

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، أَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ حَمْدًا يَلِيقُ بِجَلَالِ وَجْهِهِ وَعَظِيمِ سُلْطَانِهِ،
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا فِيهِنَّ،
وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ
عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. We extol Him as is befitting to His glorious sovereignty and status. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship, except for Allah alone without any partners or peers. To Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is within them. And He is over all things competent. I also witness that Muhammad ﷺ is His servant and Messenger, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his Companions, and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

“Indeed, Allah orders *justice and excellence and giving to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded.*” (16:90)

The third and final command of Allah ﷻ within this verse is to be **kind to relatives and to uphold the ties of kinship.**

The Prophet ﷺ said: ***“The quickest good deeds to be rewarded are righteousness and good relations with family. The quickest evil deeds to be punished are transgression and severing family ties.”*** (Ibn Majah)

One of the greatest dilemmas facing Muslims today is the cutting of kinship. Family, friends, neighbours, countries... During the time of the Prophet ﷺ, a man came to him and complained, ***“I have relatives with whom I maintain ties while they cut me off. I am good to them while they are bad to me. They behave foolishly towards me while I am forbearing towards them.”*** The Prophet ﷺ replied, ***“If things are as you said, it is as if you were putting hot ashes on them (they are harming themselves because of their behaviour) and you will not lack a supporter against them from Allah ﷻ as long as you continue to do that.”*** (Adab al Mufrad)

Immorality

The first prohibition is that believers (both male & female) are commanded to stay away from immorality. Immoral behaviour, obscenity, overt sexuality, speech, clothing, lifestyle, actions. You see this at **work, school, university adverts, billboards, internet, movies, dramas..**

Immorality is rampant here, but even our home countries are catching up.

الشَّيْطَانُ يَعِدُكُمُ الْفَقْرَ وَيَأْمُرُكُمْ بِالْفَحْشَاءِ - وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الزِّنَا إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَاحِشَةً وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا

“Modesty is part of faith and faith is in Paradise. Shamelessness is part of impudence and impudence is in the Hellfire.” (Tirmidhi)

“Obscenity is not found in anything but that it spoils it, and modesty is not found in anything but that it beautifies it.” (Tirmidhi)

Evil / Bad Conduct

Allah ﷻ praises the Ummah because they enjoin good & forbid evil.

You are the best nation produced for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah.(3:110)

(31:17) يَا بُنَيَّ أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَانْهَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ
(24:21) وَمَنْ يَتَّبِعْ خُطْوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَإِنَّهُ يَأْمُرُ بِالْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ

“By Him in Whose Hand my life is, you either enjoin good and forbid evil, or Allah will certainly soon send His punishment to you. Then you will make supplication and it will not be accepted”. (Tirmidhi)

Oppression / Arrogance

‘Whoever usurps even one span of the land of somebody, his neck will be encircled with it down the seven earths.’(Bukhari)

"Whoever has oppressed another person concerning his reputation or anything else, he should beg him to forgive him before the Day of Resurrection when there will be no money (to compensate for wrong deeds), but if he has good deeds, those good deeds will be taken from him according to his oppression which he has done, and if he has no good deeds, the sins of the oppressed person will be loaded on him." (Bukhari)

These 6 principles:

Being just, acting with excellence, maintaining ties of kinship

Staying away from immorality, forbidding evil and avoiding transgression

If followed, will lead to the ideal Islamic society being formed within our communities. If we all implement these 6 principles on an individual level, this will In-Shah-Allah be embodied on a communal level.