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Importance of Social Ethics in the light of **Surah Al Hujuraat**

Introduction:

Holy Quran was sent down from the Allah to the human beings in order as the guidance book for the people so that they will learn from the book and utilize the book in order to gain the closeness from Allah. One of the best example from the book is the Surah Al Hujuraat of Chapter 49th of the Quran which sent down to the Prophet (PBUH) in the city of Medina. The goal of this Surah is to give a commendation of the Ethics, Morality and Social Interaction of the life which would lead to the ideal civilization.

This Surah give us an view of the pure society in which not only the tongue, and ear but also their thoughts and creativity are not given much freedom, such that they are free to speak, listen and do everything they wished to do with respect to other people.

Surah Al Hujuraat:

Hujuraat means rooms or the compartments of the chamber. Al Hujuraat is the 49th Chapter of the Quran. Surah Al Hujuraat is a short Surah contain of only 18 verses. Yet this surah deliver us a strong message. Surah Al Hujuraat is the Madani Surah. This Surah is all about Ethics, Morality and Social Interaction that has to been observed in the Muslim community. Its major focus on the proper conduct towards Allah and Prophet (PBUH), injection against acting on news without verification, a call for peace and reconciliation as well injunctions against defamation, suspicion and backbiting. It also declare a universal brotherhood among Muslims. Surah Al Hujuraat is the gold mine of morals about Ethics, Morality and Social Interaction. The main focus about this Surah is around these three things which is Ethics, Morality and Social Interaction.

Social Ethics in the light of Surah Al Hujuraat:

Surah Al Hujuraat has a social ethnics, morality and interaction among Muslim for each other should have these rules. These rules were taught us 1400 years ago in the Muslims community so that there should be freedom, freedom of think, freedom to talk, freedom to listen and freedom to think in the society. These nine steps are:

1. Fa Tabayyanu:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَن تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِجَهَالَةٍ

“Oh you who believe; if an evil-doer comes to you with a report, look carefully into it, lest you harm a people in ignorance.” [Verse 6]¹

Fa Tabayyanu mean investigate. This verse of the Surah invites the Muslim to investigate an information about anything before spreading it or believe in it. Those spreading information which is not investigate can cause unnecessary trouble to others and make you to harm others.

2. Fa Aslihu:

وَإِن طَائِفَتَانِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ اقْتَتَلُوا فَأَصْلَحُوا بَيْنَهُمَا

“And if two parties of the believers quarrel, make peace between them.” [Verse 9]²

Fa Aslihu means Make Settlements. This verse of the Surah tell us to make an efforts to end these disputes between two Muslims or any kind two groups. This is because As the Muslims, we are brothers. And These Disputes among the Muslims can make the Muslim Ummah weak.

3. Wa Aqsitu:

إِن قَاءَتْ فَأَصْلَحُوا بَيْنَهُمَا بِالْعَدْلِ وَأَقْسِطُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ

“Then if it returns [the quarrel] make peace between them with justice and act equitably; surely Allah loWves those who act equitably.” [Verse 9]³

Wa Aqsitu mean Act Justly. This verse of the Surah also tells us that not only we should end the dispute between two Muslims or two groups, rather we should be just in the decision between two groups and shall not create favoritism among them.

4. La Yaskhar:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا يَسْخَرَ قَوْمٌ مِّن قَوْمٍ عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُونُوا خَيْرًا مِّنْهُمْ

“Oh you who believe; let not (one) people laugh at (another) people, perchance they may be better than them.” [Verse 11]⁴

¹ <https://themuslimvibe.com/faith-islam/the-10-golden-rules-on-ethics-and-social-etiquette-from-surah-hujurat>

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La Yaskhar mean Do not Ridicule. This verse of the Surah forbids the Muslims from mocking or making fun of the others. We never know who is better than us. So we should not judge them and make fun of them. Making fun of them is letting their confidence down, which make them unable to succeed.

5. Wa La Tanabazu:

وَلَا تَلْمِزُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَلَا تَنَابَزُوا بِالْأَلْقَابِ

“And do not find fault with your own people, nor call one another nicknames.” [Verse 11] ⁵

Wa La Tanabazu mean do not call others by offensive names. This verse of the Surah prohibits Muslims from keeping the insulting name for another person and calling them with one. This is a wrong deed and they should be seeking forgiveness.

6. Wa La Talamizu:

وَلَا تَلْمِزُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَلَا تَنَابَزُوا بِالْأَلْقَابِ

“And do not find fault with your own people, nor call one another nicknames.” [Verse 11] ⁶

Wa La Talamizu mean Do not insult others. Insulting each other is a great sin. Each person's respect is something precious and no one has the right to insult them.

7. Ijtanibu Kaseeran Minaz Zan:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اجْتَنِبُوا كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الظَّنِّ إِنَّ بَعْضَ الظَّنِّ إِثْمٌ

“Oh you who believe; avoid most of suspicion for surely, suspicion in some cases is a sin.” [Verse 12] ⁷

Ijtanibu Kaseeran Minaz Zan mean avoid negative assumptions. Holding negative assumptions against others is another great sin. We shall always be other about other's behavior and character.

8. Wa La Tajassasu:

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وَلَا تَجَسَّسُوا

“And do not spy on one another.” [Verse 12] ⁸

Wa La Tajassasu mean do not spy. This verse of the Surah prohibits Muslims to spy on each other. Intruding into someone's privacy is a social crime.

9. Wa La Yagtab:

وَلَا يَغْتَاب بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا أَيُحِبُّ أَحَدُكُمْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ لَحْمَ أَخِيهِ مَيْتًا فَكَرِهْتُمُوهُ

“And do not backbite one another. Does one of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother, and you abhor it.” [Verse 12]⁹

Wa La Yagtab mean do not backbite. One of the roots of the social evil is backbiting and is another great sin. We should not commit this sin.

Learning Morals from Surah Al Hujuraat:

There are some valuable lesson in the Surah that are needed for this humanity at the current stat to save from the roots of the evil society. Surah Al Hujuraat is the full of lessons about Ethics. If the society adapts these ethics, they can be save from the roots of the evil society. Here the reflections from the Surah that is worth thinking about deeply:

- Respect for Allah and Prophet (PBUH)
- Stop Bluffing
- Avoid People Pleasing
- Islam is all about peace
- I am not better than everyone else
- Do not Assume
- Do not backbite
- Believe with all your heart
- Islam is to submit and is the way

Message of Surah Al Hujuraat:

Main focus of the Surah Al Hujuraat is to enlighten the Muslim about:

- Manners
- Etiquettes
- Equality

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