

Surah Al-Furqan

This chapter was revealed in Mecca and in its entirety denounces polytheism and deals with and answers all the doubts and objections held by the disbelievers. Their queries about the Quran, the prophethood of Muhammad, may the mercy and blessings of God be upon him, and the Day of Judgment are answered with a stern warning. The disbelievers are warned to choose carefully because right has been clearly differentiated from wrong. Finally, God paints a clear picture of the quality of the believer.

These are the verses that we are concerned with in this presentation.

CHAPTER 25, VERSES 63 – 76: THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A BELIEVER

- **“A Muslim Is The One Who Believes In Allah (SWT) And A Momin Is The One Who Follows What Allah (SWT) Says.”**
- Generally according to Islamic point of view, Momin is a term used for a true Muslim. In a hadith, it was once asked from The Holy Prophet Mohammed (Peace and blessings be upon him) *“How will I know that I have become a Momin?”* The Prophet Mohammed (Peace and blessings be upon him) answered,
 - ***“When your heart feels satisfied because of any of your good acts and mourns about any of your wrong doings, then know that you have become a true Muslim, i.e., Momin.”***
- Both terms look alike, but keep in mind they aren't, for you shall also see the difference from Al-Quran. Muslim is a person who embraces Islam by saying Kalima Tayyaba and with a keen belief that Allah is One, There's no God except Him and Prophet Mohammed (Peace and blessings be upon Him) is His last Apostle. But a person becomes a Momin, when this knowledge penetrates deep into his mind, heart and soul.

Let's listen to Ayat 63-77 of Quran Chapter 25-Surah Furqan <https://myislam.org/surah-furqan/>

And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth easily, and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace. And those who spend [part of] the night to their Lord prostrating and standing [in prayer]. And those who say, "Our Lord, avert from us the punishment of Hell, for it is a dreadful torment to suffer! Indeed, it is evil as an abode and as a place to dwell." And [they are] those who, when they spend, are neither extravagant nor miserly, but keep a just balance. And those who do not invoke with God another deity, nor kill such life as God has forbidden, except for just cause, nor commit illegal sexual intercourse. And whoever does this shall receive the punishment. Multiplied for him is the punishment on the Day of Resurrection, and he will abide therein humiliated – except for those who repent, believe and do righteous deeds. For them God will change their sins into good deeds. And God is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. And he who repents and does righteousness does indeed turn to God with [accepted] repentance. And [they are] those who do not testify to falsehood, and when they pass near ill speech, they pass by with dignity. And those who, when reminded of the verses of their Lord, do not fall upon them deaf and blind. And those who say, "Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us a leader (an example) for the righteous." Those will be rewarded with the highest place (in Paradise) because of what they patiently endured, and they will be received therein with greetings and [words of] peace. Abiding eternally therein; excellent it is as an abode, and as a place to dwell." (Quran 25:63-76)

13 Qualities of True Muslims

Allah Almighty has described 13 main qualities of such dignified persons in Surah Al - Furqan they are as under:

25:65 وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اصْرِفْ عَنَّا عَذَابَ جَهَنَّمَ إِنَّ عَذَابَهَا كَانَ غَرَامًا

Wallazeena yaqooloona Rabbanas rif ‘annaa ‘azaaba Jahannama inna ‘azaabahaa kaana gharaamaa

And those who say, “Our Lord, avert from us the punishment of Hell. Indeed, its punishment is ever adhering;

25:70 إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَءَامَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا فَأُولَٰئِكَ يُبَدِّلُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ حَسَنَاتٍ ۗ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا

Illaa man taaba wa ‘aamana wa ‘amila ‘amalan saalihan fa ulaaa’ika yubad dilul laahu saiyyi aatihim hasanaat; wa kaanal laahu Ghafoorar Raheemaa

Except for those who repent, believe and do righteous work. For them Allah will replace their evil deeds with good. And ever is Allah Forgiving and Merciful.

1. Believer of Allah Almighty:

- Such persons believe in Allah Almighty and declare no assistant with Him whatsoever. Many people saying and believing in Allah fully yet whenever they are in trouble they seek help from the dead people, i.e. visiting shrines and crying there for help from the pious people of Allah Almighty. This is a kind of Shirk that has been entailed in the last sermon of Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings be upon him). A Momin turns only to Allah for help and demands only from Him.
- Quote here the words of A Hadith-e-Qudsi,

“There is no such thing that any person can give you unless Allah imputes and no such thing that any person can take away from you unless Allah wills. No greatness of any person, whatsoever, is greater than that of Allah Almighty and none can save you from the evil doings except His might”.

• 25:63

وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا

Wa 'ibaadur Rahmaanil lazeena yamshoona 'alal ardi hawnam wa izaah khaata bahumul jaahiloona qaaloo salaamaa

And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth easily, and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace,

- There is another ayat in chapter 17 surah Israh verse 37 regarding pride which also related to example of walking on earth.

17:37 وَلَا تَمْشِ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَرَحًا إِنَّكَ لَنْ تَخْرِقَ الْأَرْضَ وَلَنْ تَبْلُغَ الْجِبَالَ طُولًا

Wa laa tamshi fil ardi marahan innaka lan takhriqal arda wa lan tablughal jibaala toola

And do not walk upon the earth exultantly. Indeed, you will never tear the earth [apart], and you will never reach the mountains in height.

2. Humility:

Another quality of such persons is that they are humble. They are free from any sort of pride and arrogance. They walk very humbly, talk humbly hence humbleness is a part of their life. Pride is something that Allah has forbidden upon humanity.

Allah Almighty says that,

Pride is my cloak and greatness My robe, and he who competes with Me in respect of either of them I shall cast into Hellfire.

It was related by Abu Dawud (also by Ibn Majah and Ahmad) with sound chains of authority. This Hadith also appears in Muslim in another version. (Hadith Qudsi)

It was narrated that Abdullah said: "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: 'No one will enter Paradise who has even a mustard-seed's weight of arrogance in his heart, and no one will enter Hell who has even a mustard-seed's weight of faith in his heart.'"
(Sunan Ibn Majah)

Abdullah narrated: "The Messenger of Allah said: 'Whoever has a speck of pride (arrogance) in his heart, shall not be admitted into Paradise. And whoever has a speck of faith in his heart, shall not be admitted into the Fire.'" He said: "So a man said to him: 'I like for my clothes to be nice, and my sandals to be nice?' So, he said: 'Indeed Allah loves beauty. But pride is refusing the truth and belittling the people.'" *(jami'at-Tirmidhi)*

It was narrated from Thawban, the freed slave of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "Anyone whose soul leaves his body, and he is free of three things, will enter Paradise: Arrogance, stealing from the spoils of war, and debt." (Sunan Ibn Majah)

Quran teaches about humility

1. **Surah Al-Furqan 25:63** - The servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them, they say words of peace.
2. **Surah Al-A'raf 7:55** - Call upon your Lord with humility and in private. Verily, He does not love transgressors.
3. **Surah Al-A'raf 7:205** - Remember your Lord in yourselves with humility and in private without announcing it in the mornings and evenings, and do not be among the heedless.
4. **Surah Al-Isra 17:24** - Lower to your parents the wing of humility out of mercy and say: My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up when I was small.
5. **Quran 23:02** - Successful indeed are the believers who humble themselves in their prayers.
6. **Quran 31:18** - And turn not your face away from men with pride, nor walk in insolence through the earth. Verily, God likes not each arrogant boaster.
- 7 **Quran 25:63** - And the slaves of God are those who walk on the earth in humility and calmness, and when the foolish address them (with bad words) they reply back with mild words of gentleness.
8. **Quran 6:42** - And We have already sent [messengers] to nations before you, [O Muhammad]; then We seized them with poverty and hardship that perhaps they might humble themselves.
9. **Quran 22:34** - Give good news to the humble-hearted.
10. **Quran 11:23** - Indeed, they who have believed and done righteous deeds and humbled themselves to their Lord – those are the companions of Paradise; they will abide eternally therein.

3. **Saying Salaam:**

Salaam, here, not only represents saying salaam to each other in normal course of life. But it is, in fact, an indication towards a situation where an ignorant person tries to have a dispute with the Momineen over any matter. The Momineen instead of showing anger or arguing with them, say salaam and move forward. (Surah Al Furqan Ayah: 63). Therefore, it clearly shows that such persons don't indulge themselves in futile discussions.

4. Praying After Mid Night: 25:64

وَالَّذِينَ يَبِيتُونَ لِرَبِّهِمْ سُجَّدًا وَقِيَامًا

Wallazeena yabeetoon li Rabbihim sujjadanw wa qiyaamaa

And those who spend [part of] the night to their Lord prostrating and standing [in prayer]

Though this is not compulsory for every person but whosoever does it with best intentions may have reward for it, In Sha Allah. The Momineen or Ibaad-al- Rahman have the quality that they perform prayers after midnight, i.e. Tahajjad. Allah says in Surah al Furqan,

“The pious followers of Allah are those who get up in the middle of the night and pray, when the entire world is sound asleep.”

25:67 قَوَامًا ذَٰلِكَ بَيْنَ وَكَانَ يَقْتُرُوا وَلَمْ يُسْرِفُوا لَمْ أَنْفَقُوا إِذَا وَالَّذِينَ

Wallazeena izaana anfaqoo lam yusrifoo wa lam yaqturoo wa kaana baina zaalika qawaamaa

And [they are] those who, when they spend, do so not excessively or sparingly but are ever, between that, [justly] moderate

5. Chary Towards Expenses:

Momineen are not extravagant rather chary. For an extravagant person, it is said, “*An extravagant is the brother of Satan*”. Some people believe that Allah gives money to spend hence they keep on spending it uselessly. Yes, that is true that Allah Almighty gives money to a person to spend on himself and his family but not extravagantly, rather a person should be cautious in doing so, he should take care of the money given to him, he should neither be a closefisted person nor an extravagant but a careful person.

وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَدْعُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ وَلَا يَقْتُلُونَ النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا يَزْنُونَ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ أَثَامًا

Wallazeena laa yad'oona ma'al laahi ilaahan aakhara wa laa yaqtuloonan nafs al latee harramal laahu illaa bilhaqqi wa laa yaznoon; wa mai yaf'al zaalika yalqa 'athaamaa

And those who do not invoke with Allah another deity or kill the soul which Allah has forbidden [to be killed], except by right, and do not commit unlawful sexual intercourse. And whoever should do that will meet a penalty.

6. Avoid Shirk

Followers of Allah Almighty abstain from Shirk. That is the subject matter of Islam and if one can't follow that, he or she shall not be called a Muslim. Normally there are two major kinds of Shirk, Shirk-e-jali and Shirk-e-khafi. Shirk-e-jali means directly associating a partner with Allah and Shirk-e-khafi means to involve oneself in such acts so as to please other persons (Riya). Note that a wife can do anything to please her husband but for other persons doing something to get their attention also comes in category of Shirk-e-khafi.

7. Don't Kill Anyone Unjustly:

Muslims are worldwide seen as terrorist and Islam a terrorist religion, well here is an answer for that. Allah Almighty says in Al-Quran that the followers of Allah don't kill anyone unjustly because they know that whosoever does that (i.e., kills another person unjustly), his abode is in hellfire where he shall dwell forever.

8. Avoid Adultery:

Allah Almighty explains another unique quality of His followers that they avoid adultery and save themselves from it because they know that it is such a ribald sin that has no chances of apologies only and only punishment. For an apology it is necessary that the loss be fulfilled, and an adultery loss can never be fulfilled.

25:72 وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَشْهَدُونَ الزُّورَ وَإِذَا مَرُّوا بِاللَّغْوِ مَرُّوا كِرَامًا

Wallazeena laa yash hadoonaz zoora wa iza marroo billaghwi marroo kiraamaa

And [they are] those who do not testify to falsehood, and when they pass near ill speech, they pass by with dignity.

9. Avoid Lying and Fraud:

Believers in Allah avoid lying and fraud and don't go near the evil or places where evil dwells.

Once a person came to Holy Prophet Mohammed (Peace and blessings be upon him) and asked some questions:

- **Person:** Is it possible for a Muslim to drink?
- **Holy Prophet:** Yes, it is possible
- **Person:** Is it possible for a Muslim to steal?
- **Holy Prophet:** Yes, it is.
- **Person:** Is it possible for a Muslim to lie?
- **Holy Prophet:** Never, a Muslim may be weak of Imaan and may indulge himself in other such acts, but he can never lie to anyone.

10. Noble and Generous:

Believers in Allah Almighty are very noble and generous that if they ever pass by evil gatherings, they just seek their Lord's refuge and move on. But they never feel hatred for the ones who are in such gatherings, nor do they degrade such persons in fact they pray for them to be shown guidance by Allah Almighty.

11. Use Their Senses:

Followers of Allah have the quality that whenever they are told about the orders of Allah Almighty, they listen to them very keenly and then follow it. They don't indulge themselves in vague questioning neither do they ask for any proof. They know that people are given just a small portion of knowledge and that can be compared to give answers for everything.

25:74

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

Wallazeena yaqooloona Rabbanaa hab lanaa min azwaajinaa wa zurriyaatinaa qurrata a'yuninw waj
'alnaa lilmuttaqeena Imaamaa

And those who say, "Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous."

12. Worry About Family:

The believers of Allah Almighty always worry about their families. They, not only themselves follow the straight path but also make their children follow the straight path and pray for them to be pious as well.

أُولَئِكَ يُجْزَوْنَ الْغُرْفَةَ بِمَا صَبَرُوا وَيُلَقَّوْنَ فِيهَا تَحِيَّةً وَسَلَامًا 25:75

Ulaaa'ika yujzawnal ghurfata bima sabaroo wa yulaqqawna feehaa tahiyyatanw wa salaamaa

Those will be awarded the Chamber for what they patiently endured, and they will be received therein with greetings and [words of] peace.

حَالِدِينَ فِيهَا حَسُنَتْ مُسْتَقَرًّا وَمُقَامًا 25:76

Khaalideena feehaa; hasunat mustaqarranw wa muqaamaa

Abiding eternally therein. Good is the settlement and residence.

13. Fear Allah and Worry About Hereafter:

The believers of Allah Almighty fear from Him every time and keep worrying about the hereafter. They keep themselves indulge in such acts that are helpful for their hereafter. They often pray to their Lord, "Oh Allah, bless us in this worldly life as well as save us from the hell fire in hereafter." (Ameen)