BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE QURAN

Brief page by page summaries of the Quran

Part 4
Surah Nisa

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ABOUT

- The main purpose of the **Bird's Eye View of the Quran** is to present brief summaries of the Quran page by page. Some of the benefits are:
 - You can learn the general message of the Quran page by page
 - You can remember the key messages of the verse or group of verses while reciting
 - It can generate further interest in learning and understanding the Quran
 - It can be a Daur-e-Quran (going over the brief message of the entire Quran in 26 sessions) which is valuable particularly in Ramadan.
- Some details of the methodology are:
 - 15-line Quran is used, a soft copy of which can downloaded here
 - Verses on each page are grouped based on a common message and the key pointers¹ and some obvious lessons where possible are highlighted on the side. However, for detailed explanations, you should refer to translations and tafseer books.
 - The sessions are divided into 26 parts and each part is presented separately, other parts are available at www.fussilat.com.
 - Visit www.understandguran.com to understand the Quran The Easy Way
 - Every effort was made to ensure this work is free of errors. If a mistake or shortcoming is identified, please notify us and help make this presentation error free.

¹ Pointers are a general indication of the key meanings in the verses and do not necessarily capture every message, but give a general idea

Address to believers

- Caretakers of orphans can use the money if they are poor
- Test the orphan if they reached maturity handover their wealth

Address to believers

- Rules of Distribution of Taraka (Inheritance)
- Women and men have their shares
- Eating orphan's wealth is like eating fire

Surah An-Nisa (The Women)

This Surah addresses three groups

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- Believers Instructions to strengthen the Islamic society particularly the rights of people have been prescribed
- People of book Warning to them to believe otherwise there is a punishment hereafter
- Hypocrites (addressed as Believers) –
 Their evil characters are exposed and the requirement to be true believers are explained
- Allah commands mankind to be fearful
- Everyone is offspring of Adam and Eve
- Respect the rights of kinship

Address to believers

- Give rights to orphans
- Four marriages are prescribed to protect the rights of orphans
- Allah orders us to be just among the wives but if you feel unable to do then marry only one

Address to believers

- Give the bridal gifts
- Safeguard the wealth of orphans until they reach maturity

Lesson

Allah emphasizes in the above verses the importance of the rights of people (Huqooq Al-Ibad)

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Address to believers

- Rules of Distribution of Taraka (Inheritance)
- These are the limits of Allah
- Whoever follows these rules they will enter Jannah
- Who does not follow these rules they will enter Jahannam

P Lesson

- Allah ends the verse with punishment, meaning these are the limits and whoever crosses this limit will face humiliating punishment
- First ruling about the immorality in the society
- Punishment for adultery
- Tauba is for whom he makes mistake and ask forgiveness, not for those who does the sin continuously and intentionally

P Lesson

Make Tauba sincerely

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Address to believers

- Rules of Distribution of Taraka (Inheritance)
- Different shares for different relative

♀ Lesson

 Allah ends the verse with Al-Aleem meaning Al-knowing, so the shares are defined by Al-knowing there is no injustice in the distribution

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Address to believers

 Conditions of Nikah so that the society is clean

- Allah guides with these rulings
- Allah wants to forgive you
- Save yourself from immoral people
- Allah want to ease and indeed humans are created weak
- Do not claim that you will never mistake

Address to believers

If women are being divorced do not take their wealth by force

Address to believers

- Forbidden relations in marriage
- Mothers
- Daughters
- Sisters
- Aunts (Father and Mother side)
- Nieces
- Nursing mothers
- Sisters from nurse mother
- Mother-in-law
- Stepdaughter
- Two sisters at a time

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Dispute resolution

- Appoint arbiters/mediators from both the sides if husband and wife cannot mutually resolve their differences
- Allah asks us to worship Him alone
- Be kind to parents, relatives, orphans, needy, neighbors, fellow travelers, traveler and slaves
- Allah does not like those who are boastful
- Humiliating punishment for the stingy?
- (Those who not spend charity in the path of Allah)
- People who spend for showoff are the friends of Shaitan
- Allah will bring Rasool as witness against the people

🙀 Lesson

 We should remove the wrong notion that our prophet will save us in the hereafter, if we do not follow him, he will witness against us on the day of judgement

- Do not eat each others' wealth unjustly
- Allah will forgive the small sins if you save yourself from the big sins

P Lesson

- Keep an eye on big sins and make Tauba, Allah will forgive the small sins
- Limits defined for both women and men
- Do not crave what Allah has given to others
- Men will be rewarded according to their deeds and similarly women

 Men are appointed caretakers of women as they spend from their wealth

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Power comes with responsibility

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Warning to Yahood

If they don't believe, Allah will obliterate their faces

Severity of Shirk

Allah will forgive all sins except Shirk

About Yahood

- They used to think that they are righteous
- They supported Kuffar more than Muslims
- Allah sends curse upon them
- They were jealous of the prophet and his followers

On the day of judgement, disbelievers and who disobeyed the Prophet will wish be covered by Earth (or escape the punishment)

About Salaah

- Do not come to prayer intoxicated (before prohibition) to Salaah
- Instructions regarding Tayammum
- Wipe your faces and hands with clean sand or earth

- Wrongdoings of Yahood
- Yahood used to twist tongue and use double meaning words while communicating with believers

About Hypocrites

- They take false oaths to save themselves when disasters strike
- Anyone who has any doubt in the decisions of the Prophet ## they are not believers
- They will never be true believers until they accept the prophet wholeheartedly
- They disobey/hesitate when called for Jihad

P Lesson

- We should follow Prophet ##
- and his Hadith with no hesitations
- We should constantly and correct ourselves if any qualities of hypocrites sneaked into us

- Some amongst the Yahood believed and the others did not
- Mention of the people of Jahannum, their punishment will not be reduced
- Good people will be in Jannah

Address to believers

- Do justice (or Be just), follow Allah and the Rasool and the leaders amongst you
- Should you disagree on anything, then refer it to Allah and His Messenger

P Lesson

والبحصناته

Allah teaches here the discipline to follow the leader (as long as his commands are consistent with the Quran and the Sunnah)

About Hypocrites

They followed Taghout

- Believers fight in the path of Allah and disbelievers fight for Taghooth
- Disbelievers are the friends of Shaitan
- Shaitan's plans/plots/schemes are weak

About Hypocrites

- They used to talk about Jihad before it was ordered, but when the order came, they avoided/hesitated/made excuses
- Allah says death can come even if one hides in fortified towers
- All good comes from Allah and whatever evil comes to us is because of ourselves

P Lesson

 We cannot escape death, so we should prepare for it

- Following Allah and His Prophet are the key criterion for being a good Muslim
- Whoever obeys Allah and the Messenger will be rewarded with blessed companions in the hereafter
- Allah orders Jihad

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 Curse on hypocrites who find excuses for participating in Jihad

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- Some more orders to believers about hypocrites
- No one other than Allah is worthy of worship, he will gather us on the day of judgement
- No one can guide those who are misguided by Allah
- Do not take disbelievers as allies

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About Hypocrites Contd...

- In show obedience in Prophet's presence and do the opposite in his absence?
- Allah tells them if they advise good, they advise bad they will get it back
- Allah tells them whatever advise (good or bad) they give it will come back to them

P Lesson

والمحصئته

Allah orders us to ponder over Quran

One will never find contradictions in the

Quran

 Command about saying salaam and responding with a better greeting

♀ Lesson

 Inculcate the habit of saying Salaam and responding in a better manner

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- People who do Jihad have additional blessings
- Punishment for those who claim to be Muslims and who do not migrate without any valid reason
- Allah will forgive those who have valid reason(s) (weak and poor)

 People who die on the way of Hijrah he gets full reward of Hijrah

Laws for shortening the prayers during battle time

- Some laws regarding accidental murder
- Final abode for those who kill someone intentionally is in the hellfire. They also get the curse of Allah

Some rules regarding Jihad

 People who do Jihad have additional blessings

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Address to believers about hypocrites

- Laws for shortening the prayers during battle time Resume or establish regular prayers when you are safe or back to safety Indeed, performing prayers is a duty on the believers at the appointed
 - Do not be weak in pursuing the enemy

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Address to believers: Do not advocate for the deceitful (hypocrites)

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- Reward of Jannah to those who believe
- Every sin has its retribution
- Best of the deen is to submit to Allah and follows Ibrahim عليه السلام who was haneef
- Allah took Ibrahim عليه السلام as friend

- Address to the believers about hypocrites
- Allah's warning to the hypocrites:
 Punishment is Jahannum if you do not come on the right path
- Reality and the severity of Shirk
- Allah will forgive all since except shirk?
- Whoever does shirk they are gone far away

P Lesson

One of the biggest Shirk is to follow our Hawa (our own desires)

About Taraka (inheritance) to women

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Address to believers

Stand firm in favor of justice

About Hypocrites

- Order (to the hypocrites) to firmly follow the given rulings
- People who believe and then disbelieve their Tauba is not accepted
- Allah criticized those people who make friends with others for the sake of gaining respect, indeed all Izzah is with Allah

 Rules for resolving issues between husband and wife

- We are commanded to fear Allah
- Everything belongs to Allah
- Allah can destroy us and bring another nation

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- Allah does not like negative thoughts to be voiced—except by those who have been wronged
- Whoever differentiates between the orders of Allah and Rasool ## they are not true believers, and they will have humiliating punishment

P Lesson

 Its imperative to follow both, the Quran and the Sunnah

Bad actions of Ahl e kitab

About Hypocrites

- They try to deceive Allah
- When they come to salah they come with laziness and for showoff

Address to believers

 Do not take anyone as wali except for the believers

About Hypocrites Contd...

- Hypocrites are at the lowest level in Jahannum
- Allah encourages them to do Tauba

P Lesson

We need to constantly check if we have the qualities of hypocrites as mentioned by Allah and correct them

نول ا منزل Allah sends revelation to prophets so humanity should have no excuse before Allah

 Consequences of disbelief and stopping other from the path of Allah

 Address to mankind: The Prophet has come with truth from your Lord, if you believe it is better for you

Bad actions of Ahl e kitab

- Allah Who has sealed their hearts for their disbelief
- They slandered Maryam عليه السلام
- They claimed that they killed Isa عليه but Allah rejected that claim
- Allah raised Isa عليه السلام alive
- Mention of other sins of Ahle kitaab (i.e/example Riba)

- Mention of good people from Ahl e kitab
- Allah will grant great reward (when the accept Islam)

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Surah Al-Mai'dah (The Table Spread) – Main Points in this Surah are regarding:

- Completion of religious, social and political rules and laws
- Covenant taken with Muslims as a last nation to establish and be steadfast on the religion
- Warning to Ahle e Kitab (particularly Christians): come to the right path

Some Laws for Muslims

- Believers are asked to fulfill the contracts
- Asked not to violate the rites of Allah (sacred month, sacrificial animals and garlanding)
- Law in Ihram (not hunting animals)
- Command to cooperate in doing good and not in bad and fear Allah

Address to Ahle kitaab (especially to Christians):

- Speak the truth about Isa عليه السلام
- Believe in Allah and his messenger
- Stop believing in trinity

- Those who believe and perform good deeds will get full reward
- The arrogant will have punishment in the hereafter
- Address to mankind that the proof (Burhan i.e., Quran) from Allah has come

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