

عَلَيْمٌ اللَّهُ إِنَّ اتَّقَاكُمْ اللَّهُ عِنْدَ أَكْرَمِكُمْ إِنَّ لَتَعَارَفُوا وَقَبَائِلَ شُعُوبًا وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ وَأَنْتَى ذَكَرٍ مِّنْ خَلْقَانَاكُمْ إِنَّ النَّاسُ يُبَا يَا }
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Translation:

"O people! We have created you from a male and a female, and We have divided you into nations and tribes, so that you may recognize one another. Research, in the sight of Allah Tabarak and Ta'ala, he is the most honorable of you." He who is the most pious among you, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, is all-knowing, all-knowing."

It has been said in the blessed verse that the standard of someone's honor and nobility is not his family or his wealth, but the standard of his honor and status is his piety. The purpose of creating clan and family is not that people show their superiority over each other and cause others to be humiliated, but these tribes are for mutual recognition of people among themselves.

Allah says:

اتَّقُوا وَ لِلتَّقْوَى أَقْرَبُ هُوَ إِعْدِلُوا تَعْدِلُوا أَلَّا عَلَى قَوْمٍ سَنَانُ يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ لَا وَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَايَ لِلَّهِ قَوْمِينَ كُونُوا أَمْنُوا الَّذِينَ يَأْتِيهَا }
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Translation:

"O you who believe! Be firm on the command of Allah Tabarak wa Taala, bear witness with justice, and do not let the enmity of any nation arouse in you that you should not do justice, do justice, it is closer to piety, and fear Allah Tabarak Taala wa Taala." Indeed, Allah Tabarak and Taala is aware of your deeds.

This verse is fundamental in relation to blessed tolerance. It means that everyone who has differences in religion, civilization, culture, language, color and caste should be treated with justice, whether he is a friend or an enemy. Because of his religion, oppression and abuse should not be done, but justice should be kept in mind.

Glorious is the saying of Allah Tabarak and Taala:

{And if your Lord had willed to make people one nation and one, and let them not be divided} [4]

"And if your Lord had willed, He would have made all of you a single Ummah, but now they will always be on different paths."

According to the meaning of Ayat Karima, it should be kept in front of every person that intellectual differences in different classes and religions are natural and cannot be eliminated. Therefore, by showing generosity, they should be encouraged to tolerate them and proof of intellectual and practical tolerance should be given to them.

Glorious is the saying of Allah Tabarak and Taala:

{There is no aversion to the religion of the past}[5]

"And in the matter of religion there is no compulsion; the path of guidance has been distinguished from misguidance."

It has been explained in the blessed verse that no one should be forced to convert to Islam, it is related to the human heart.'It is through his thinking.

Glorious is the saying of Allah Tabarak and Taala:

{So you recited, so you did not reach out to the wise}[6]

"So if these disbelievers turn away from you, then you (O Prophet) only have to convey the message and that in an open and clear way."

Allah Almighty says:

{Invoke to the path of the Lord with wisdom and the preaching of goodness}[7]

"Invite people to the path of your Lord by admonishing them with wisdom and kindness."

If there are minority nations living in a country, then Muslims should tell about the characteristics of Islam such as peace and security, justice and fairness, tolerance and equality, compassion and solidarity and protection of rights. Invite them to Islam, if they do not accept it, do not force them, nor give priority to discussion, but resolve matters amicably.

{And I was kind to the children of Adam}[8]

"And the truth is that We honored the children of Adam."

It is known that a man should be endowed with good looks, prudence, intelligence and intelligence so that he can achieve success in this world and the hereafter by using it, and understand the difference between good and bad. While giving the rules, it has been explained that vulgar and rude behavior and words should not be used, even if the addressee's relationship is against your religious tendencies and religious thoughts. Allah says:

{And do not revile those who call upon God, for they revile God without knowledge}[9]

"(O Muslims) do not speak ill of the gods whom these people call upon besides Allah, as a result of which these people, proceeding from the knowledge of ignorance, do not begin to speak ill of Allah."

In this blessed verse, it is clearly interpreted that they should not use offensive words about their gods in front of the disbelievers. Lest it happen that in their ignorance they go around insolent in the glory of our Lord Almighty. Just as it is haraam to be arrogant in the glory of the Lord Almighty, in the same way it is forbidden to cause arrogance. Muslims are urged in this blessed verse that if they talk to non-Muslims, they should talk politely without insulting their gods.

Islam respect humanity:

Islam has declared man as Ashraf al-Mukhaluqat. He has been taught respect and dignity. Due to being a human being, he has excellence and superiority in the entire universe.

Allah Tabarak Wa Taala Jal Majda Al Kareem has said:

{And We had mercy on the children of Adam, and carried them on land and sea, and provided them with goodness, and We favored them over many.}[10]

"We have given honor to the children of Adam and made them ride on the land and in the river, provided them with sustenance, gave them pure things, and We have given them superiority over many creatures."

Allah Tabarak Wa Taala Jal Majda Al Kareem has said:

{He who created for you what is in the earth}[11]

"Allah is the one who created the earth and everything for you."

Allah Almighty says:

{And why were the jinn and humans created except for worshipers}[12]

"And We have created all jinn and mankind only for Our worship."

Allah Almighty has made man the best of creatures. He has appointed man as his caliph in the world and has given him the honor of being his vicegerent. Abu al-Bashar refused to prostrate before the honor and majesty of Hazrat Syedna Adam (peace be upon him) and Iblis was forever humiliated. And it made hatred mandatory.

Islam has also ordered the sanctity of living human being. It has been ordered to love each other and human equality has been taught. And even ordered that if a Muslim dies, bathe him with honor and respect. Dress him in a clean new shroud, put perfume on him, perfume him with flowers, carry him on your shoulders with respect, perform the funeral prayer respectfully and take him down to the grave, pray for him and seek forgiveness.

In the age of Jahiliyyah, the fire of hatred was burning in all directions among the people. There was no respect for each other's rights. Enemies' limbs were cut off. Their limbs were cut and alcohol was drunk in their skulls. Fingers were dipped into the bowls of blood and this was a sign of revenge. When the occasion of the Battle of Uhud came, the infidels asked the Prophet. His uncle Hazrat Hamza was martyred and his body parts were cut off and he was desecrated. When the era of Islam came, all this was strictly prohibited and the order was enforced to bury the dead of Muslims with honor and dignity.

Allah Tabarak and Taala has given man above all intellect, by using which he distinguishes between right and wrong, because of this intellect he rules the universe, because of this intellect he has reached the facts. .

Islam is the first religion which first established the example of brotherhood and tolerance, ended all discrimination and discrimination. Islam abolished the system of colour, race and caste. Islam teaches that all people are equal to each other and are the children of Hazrat Adam (peace be upon him). Allah Tabarak wa Taala Jal Majda Al Kareem said:

{O people, fear your Lord, Who created you from a single soul, and created from them their wives, and sent forth from them many men and women}[13]

"O people! Be afraid of your Lord, who created you from a single soul and created from it its wife, and then created from them many men and women."

Tolerance in light of blessed hadiths:

We get the lesson of brotherhood and tolerance from the sayings of the Prophet, peace be upon him.

Hazrat Mu'adh (RA) asked the Prophet (PBUH) about the best faith, to which the Prophet (PBUH) said:

``To love Allah, and to hate Allah, and to act in remembrance of Allah." He said: And why, O Messenger of Allah? He said: And love for people what you love for yourself and hate for them what you hate for yourself.[14]

"So love someone for the sake of Allah, and hate someone for the sake of Allah, and your tongue should be free from the mention of Allah." He (peace be upon him) said: Love for people what you love for yourself and hate for them what you hate for yourself.

It is narrated from Umm al-Mu'minin Hazrat Ayesha Siddiqa (RA) that the Prophet (PBUH) said:

“Allah is a friend who loves companionship, and gives to kindness what He does not give to violence, and what He does not give to anything else.”[15]

"Indeed, Allah, the Exalted, is Merciful, Merciful and Loves gentleness, He gives as much to gentleness as He does not give to harshness and He does not give to anything."

Hazrat Abdullah bin Amr (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

"Whoever killed a covenant did not smell the fragrance of Jannah, and the smell of it is found in the path of forty-one people."[16]

"The person who kills a covenant (non-Muslim) will not even smell the fragrance of Paradise, although its fragrance reaches so far that its distance can be cut in forty years."

This hadith refers to the dhimmis, i.e. the covenants (non-Muslims) living in peace and security in Muslim societies.

Hazrat Syeda Asma bint Abi Bakr (may Allah be pleased with her) says:

" She came to my mother, and she was a polytheist in the covenant of the Messenger of God, may God bless him and grant him peace. He said: No, peace be upon you.[17]

"During the Prophethood, my mother, who was a polytheist, came to me. I asked the Messenger of Allah, may God bless him and grant him peace, and he said that she came with some expectations from me. Should I treat my non-Muslim mother well?" The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: Yes, treat your mother with good behavior.

In the same way, we get great examples of tolerance from the Aswa Mubarak of the Holy Prophet, by following which we can make our society a cradle of peace and security. They can put an end to oppression and injustice and can set an example of the unity of the Ummah by promoting tolerance.

In the Holy Quran, Allah Tabarak and Taala has mentioned about the Jews, that Messengers were sent to them one after another, but they disobeyed, denied some, and martyred some.[18]Their hearts are as hard as stones, but even harder because some stones even spring forth springs.[19]

The hostility of the Jews to Islam has always been known, so it is in the Holy Qur'an that they do not hesitate to take advantage of any opportunity to harm the Muslims. And what they hide in their hearts is worse than that.[20]They take cognizance of falsehoods, eat forbidden goods.

Nevertheless, the Muslims have been instructed that when they come to you for a decision, you have the choice to decide or stand aside, and when you decide, be just, for Allah, the Exalted, loves those who do justice. Is.[21]

What can be a lesson of religious tolerance more than this and we get practical proof of it from the life of the Prophet ﷺ

Summary Discussion:

From the above discussion it becomes clear that Islam is the greatest bearer of tolerance. This is clear as day in the Holy Qur'an and hadiths. The Prophet ﷺ had to face a lot of opposition, torture and enmity from the disbelievers, polytheists, Jews, Christians and hypocrites, but instead of taking revenge, he set a great example of forgiveness and tolerance and religious tolerance. With the grace of his training, the Companions of the Messenger of Allah, may God bless him and grant him peace, also followed this good example of his Prophet and set great examples of tolerance. There is a need to bring this bright face of Islam before the world so that the negative thoughts about Islam can be removed from people's minds and the reality is clear.

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