

Surah Al-Nisa

This surah contains broad range instructions and directives to establish new Islamic social order after removing the pre-Islamic system of ignorance (نظام الجاهلية)

Major and minor sins- Allah is very merciful, He says, if you avoid the major sins which have been forbidden, He shall not look out for trivial omissions and lapses. *إِنْ تَحْتَسِبُوا كِبَائِرَ مَا تُنْهَوْنَ عَنْهُ تُكْفِرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ*

Conduct of "People of the Book" (i.e. Christians and Jews)- The Quran warns Muslims not to follow the footsteps of those who divided their faith, added things to it, and went astray from the teachings of their prophets.

Superiority in ranks and traits among human in this world is part of Allah's plan and wisdom. Not to be resentful about what Allah has bestowed others, ask Allah His unlimited bounties and blessings.

Men are the protectors and maintainers (قَوَامُونَ) – who manage(family) affairs, protect and defend the honour of his wife, fulfilling her needs regarding religion and her worldly life. This status as protector and maintainer is one of pure responsibility, liability, and not so much a position of authority alone.

Protocols for divorce are explained, including a series of steps which ensure the rights of both husband & wife.

Directives for family and domestic affairs in details so that 'family' a basic unit of a society, be protected from any possible break-up or disintegration.(Huge emphasis on this aspects of family life in many surah of Quran)

Unity of Muslim Ummah- believers are encouraged to engage in commerce with each other "by mutual goodwill". They are warned not to covet things that belong to another person. Also warned about hypocrites.

Prayer (صلاة)- Should be performed consciously (do not prayed when intoxicated) – An unthoughtful prayer, without knowing what is being prayed, is a 'Prayer' without its true spirit.

Prophet (SAW) as witness upon his Ummah- On the Day of Judgment, Prophet (SAW) will be brought as 'crown prosecutor' who will testify that he conveyed the message to his Ummah (and the Ummah has to convey this message to the rest of humanity). Then Ummah has to face this tough question of delivering responsibility. Prophet (SAW) used to weep when he recited this verse (41) *فَكَيْفَ إِذَا جِئْنَا مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ بِشَهِيدٍ وَجِئْنَا بِكَ عَلَىٰ هَؤُلَاءِ شَهِيدًا*

Associating Partner with Allah- is one sin which Allah declared, He will not forgive.

A scientific miracle – Who reject faith, Allah will punish them in Hellfire and He says" As often as their skins are consumed We shall exchange them for fresh skins that they may taste the punishment". As now, we know that pain receptors exist within the skin which is what causes pain. New skin will given to add to punishment.

A blue print of Islamic State (v 58-59)- Political, constitutional, and legislative aspects of Islamic system mentioned. *إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا وَإِذَا حَكَمْتُمْ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ أَنْ تَحْكُمُوا بِالْعَدْلِ.* Allah commands you to deliver trust to those worthy of them; and when you judge between people, judge with justice:

1. Entrust positions of responsibility to those who are capable – (**Administration**) but its wide application
2. Judge people with justice (**Judiciary**)
3. Obey Allah and His Messenger, and those in authority among you (v59) – No legislation repugnant to Quran & Sunnah- (**Legislature**)

Believers have been told to fight for those wronged, persecuted men, women and children facing the worst type of persecution, and praying to Allah for deliverance from oppression.

Believers must respect the life of other believers. Murder and its punishment. *وَمَنْ يَقْتُلْ مُؤْمِنًا مُتَعَمِّدًا فَجَزَاؤُهُ جَهَنَّمُ.*

Establish justice for women, orphan and other weak elements of society

Purpose of Book- Quran has been sent to establish its order so that justice prevails and mischief be eradicated.

Social justice – Allah commands believers, stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even if it is against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor.

Shortened prayers for the travelers and those who are in the battlefield.

Neutral and undecided people- In battle between right and wrong, people who are disinclined with the Truth and do not stand for Truth, Allah does not guide such people and they are the lost ones.