

RECITATION

Surah Baqara - verses 235-245

REMINDER

--Aaida

hadith; the believer is the believer's mirror--the believer is a Muslim for his brother--points out the way to his short-comings

- if you notice your brother or sister doing something wrong, should be your duty to tell them; the person should not get offended

- should be considerate and do it in private

- if it endangers the person's well-being in hereafter should be your duty to inform them, but in a kind manner

- fiqh of naseehah--do it indirectly; direct nasheeha should be only when you know the person;

- Prophet—the way he did dawah was out of caring for people for Allah's sake--he feared for what would happen to them

- hadith can be interpreted in a different way as well--you are like the people you are with

- another hadith says on the day of judgement you will be with your friends

TAFSIR

--Sana

Ayat 16 and 17

They have made their oath a screen - people used to use their oaths to be protected by the Muslims around. The people used to use their oaths, and tried to distract Muslims from their path....and they try to be Muslim so that the Muslims considers them to be one of them -this is hypocrisy

Ayat 17

- Their end, their wealth, etc will never be of advantage because they are destined for fire i.e. those people, hypocrites, are destined for fire.

Hypocrisy is talked a lot about in the Quran; the hypocrites will be in the 7th layer of hell fire....its such a severe punishment because it is a scary thing -like when u have a clear enemy, u will know about them - but if someone takes the shahada and we don't know, they cause doubts in people minds, they are more dangerous...

Hypocrites are worse than the idolaters....

- i.e. they wanted to build another mosque to be their hide-out

- they used to be in treaty with Jews

Do you know if you are a hypocrite???

- you break an oath
- you lie
- and one more reason

Do we have those kind of hypocrites now? Well Allah mentioned it so much so probably yes.....
i.e. lots of Palestinians working for the Jews

What about teaching things that you don't practice

- not hypocrisy because you believe in it
- you are trying to work towards it
- you should spread right - but with hypocrisy the main thing is your intention...you should work hard to be what you are trying to teach.
- you try to better yourself first and then others

Shirk

- 2 kinds - shirk al akbar and shirk al asgar
- worshipping idols is shirk al akbar...but the little shirk is important as well
- Ria - your ego
- if you have an ego problem this is shirk, because you follow your own self
- like money, power is shirk

Ignorance is not always an excuse; you should do tawba for ghafla

- you should repent for things that you don't know you are doing

Allah is ultimately just! As a Muslim, its different if you don't know a ruling and err, but its a Muslim's responsibility to know the minimum. The basics are ibadat and beliefs...you have to know this. Ignorance is not always an excuse

- being excessively indulgent in 'perfecting' your external appearance—I have to look perfect...this is like you are worshipping your self or materialism...

- having no TV is such a freedom because the hours pull you...it is something that captures your mind...as Muslims you should seek freedom from everything except from Allah...this society's freedom is all propaganda and advertisements

UnIslamic feminism is wrong...like the fight is the objective...they are pushed without seeing what the true definition of feminism and freedom of a woman is....

Muslim feminism is not necessary. Islam itself treats woman equally and there is no view that is different.

FRIDAY PROJECT

NEIGHBOURS

- generosity
- caring about your neighbour

- knowing your neighbour enough to know if they are hungry
- irrespective of religion

1) Main objective: Get to know our neighbours

-Non-Muslim and neighbours you didn't know before!

2) Why? Obligation

3) Its Dawah - through our behaviour

4) Being generally nice to everyone in your apartment - like in the elevator

- and people around your area- make our families do it too so we are continuing last month's project

5) relationship should be continuous

- start with the home closest to your home

- conscious effort for non-Muslim neighbours

- a true Muslim is the best neighbour

Per neighbour

1) Be good to all our neighbours – did you smile at people; did you hold the elevator open; did you try to show the best example of being a good Muslim

Therefore do something good to your neighbours

- small talk!

2) minimum of 2 new people

- give them something/food once before the end of the month (4 families)

3) Getting to know them - know enough about them...who lives in the house...what they do

4) make dua to Allah to guide them to the right way

-at least once a day!

5) family should be neighbour-hood conscientious

---> be more aware of your neighbours