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Surat AL MAOUN 107
Small - Kindness

The aim:

(1) The establishment of one of the most fundamental aspects of Faith.

It is related to the phenomena of hypocrisy and false appearance.

In Islam, the apparent aspects of the different acts of worship are meaningless unless they are motivated by sincerity and devotion to Allah.

In Islam, : when the muslim has sincerity in his worship to Allah, this will lead to :-

- 1- He will follow the Rt path in his worldly acts, deeds and sayings. (because of his pure belief in Allah),
- 2- His social behaviour will be a reflection of his sincerity in worship i.e will be Islamic behaviour full of mercy and compassion and honesty.

A man can profess to be a muslim, that is, he accepts this religion and all its principles, offers prayers regularly and observes other acts of worship, yet be lacking in the essence of Faith and sincerity of belief. In fact he may be very far from these. For there are signs which indicate the firm establishment of these qualities in mens hearts.

The tafseer

$$\frac{V_1 - V_2 - V_3}{3}$$

The Surah starts with a question addressed to all who can "see", generating suspense regarding:

Who is the person (creature) identified by the Quran as the one who denies the religion of Islam?

The Surah is an answer to this question: that: it is He who:

The truth of Islam does not touch his heart so he:
1- Wickedly repels the orphan, humiliates him and hurting his feelings.

2- Does not care for the needy or their welfare

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The True belief in Islam is not a spoken word but an overall change of the individual's heart, motivating him to goodwill for all his fellow beings that are in need of his care and protection.

Allah does not want mere words from His servants, but demands deeds to support the spoken words.

Nothing can be more forceful than these 3 verses in affirming this fact which represents the nature of faith.

$$\frac{V_4 - V_5 - V_6}{4 - 5 - 6}$$

This is Allah's threat of destruction to those who offer prayers but are careless about them. Who exactly are such? They are those who perform prayers but do not meet their requirements. They execute the mechanical aspects and the verbal formula of Prayers but their hearts are never alive to them, nor are they nourished by praying.

ψ The essence and purpose of praying is never present in their hearts. They offer prayers only to deceive others and not out of devotion to Allah. Hence they are ~~inattentive~~ inattentive when they pray.

Muslims are required to offer their prayers regularly having in mind that: their prayers are a manifestation of their servitude to Allah alone. Thus prayer leaves no them ~~having~~ the right link with Allah.

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Again it is that: they do not ~~even tend~~ even tend that which others may benefit from it and be helped by. These people deny ~~do not~~ the rules of many of Islam.

We need to believe that :-

① Allah seeks no benefit for himself, as he is the lord of all that exist. Allah is The most Merciful, commanding his believers for their sake, prosperity, welfare and purification and happiness in their lives.

5 Allah wishes human life to be elevated happy,
based on pure motives and characterized by compassion
brotherhood and purity of hearts and behaviours.

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