the Prophet ...they say we believe in Allah and Mohamed as his Prophet, but do not believe in this truth – Allah reveals their hypocrisy as He knows what is in the hearts and minds of everyone
The verse before this was talking about Najwa - secret counsel.

Surah Baqara is all about the hypocrites—Allah would reveal a verse about them and they would be baffled, yet they would still not listen.

HADITH

--*Khalidah*

IN THE EARLY HOURS

--*Sarah*

Chapter 2 summary

FRIDAY PROJECT

Every month each Usra will be assigned a project - competition between the different groups.

Impact of Family:

- since we are hardly home anyways, we should have a fixed time to spend time with the family
- pray jama'a with the family - praying fajr
- cooking them dinner
- making sure you do your duties
- see your family through a magnifying glass and see if they need you, even if they don't say so
- show them that you are there for them

Parents:-

- Calling them up for 2 minutes is even good - sometimes physical time is not always easy
- listening
- making dua for family
- attention
- making them closer to Allah i.e. praying in Jamaa
- study circle at home

Humaira: dad likes to be listened to; mom likes to be talked to.

Sarah: being successful and being good is what our parents really want.

- Sadaqa Jareeah - like investments into a school, or a new idea in the MSA

Bakesale for our parents!

****EVERY PRAYER** - making dua for entire family...report on progress next week.

Humairah: eating together

What about the family you actually deal with!!

Khalidah: one day that you cook dinner and eat together

- have a mini halaqa after prayer each day
- praying together
- learning together is always a blessing in your home

Aaida: take younger cousins out...informal halaqa

Sarah: needs to spend more time with her younger sister

- don't get angry at your family for at least a month – i.e. being patient

****BE PATIENT:** be patient with your family and try not to get mad

****AT LEAST ONE THING GOOD**

****PRAY AT LEAST ONE PRAYER** and do a little 5 minute reminder

****WRITE DOWN WHENEVER YOU GET ANGRY AND WHENVER YOU WERE PATIENT**

****PUT A DONATION BOX IN YOUR HOUSE**

HUMAIRAH: FOR ALL THIS STUFF MAKE A TABLE