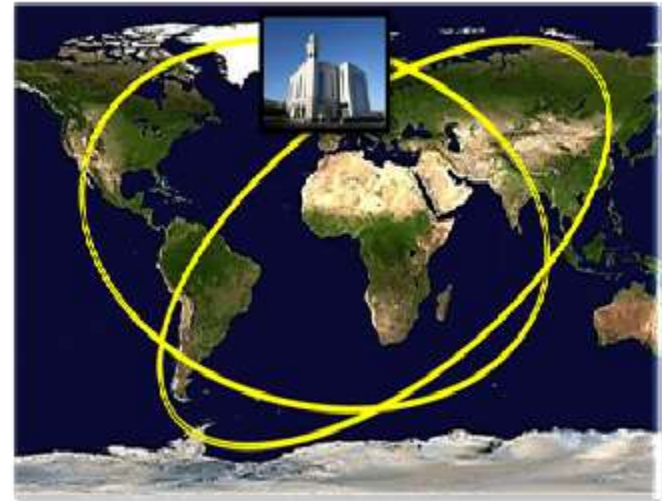


Taqwa (Righteousness)



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Summary




One should abide by righteousness and keep an eye on one's practices; it is best to be mindful of what one is storing for the future both in this life and the Hereafter.



The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that Satan flows in the veins of every person like blood, meaning everyone is vulnerable.



The best way to fend off attacks of Satan is to always remember that **ALLAH IS WATCHING US ALL THE TIME.**



Forward planning is the key to success in this world and the next; before doing anything remember that in future, in the next world, we will have to be accountable for our actions.



We should never let go of our connection with God Who is always with us; in this world and the next.

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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَتَنْظُرُوا
نَفْسَ مَا قَدَّمْتُمْ لِغَدٍ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۗ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٩﴾
وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ نَسُوا اللَّهَ فَأَنْسَاهُمْ
أَنْفُسَهُمْ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفٰسِقُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

‘O ye who believe! fear Allah; and let every soul look to what it sends forth for the morrow. And fear Allah; verily Allah is Well-Aware of what you do. And be not like those who forgot Allah, so He made them forget themselves. It is they that are the rebellious.’
(59:19-20)

The root cause of sin is that one thinks it is a trivial act and does not take adequate care to safeguard against sin.

This takes one deeper into sin and turns one’s attention away from the virtue.

Man gradually forgets virtues and the standards that are expected of a believer. Fear of God diminishes and one's belief in the Hereafter also weakens.

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One is reminded not to merely be concerned with the interests, comforts and connections of this world.

One's main concern should be the afterlife, level of faith and righteousness.

Accountability in the Hereafter should be pivotal to one's concerns; this alone will lead to true moral development.

One will progress spiritually when one will be conscious of what one sends forth for the morrow.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) said that God has given us a principle to succeed in this world and the next and that is to plan for the future.



This principle leads to success in this world as well as the next world.



In order to prepare for the Hereafter one has to start here and now.

Elucidating verse 59:19 the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote: 'O those who believe, fear God and each one of you should look to what it has sent forth for the Hereafter. And fear God Who is Well-Aware and All-Knowing and looks at your practices. That is, He knows and distinguishes very well and thus will never accept your defective practices.'

One should abide by righteousness and keep an eye on one's practices; we should be mindful for the Hereafter and not consider this world as everything as non-believers do.

The aforementioned verse 59:19 is one of the Quranic verses recited at the time of nikah

In the nikah sermon God draws attention to many aspects

To care for familial relations

To adopt honesty enabling one to practice virtues and fulfil relationship dues

To adopt commandments of God and His Messenger

Furthermore emphasis is given that if one is mindful of the next life, then one will follow the commands of God and His Messenger.

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There are numerous commandments of God and His Messenger which help make family life most pleasant.

One's family life in this world becomes paradise-like as well as one also hopes to get blessings in the next life owing to one's good practices.



These blessings are far-reaching and one's children also benefit.

Remember, your next generation does not only belong to you, it is also an asset of the Jama'at and the nation.

It is the responsibility of the parents to show their children the right way and this can only be possible when the parents follow the commandments of God and His Messenger.

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There are numerous occasions in our lives when we do not abide by righteousness and forget about the Hereafter.

Due to our ineptitude and failings we ruin our future in this world and also disregard the next life.

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A believer should first think of the consequences of any task that he embarks upon.

All evil stems from the fact that we have Satan in our thoughts/mind and we act without giving any thought to the consequences of our actions.

One must have faith that God is watching over whatever one does.

If man believes that the One Who rules.... him is watching over his every move, he would avoid every kind of wickedness, ineptitude and sloth.

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This is the kind of faith one should instil.

God has commanded us to abide by righteousness in matters related to family, business or matters of national and international scope.

We need to instil the belief that God watches every act of ours and we also need to instil the belief that every kind of deception, no matter how insignificant we may consider it to be, or any sloth or indolence on our part is not liked by God.

Man may think that worldly matters have no connection with faith but a believer is asked to abide by righteousness at all times.

It should be remembered that any form of deception takes one further one from faith and belief. And gradually one drifts away from religion and God.

Thus one should have in view the consequence of everything one does as God watches over everything that we do.

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We should hold ourselves accountable on a personal level.

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If we do something with good intention and to seek the pleasure of God then we have the promise of multiple rewards from God.

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If our intention behind doing something is not so good we should be aware that we can come under Divine chastisement.

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If everyone fulfils their obligations with these thoughts the general level of righteousness in the Jama'at will.

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Thus we should continuously look into ourselves and make endeavours to safeguard ourselves against satanic attacks.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that Satan flows in the veins of every person like blood; meaning that any person is vulnerable to evil or spiritual disease.

Like physical diseases, spiritual diseases can be caught from others.

Spiritual disease is more dangerous and the sufferer may not realise that he has spiritual weakness.

Such a person may not readily accept advice of his friends and the loved ones and may get upset if advised to reform his ways.

This makes the spiritual ailments far more dangerous because the sufferer is not prepared for the cure.

We need constant practice to safeguard ourselves because spiritual ailments, which are rampant today. We should remember that a true believer is never without fear of God.

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Righteousness demands one to lead life in accordance with the commandments of God; this includes looking at the consequence of everything one embarks upon and having firm belief that God is watching over everything one does.

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When the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) awoke during night he would pray and supplicate with great humility and tenderness of heart.

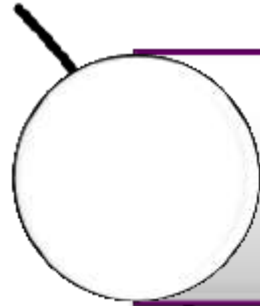
Hazrat 'Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) put it to him that God had indeed granted him forgiveness why then did he supplicate so humbly.

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) replied that his salvation was but with the grace of God and he needed to ever turn to God.

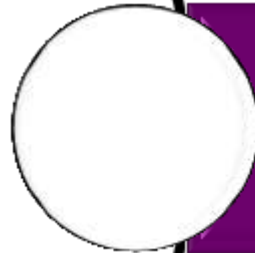
Now, if someone like the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) practised so much humility and fear of God, who can say that he is not in need of looking for God's blessings!

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Man forgets God in three ways.



Firstly, those who do not believe in the existence of God. These people are apparently educated and use the media and the internet to poison the minds of the young and the vulnerable.



Secondly, those who do not have true belief in an All-Powerful God. These people do believe in the existence of God as the Creator.



Thirdly, it is those who are so immersed in worldly matters that they have forgotten God. They may offer Salat or pray when they remember.

Those who forget God ultimately reach a stage of moral and spiritual decline and have no inner peace.

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When Hazrat Khalifatul
Masih (may Allah have
mercy on him) once advised
that think before doing
anything that ...

**...God is watching you
and that He also has a
record of everything
you do.**

This advice is
most beneficial
for the true
believer who has
been enjoined by
God to follow it.
Only rebellious
people forget
God.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) said do not be like those people who abandon the Fountain-head of all purity that Holy God is and wish to succeed through mischievous plans and scheming.

We should never let go of our connection with God Who is with us in life and in death.

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