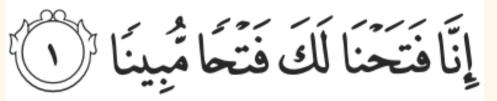


What's the Big Idea?



The Surah conveyed to the Muslims the good news that the peace treaty of al-Hudaybiyah [set between them and the disbelievers of Makkah] was a victory and a conquest. This news filled their hearts with tranquility and removed from them the distress caused by the prevention of performing Umrah. Because of this treaty, they were able to deliver the message of Islam peacefully and widely. Allah became pleased with those who pledged allegiance to the Prophet (PBUH) underneath the tree. They were told that they will soon be allowed to enter the Sacred House of Makkah to perform Umrah.

In the Shade of the Ayat

## وَلِلَّهِ جُنُودُ ٱلسَّمَاوَتِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ وَكَانَ ٱللَّهُ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا اللَّهُ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا اللَّهُ

... "And to Allah belong the soldiers of the heavens and the earth, and ever is Allah Knowing and Wise." If Allah wills something for His slaves, there will be plenty of soldiers of His who would carry out His commands as He wills – for He is the All-Knowing – who knows the limit and capacity of His slaves and their needs. He is the Wise, Who grants them what benefits them and chooses the perfect time to fulfil His

## وَعَدَاللَّهُ ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ وَعَمِلُواْ ٱلصَّالِحَاتِ مِنْهُم مَّغَفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا اللَّ

... "Allah has promised those who believe and do righteous deeds among them forgiveness and a great reward." The believer, who believes in Allah alone and seeks to please Him by doing good deeds, will receive forgiveness from Him. His shortcomings will be

### Surat Al-Fath

pardoned, and he is promised to receive a great reward on the Day of Judgment. Therefore, the believer must be heedful whenever a disobedience is committed; he should

remember that the pleasure of this worldly life is but a short amusement and that with Allah alone is the eternal

#### Quran Knowledge & Action

I always have good expectations of Allah and know that hardships were placed in my path so that I learn from them and they benefit me. There is nothing decreed by Allah for His believing servants except something good.

## سورة الفتح

#### What's the Big Idea?

Surat Al-Hujurat presents very important principles of faith and regulations relating to manners and discipline of the Muslims. Some scholars called it, "Suratul Akhlaq". It teaches us to respect and follow Allah's religion and give precedence to His law over our opinion. The most important manner a believer should learn is to respect and appreciate the Messenger of Allah (PBUH), because behaving well with the Prophet (PBUH) means behaving well with Allah. Also, the surah teaches us how to interact with people – we don't mock them, we don't backbite one another, we don't call each other names, we avoid negative assumptions, and we check out information coming from questionable sources. And we believe that all Muslims are equal; no superiority for a believer over another except in taqwa.

In the Shade of the Ayat

## إِنَّمَا ٱلْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخُوةٌ فَأَصَلِحُواْ بِينَ أَخُويَكُمْ وَٱتَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ١٠٠

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy." The believers are declared brothers and sisters – they cannot be other than that, for whenever this bond of brotherhood disappears, faith disappears. Man is evident in the way we deal with others, we love and support each other despite our differences in lineage, color and language. However, if shaytan causes two factions to dispute, we should hasten to bring reconciliation between them, to deserve receiving the mercy of Allah

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"O mankind, indeed, We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted." Allah created all humans equal — There is no superiority for a male over a female, nor for a race or color over another race or color except in taqwa. Fearing Allah and doing good deeds are the only factors that would bring someone closer to Allah than someone else.

#### Quran Knowledge & Action

If I see two of my friends disputing or fighting each other, I try my best to reconcile between them both. And I do not speak ill of one in front of the other, so as not to let enmity and dispute be increased between them.

In the Shade of the Ayat

"'All will be resurrected,' yet the deniers are astonished that a warner has come to them from among themselves 'warning of resurrection'. So the disbelievers say, "This is an astonishing thing!" This Ayah shows the skepticism of those who found it hard to believe that they would be resurrected after death.

وَلَقَدُ خَلَقَنَا ٱلْإِنسَانَ وَنَعَلَمُ مَا تُوسُوسُ بِهِ وَلَقَدُ خَلَقَنَا ٱلْإِنسَانَ وَنَعَلَمُ مَا تُوسُوسُ بِهِ وَكَاتُ أُورِيدِ اللهِ وَنَعَنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ ٱلْوَرِيدِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ ال

"Indeed We have created man, and We know whatever thoughts his inner self develops, and We are closer to him than (his) jugular vein," Allah knows our inner reality. In fact, He knows us better than we know ourselves, all of our fleeting thoughts, our deepest thoughts and our intentions.

# إِذْ يَنْلَقَّى ٱلْمُتَلَقِّيَانِ عَنِ ٱلْيَمِينِ وَعَنِ ٱلشِّمَالِ قَعِيدٌ اللَّهُ الْمُتَلَقِّيَانِ عَنِ ٱلْيَمِينِ وَعَنِ ٱلشِّمَالِ قَعِيدٌ اللَّهُ

"As the two recording-angels—'one' sitting to the right, and 'the other to' the left—note 'everything'," We all have two angels with us who watch us, on our right and left. They are in charge of writing down our good deeds (hasanat) and our bad deeds (sayiaat).