

decide upon weaning *the child* by mutual consent and consultation, there is no blame on them. And if you desire to engage a wet-nurse for your children, there shall be no blame on you, provided you pay what you have agreed to pay, in a fair manner. And fear Allāh and know that Allāh sees what you do.

235. And those of you who die and leave wives behind, these (wives) shall wait concerning themselves four months and ten *days*. And when they have reached the end of their period, no sin shall lie on you in anything that they do with regard to themselves according to what is fair. And Allāh is aware of what you do.

236. And there shall be no blame on you in throwing out a hint regarding a proposal of marriage to *these* women or in keeping *the desire* hidden in your minds. Allāh knows that you will think of them *in this connection*. But make not a contract with them in secret, except that you say a fair word. And resolve not on the marriage tie until the prescribed period reaches its end. And know that Allāh knows what is in your minds; so beware of it. And know that Allāh is Most Forgiving, Forbearing.

R. 31.

237. It shall be no sin for you if you divorce women while you have not

فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِنَّ ۖ وَإِنْ أَرَدْتُمْ أَنْ تَسْتَرْضِعُوهُنَّ أُولَٰئِكَ كُمْ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذَا سَلَّمْتُمْ مَّا أَتَيْتُمْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٢٣٥﴾

وَالَّذِينَ يَتَوَفَّوْنَ مِنْكُمْ وَيَذَرُونَ أَزْوَاجًا يَتَرَبَّصْنَ بِأَنْفُسِهِنَّ أَرْبَعَةَ أَشْهُرٍ وَعَشْرًا ۚ فَإِذَا بَلَغْنَ أَجَلَهُنَّ فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِيمَا فَعَلْنَ فِي أَنْفُسِهِنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿٢٣٦﴾

وَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِيمَا عَرَّضْتُمْ بِهِ مِنْ خُطْبَةِ النِّسَاءِ أَوْ أَكْنَنْتُمْ فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ ۚ عَلِمَ اللَّهُ أَنَّكُمْ سَتَذْكُرُونَهُنَّ وَلَكِنْ لَا تُوَاعِدُوهُنَّ سِرًّا إِلَّا أَنْ تَقُولُوا قَوْلًا مَعْرُوفًا ۚ وَلَا تَعْزِمُوا عُقْدَةَ النِّكَاحِ حَتَّى يَبْلُغَ الْكِتَابُ أَجَلَهُ ۚ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ فَاحْذَرُوهُ ۚ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ حَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٣٧﴾

لَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِنْ طَلَقْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ

touched them, nor settled for them a dowry. But provide for them—the rich man according to his means and the poor man according to his means—a provision in a becoming manner, an obligation upon the virtuous.

238. And if you divorce them before you have touched them, but have settled for them a dowry, then half of what you have settled *shall be due from you*, unless they remit, or he, in whose hand is the tie of marriage, should remit. And that you should remit is nearer to righteousness. And do not forget to do good to one another. Surely, Allāh sees what you do.

239. Watch over Prayers, and the middle Prayer, and stand before Allāh submissively.

240. If you are in a state of fear, then say your Prayer on foot or riding; but when you are safe, remember Allāh as He has taught you that which you did not know.

241. And those of you who die and leave behind wives shall bequeath to their wives provision for a year without *their* being turned out. But if they *themselves* go out, there shall be no blame upon you in regard to any proper thing which they do concerning themselves. And Allāh is Mighty,

مَا لَمْ تَمْسُوهُنَّ أَوْ تَفْرِضُوا لَهُنَّ
فَرِيضَةً ۚ وَ مَتَّعُوهُنَّ ۚ عَلَى الْمُسِيرِ
قَدْرُهُ ۚ وَعَلَى الْمُقْتِرِ قَدْرُهُ ۚ مَتَاعًا
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۚ حَقًّا عَلَى الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٢٣٨﴾
وَإِنْ طَلَقْتُمُوهُنَّ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ
تَمْسُوهُنَّ ۖ وَ قَدْ فَرَضْتُمْ لَهُنَّ
فَرِيضَةً ۖ فَنِصْفُ مَا فَرَضْتُمْ إِلَّا
أَنْ يَعْفُونَ أَوْ يَعْفُوَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ
عُقْدَةُ النِّكَاحِ ۚ وَأَنْ تَعْفُوا أَقْرَبُ
لِلتَّقْوَى ۚ وَلَا تَنْسُوا الْفَضْلَ بَيْنَكُمْ ۚ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٢٣٩﴾

حَافِظُوا عَلَى الصَّلَوَاتِ وَالصَّلَاةِ
الْوُسْطَى ۖ وَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ قَانِتِينَ ﴿٢٤٠﴾
فَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ فَرِجَالًا أَوْ رُكْبَانًا
فَإِذَا أَمِنْتُمْ فَأَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ۚ كَمَا
عَلَّمَكُمْ مَا لَمْ تَكُونُوا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٤١﴾

وَالَّذِينَ يَتَوَفَّوْنَ مِنْكُمْ وَيَذَرُونَ
أَزْوَاجًا ۚ وَصِيَّةً لِّأَزْوَاجِهِمْ مَّتَاعًا
إِلَى الْحَوْلِ غَيْرِ إِخْرَاجٍ ۚ فَإِنْ خَرَجْنَ
فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي مَا فَعَلْنَ فِي
أَنْفُسِهِنَّ مِنْ مَّعْرُوفٍ ۚ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ

Wise.

242. And for the divorced women *also* there should be a provision according to what is fair—an obligation on the God-fearing.

243. Thus does Allāh make His commandments clear to you that you may understand.

R. 32.

244. Dost thou not know of those who went forth from their homes, and they were thousands, fearing death? And Allāh said to them: 'Die;' then He brought them to life. Surely, Allāh is Munificent to men, but most men are not grateful.

245. And fight in the cause of Allāh and know that Allāh is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

246. Who is it that will lend Allāh a goodly loan that He may multiply it for him manifold? And Allāh receives and enlarges, and to Him shall you be made to return.

247. Hast thou not heard of the chiefs of the children of Israel after Moses, when they said to a Prophet of theirs: 'Appoint for us a king that we may fight in the cause of Allāh'? He said: 'Is it not likely that you will not fight, if fighting is prescribed for you?' They said: 'What reason have we to abstain from fighting in the cause of Allāh when we have been driven forth

حَكِيمٌ ٣٢١

وَلْيُمْطَلَّقَتِ مَتَاءً بِالْمَعْرُوفِ ۖ
حَقًّا عَلَى الْمُتَّقِينَ ٣٢٢

كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ٣٢٣

ج ١٥

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ خَرَجُوا مِنْ
دِيَارِهِمْ وَهُمْ أُلُوفٌ حَذَرَ الْمَوْتِ ۖ
فَقَالَ لَهُمْ اللَّهُ مُوتُوا ۖ ثُمَّ أَحْيَاهُمْ ۚ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَذُو فَضْلٍ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَلَكِنَّ
أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَشْكُرُونَ ٣٢٤

وَقَاتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَاعْلَمُوا
أَنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ٣٢٥

مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يُقْرِضُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا
فِيضِعِفَهُ لَهُ أَضْعَافًا كَثِيرَةً ۚ وَاللَّهُ
يَقْبِضُ وَيَبْضُطُ ۚ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ٣٢٦

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الْمَلَإِ مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ
مَنْ بَعَثَ مُوسَى إِذْ قَالُوا لِنَبِيِّنَا لَهُمْ
ابْعَثْ لَنَا مَلِكًا نُقَاتِلَ فِي سَبِيلِ
اللَّهِ ۚ قَالَ هَلْ عَسَيْتُمْ إِنْ كُتِبَ
عَلَيْكُمْ الْقِتَالُ أَلَّا تُقَاتِلُوا ۚ قَالُوا
وَمَا لَنَا أَلَّا نُقَاتِلَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَقَدْ