

Bismillaahir Rahmaan ir Rahiim

With Children In Mind

FORTY SELECTED AYAAT

(Qur-aanic Verses)

and

FORTY RELATED AHADITH

(Sayings of Prophet Muhammad - S.A. W.)

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PREFACE

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

1. ON AL QUR'AAN

"This is the Book: in it is guidance sure, without doubt, to those who fear God; who believe in the Unseen, are steadfast in prayer, and spend out of what We have provided for them: and who believe in the Revelation sent to thee, and sent before thy time, and (in their hearts) have the assurance of the Hereafter." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 2 Vs. 1-4)

"The best of those amongst you is the one who learns the Qur-aan and teaches it to others." (Hadith)

2. ON REMEMBERING ALLAAH

"Then do ye remember Me, I will remember you. Be grateful to Me, and reject not faith." (Al Qur'aan Ch. 2 V. 152)

"When I say 'Subhaan Allaah, wal-hamduh Lillaah, waa laa ilaah ill-Allaah, wa Allaahu Akbar' (Glory be to Allaah, praise be to Allaah, there is no God except Allaah and Allaah is Most Great) this is more beloved to me than all the sun rises upon." (Prophet Muhammad - S.A.W.)

3. ON ALLAAH'S MERCY

"And We had certainly sent unto them a Book, based on knowledge, which We had explained in detail, - a guide and a mercy to all who believe." Al Qur-aan Ch. 7 V. 52)

"When Allaah decreed the Creation He pledged Himself by writing in His book which is laid down with Him: 'My Mercy prevails over my Wrath.'" (Hadith)

4. ON PROPHET MUHAMMAD (S. A. W.) AS THE BEST EXEMPLAR

"Ye have indeed in the Apostle of God a (beautiful pattern) of conduct for anyone whose hope is God and the Final Day, and who engages much in the praise of God." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 33 V. 21)

"I was sent to perfect your character." (Prophet Muhammad –S.A.W.)

5. ON SALAAT (COMPULSORY PRAYER)

"Recite what is sent of the Book by inspiration to thee, and establish regular prayer, for prayer restrains from shameful and unjust deeds, and remembrance of God is the greatest (thing in life) without doubt. And God knows the deeds that ye do." Al Qur-aan Ch. 29 V. 45)

"The similitude of five prayers is like an overflowing river passing by the gate of one of you in which he washes five times daily. (Prophet Muhammad – S.A.W.)

6. ON ZAKAAT (COMPULSORY CHARITY)

"Those who believe and do deeds of righteousness, and establish regular prayers and regular charity, will have their reward with their Lord: on them shall be no fear nor shall they grieve." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 2 V. 277)

"Blessed is the wealth of a Muslim from which he gives to the poor, to orphans and to needy travellers" (Prophet Muhammad – S.A.W.)

7. ON FASTING DURING THE MONTH OF RAMADAAN

"O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that ye may (learn) self-restraint,- " (Al Qur-aan Ch. 2 V.183)

"Whosoever fasts during Ramadaan with faith and seeking and seeking his reward from Allaah will have his past sins forgiven. Whoever prays during the nights in Ramadaan with faith and seeking from Allaah will have his past sins forgiven. And he who passes Laila-tul-Qadr in prayer with faith and seeking his reward from Allaah will have his past sins forgiven." (Prophet Muhammad – S.A.W.)

8. ON HAJJ (Pilgrimage to Makkah)

"And proclaim the pilgrimage among men: they will come to thee on foot and (mounted) on every kind of camel, lean on account of journeys through deep and distant mountain highways, that they may witness the benefits (provided) for them and celebrate the name of God, through the Days appointed ..." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 22 Vs. 27-8)

"The reward of hajj is Paradise and the atonement of any sin is Umrah." (Prophet Muhammad – S.A.W.)

9. ON THE JUM'UA SALAAT

"O ye who believe! When the call is proclaimed to prayer on Friday (the Day of Assembly), hasten earnestly to the remembrance of Allaah, and leave off business (and traffic): that is best for you if ye but knew." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 62 V. 9)

"The Friday congregational prayer is compulsory for every Muslim, except the slave, the woman, the child and the sick."

10. ON SENDING DARUUD ON THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (S.A.W.)

"Allaah and His Angels send Blessings on the Prophet: O ye that believe! Send ye blessings on him, and salute him with all respect." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 33 V. 56)

"A person who invokes peace and blessings on me is recompensed by Allaah in the following manner: Allaah showers blessings on him ten times. Allaah adds ten virtues and erases ten vices from his record of deeds. And Allaah elevates his rank by ten grades." (Prophet Muhammad – S.A.W.)

11. ON PARENTS

"Thy Lord hath decreed that ye worship none but him, and that ye be kind to parents. Whether both or one of them attain old age in thy life, say not to them a word of contempt, nor repel them, but address them in terms of honour.

"And out of kindness, lower to them the wing of humility, and say: 'My Lord! Bestow on them Thy Mercy even as they cherished me in childhood.'" (Al Qur-aan Ch. 17 Verses 23 -24)

"One who is obedient towards his parent and his Lord shall be accommodated in the most exalted of places on the Day of Judgment." (Hadith)

12. ON MOTHERS

"O mankind! Reverence your Guardian Lord, who created you from a single Person, created, of like nature, his mate, and from them twain scattered (like seeds) countless men and women; - reverence God, through Whom ye demand your mutual (rights), and (reverence) the wombs (that bore you): for God ever watches over you." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 4 V. 1)

"Paradise lies at the feet of your mother." (Hadith)

13. ON NEIGHBOURS

"Serve God and join not any partners with Him; and do good – to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, those in need, neighbours who are near, neighbours who are strangers, the Companion by your side the way-farer (ye meet) and what your right hands possess." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 4 V.36)

"Whoever believes in Allaah and the Last Day should be generous to his neighbours." (Hadith)

14. ON CHARITY

"And be steadfast in prayer and practise regular charity: and whatever good ye send for your souls before you you shall find it with God: for God sees well all that ye do." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 2 V.110)

"Blessed is the wealth of a Muslim from which he gives to the poor, to orphans, and to needy travellers" (Hadith)

15. ON EDUCATION

"Are those equal, those who know and those who do not know" (Al Qur-aan Ch. 39 V. 9)

"Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave" (Hadith)

16. TRUTHFULNESS

"O ye who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to God, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor, for God can best protect both..." 4 135

"The signs of a hypocrite are three: when he speak he lies, and when he make a promise he breaks it, and when he is charged with a trust he deceives." (Hadith)

17. ON FORGIVENESS

"Kind words and the covering of faults are better than charity followed by injury" (Al Qur-aan Ch. 2 V. 263)

Allaah shows no mercy to him who is not kind to people. (*Hadith*)

18. ON GRATITUDE

"Then do ye remember me; I will remember you. Be grateful to me and reject not faith." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 2 V. 152)

"Whoever is not grateful to man is not grateful to Allaah." (*Hadith*)

19. ON PATIENCE

"O ye who believe! Seek help with patient Perseverance and Prayer: for God is with those who patiently persevere." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 2 V. 153)

"Patience is half of faith" (*Hadith*)

20. ON PROMISES

"Come not nigh to the orphan's property except to improve it until he attains the age of full strength; and fulfil (every) engagement, for (every) engagement will be enquired into (on the Day of Reckoning)." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 17 V. 34)

"The signs of a hypocrite are three: when he speaks he lies, when he promises he breaks it, and when entrusted he breaks his trust" (*Hadith*)

21. ON JUSTICE

"O ye who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to God, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor: for God can best protect you..." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 4 V. 135)

"Those who are fair will be with Allaah, the Exalted, on thrones of light at the Right Hand of the Most Merciful, those who are just in judgment with their families and those of whom they are in charge." (*Hadith*)

22. ON HUMILITY

"And the servants of God Most Gracious are those who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them, they say: 'Peace'" (Al Qur-aan Ch. 25 V. 63

Charity makes no decrease in a property, and Allaah increases nothing to a servant on account of (His) pardon but honour, and nobody humbles himself for Allaah but Allah raises him up. (*Hadith*)

23. ON MERCY

"Say: 'In the Bounty of God, and in in His Mercy, - in that let them rejoice' : that is better than the wealth they hoard" (Al Qur-aan Ch. 10 V. 58)

"Whoever does not show mercy to our little ones and does not respect the rights of our elders, then he is not of us." (*Hadith*)

24. ON FALSEHOOD

" Say: 'Truth has now arrived, and Falsehood perished: for Falsehood is (by its nature) bound to perish.'" Al Qur-aan Ch. 17 V. 81

"Woe to him who holds talk, and talks falsehood to make people laugh thereby. Woe to him." (*Hadith*)

25. ON SEEKING FAME

" So woe to the worshippers who are neglectful of their Prayers, those who {want but) to be seen (of men), but refuse (to supply) even neighbourly needs." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 107 Verses 4-7)

"Whoso seeks fame, Allaah will make him famous, and whoso does for show, Allaah will make a show of him." (*Hadith*)

26. ON PRIDE

"And swell not thy cheek (for pride) at men, nor walk in insolence through the earth: for God loveth not any arrogant boaster." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 31 V. 18)

"Allaah has inspired to me that you are to be humble towards each other such that no one transgresses against or exalts himself above another." (*Hadith*)

27. ON LUST FOR WEALTH

"Wealth and sons are an allurement for the life of this world: but the things that endure, good deeds, are best in the sight of thy Lord, as rewards, and best as (the foundation for hopes." (Al Qur-aan Ch.18 V.46)

"The son of Adam gets old but two things remain young in him: greed for wealth and hope for life." (*Hadith*)

28. ON BOASTING

"And swell not thy cheek (for pride) at men, nor walk in insolence through the earth: for God loveth not any arrogant boaster." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 31 V. 18)

"Allah has inspired to me that you are all to be humble towards each other such that no one transgresses against or exalts himself above another." (*Hadith*)

29. ON GREETING AND MEETING OTHERS

"When those come to thee who believe in our signs say: 'Peace be on you." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 6 V. 54)

"'Assalaam' is one of the attributes of Allaah. It has been sent to the world for the benefit of the people. Hence make the use of 'Assalaam' common among you." (*Hadith*)

30. ON FRIENDSHIP

"Muslim males and Muslim females are friends of each other." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 9 V. 71)

"When a Muslim prays for his friend who is absent, Allaah grants this prayer. An angel appointed by Allaah at his side says: 'Aameen! You may have for yourself what you desire for your brother.'" (*Hadith*)

31. ON ANIMALS

"There is not an animal (that lives) on the earth, nor a being that flies on its wings, but forms (part of) communities like you. Nothing have We omitted from the Book, and they (all) shall be gathered to their Lord in the end." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 6 V. 38)

"Verily, there is heavenly reward for every act of kindness done to an animal." (*Hadith*)

32. ON SPEAKING LOUDLY

"And be moderate in thy pace, and lower thy voice, for the harshest of sounds without doubt is the braying of an ass." Al Qur-aan (Ch. 31 V. 19)

"Allaah does not love the loud and coarse nor the one who shouts in the market." (*Hadith*)

33. ON IMMODESTY

"..... Come not nigh to shameful deeds, whether open or or secret..." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 6 V. 151)

"Modesty is a part of faith and faith is in Paradise, but obscenity is a part of hardness of heart and hardness of heart is in hell." (*Hadith*)

34. ON RIDICULING OTHERS

"O ye who believe! Let not some men among you laugh at others: it may be that the (latter) are better than the (former), nor let some women laugh at others: it may be that the (latter) Are better than the (former),....." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 49 V. 11)

"No people should laugh at or make fun of other people." (*Hadith*)

35. ON NICKNAMES

" ... nor defame nor be sarcastic to each other, nor call each other by offensive names." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 49 V. 11)

"A believer is not a defamer nor a cursor nor coarse nor obscene." (*Hadith*)

36. ON REMINDING RECIPIENTS OF THE CHARITY GIVEN TO THEM.

"Those who spend their substance, in the cause of God, and follow not their gifts with reminders of their generosity or with injury, - for them their reward is with their Lord: on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve." (Al Qur-aan Ch. 2 V. 262)

“There are three people who Allaah will not speak to, look at or exonerate on the Day of Judgment, and who will have a painful torment: he who wears the hem of his garment low (out of pride), he who reminds recipients of his charity to them, and he who sells merchandise swearing that he paid more for it than he actually did.” (Hadith)

37. ON RESTRAINING ONE'S ANGER

“Those who spend (freely), whether in prosperity or in adversity; who restrain anger, and pardon (all) men; - God loves those men who do good.” (Al Qur-aan Ch. 3 V. 134)

“A powerful man is not he who defeats (another) in physical combat. Verily, a powerful man is he who controls his *nafs* (inner self) at the time of anger.” (Hadith)

38. ON KEEPING IN GOOD HEALTH

“But those will prosper who purify themselves, and glorify the name of their Guardian-Lord, and lift their hearts in prayer ...” (Al Qur-aan Ch. 87 V. 14)

“Lead a simple life, adopt moderate habits and keep yourself cheerful.” (Prophet Muhammad – S.A.W.)

39. ON EATING AND DRINKING

“O Children of Adam! Wear your beautiful apparel at every time and place of prayer: and eat and drink: but waste not by excess, for Allaah loveth not the wasters.” (Al Qur-aan Ch. 7 V. 31)

“when a man puts into his stomach a morsel of what is forbidden his prayers are not accepted for forty days, and a servant of Allaah whose body is nourished by usury or what is forbidden becomes deserving of Hell-fire.” (Prophet Muhammad – S.A.W.)

40. ON BACKBITING

“Woe to every (kind of) of scandal- monger and back-biter.” (Al Qur-aan Ch. 104 V.1)

“The listener of backbiting is one of the backbiters.” (Hadith)
