

Points to Ponder

Reflections on a verse from Surah Fussilat 24th Juz.

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Ayah 30 Verily, those who say: "Our Master is Allah (Alone)," and then they remain steadfast, on them the angels will descend (at the time of their death) (saying): "Fear not, nor grieve! But receive the glad tidings of Paradise which you have been promised!"

Ubayy bin Kaab R.A was the Qari of this Ummah. He had many tributes paid to him by Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam one of which is that he is the first sahabi to complete the entire Quran in Taraweeh Salaah in Masjid-un-Nabawee . Another great honour bestowed to him is that Allah instructed Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam to listen to Ubayy R.A. recitation of the Quran. **Yes Allah took his name and said this, Allahu Akbar!**

He also once corrected Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam whilst Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam was performing salaah, when a verse was omitted.

This verse tells us the importance of remaining steadfast on Deen. I should not consider myself a Ramadhan Muslim, i.e. I only practise in Ramadhan. No, throughout my life I've got to practise.

If we are steadfast then Allah will send down angels to us to reassure us, HAVE "NO FEAR" and "NO GRIEF" .

Fear is a great impediment to total happiness. The wealthiest person around is not at ease, Why?? Because of Fear. Fear of losing profits, fear of burglars, fear of depreciation, fear of life, kidnapping, fear regarding our children etc etc. and the list goes on. So a believer is told "fear Allah" and you'll be given the gladdidings of no fear forever. This world is a prison for a believer and heaven for a disbeliever.

In prison one has to fulfil the regulations, eat what they give you, sleep when they tell you to, lights out when the wardens decide. Your whole life is restricted to the dictates of prison regulations and the authority. And even the person whose given

every possible luxury in prison, has a desire to be set free. A believer is very much the same.

Even if he enjoys all the amenities of this world he still yearns for freedom to the real abode, hereafter.

Everything of this world is not evil and disdainfully looked upon. All things of this world which lead a person away from Allah and make a person neglect ones duties and become oblivious of Allah, they are evil.

Live a life pleasing to Allah here in this world and in return Allah Ta'ala will allow us a life of whatever we desire in the next.

Ayah 31 : "We have been your friends in the life of this world and are (so) in the Hereafter. Therein you shall have (all) that your inner-selves desire, and therein you shall have (all) for which you ask for."