BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE QURAN

Brief page by page summaries of the Quran

Part 8
Surah Anfal
Surah Tawbah

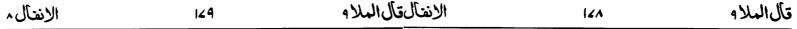
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ABOUT

- 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



Commentary on battle of Badr

- Allah mentions the blessings on the believers
- He sent help with angels, gave them good sleep, put their fear in the hearts of disbelievers
- Advice to Muslims not to turn back

Lesson:

If you stand firm in the path of Allah,
 He will send help



Surah Al-Anfal (Spoils of War)

- Commentary on the battle of Badr
- True Mominoon hearts tremble at the remembrance of Allah, their faith increases when His revelations are recited, and they put their trust in Allah
- Reminder about the weaknesses of Muslims at the time of Badr and Allah encourages them to fight in His path
- Laws about the Spoils of War
- Sign to the disbelievers (Battle of Badr)
- Warning to Muslims on dispute of war bounties dispute
- Allah asks the believers to fear Him and set right affairs between them
- Follow Allah and His Rasool

Response of believers to Allah's verses: their hearts fear and increase Iman

- They put trust in Allah
- They establish prayers and spend wealth

Commentary on the weakness of Muslims at the time of battle of Badr

- One group of believers wanted to fight with the caravan
- Allah wanted believers to fight the army, so the truth can be clear.

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Moe advice to Believers

- Do not betray Allah and the Messenger
- Wealth and children are trials from Allah
- If you have taqwa (God consciousness, piety), Allah will make a way out for you.
- Allah reminds about His blessing on believers
- Allah is the best of planners

- They asked for punishment. But Allah withheld the punishment while the Prophet was in their amidst.
- It came after the Prophet migrated (in form of Badr)
- Allah does not punish those who are asking forgiveness.

 Miracle of Prophet : #he throws sand that blinds the enemy.

 Address to disbelievers (They had prayed to give victory to the correct side): Now, you can see clearly who is correct.

Advice to believers

- Obey Allah and Rasool, do not turn yours backs in the war
- Remember that Allah is between a man and his heart
- Allah's punishment is severe
- Allah will guide those who are sincere

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- Laws of war booty distribution
- 4/5th to people who fought battle
- 1/5th to state

- Battle of Badr
- Qadr of Allah (Allah had predestined that the battle Badr would occur)
- Both sides were shown fewer people by Allah to make the battle happen
- Allah commands the believer to be steadfast and remember Him during the battle

 To believers, in battle: be steadfast, and remember Allah.

Lesson:

 Any problem comes to us, be steadfast and remember Allah in abundance

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- Mention about the crimes of disbelievers and how Allah punished them
- Plots and plans against Allah will be futile
- Warning disbelievers that Allah will forgive their sins if they if desist

Allah commands the believers to fight until His deen is fully established.

Until they change what is within themselves.

Lesson:

 We should change ourselves to get the help of Allah الإنفال،

Address to the believers

- Fight with those who break their pledges and treaties with you.
- Keep your armies prepared.
- If they seek peace, give peace.

Lesson:

Tawakkul includes preparation

الإنفال، واعلموا٠١

Advice to Muslims contd

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- Do not dispute, lose courage, be patient
- Stay away the foot steps of the disbelievers

Hypocrites made fun of Muslims

- Punishment to the disbelievers at the time of their death.
- Angels hit them on the face and backs

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prisoners of war continued...

- Muslims who stayed back in Makkah are encouraged to emigrate to Madinah
- True believers are those who believed, emigrated and strived with their wealth and lives in Allah's cause

الإنفال، واعلموًا ١٠

Continued...

- If they deceive, Allah is sufficient
- Its Allah's blessing that the hearts of the believers are united
- Allah is sufficient for the Prophet and for the believers

Allah's command to the prophet SAW

- Motivate the believers to fight
- Be steadfast,, Allah will help 20 believers overcome two hundred disbelievers

 Commentary on battle of Badr's prisoners of war

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 Commentary on the Mushrikeen who violated the treaties?.

To believers

• Fight those who violate the treaties with you. Do not fear



Surah At-Tauba (The Repentance)

- Instruction on how to deal with the Arab Mushrikeen
- Instruction on how to deal with the People of the Book.
- Instruction on how to deal with the hypocrites.
- Declaration of disassociation from Allah and His Messenger, with those had a treaty among the Mushriks
- Four months time before complete dissolution of treaties

Instruction to the believers

- Fight with the Mushriks after 4 months. If they believe, they are brothers.
- Protect those who seek your protection so they may hear the words of Allah.

- Those who have believed, emigrated, and strived in the cause of Allah have higher rank in the sight of Allah
- Those people will be rewarded with Jannah

Instructions to the believers contd..

- If your family and relatives are disbelievers, do not take them as allies and close friends.
- Allah will bring punishment to you if the disbelieving family members and relatives are more beloved to you than Allah, Rasool and Jihad

Allah gave victory to the believers (in the battle of Hunain) despite their pride in their great numbers/strength.

Lesson:

True help is only from Allah. We must refrain from flaunting or being too reliant on our resources

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- Continued...
- Fighting is Allah's punishment to them through your hands
- You cannot be close to Allah without Jihad.

Necessity of fighting with Arab Mushrikeen:

Mushrikeen cannot stay near Masjid al-Haram as it is reserved for Allah's worship alone

Those who struggle for Allah alone is deserve to take care of the House of Allah

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- They tried to hide Allah's light (Islam), but Allah makes His light clear.
- Allah sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion
- Their rabbis prevented from Allah's path.
- Those who accumulate gold and silver without spending in Allah's path will be burned using those same things in Hellfire.

Lesson

 Don't withhold from spending in the path of Allah

- The number of months ordained by Allah are twelve
- Four of these twelve months are Sacred – Do not fight during these months
- Mischiefs of Mushrikeen in changing months (so they could fight in the sacred months).

التوبة ٩ واعلبواء

 Mushriks cannot come to House of Allah

Instructions to the believers

- About Jiziya.
- Mention of wrong beliefs they held
- Calling people sons of God.
- Taking rabbis as Rabbs other than Allah (obeyed their commands about religion as if they were from Allah)

 Allah is aware of those who make excuses التوبة ٩

Allah willed/destined for the disbelievers to stay behind as they would do mischief had they joined

Lesson

- Nothing will ever befall us except what Allah has willed
- Have unconditional trust in Allah, he is our protector.

التوبة إعلىوا ١٠

Mischiefs of disbelievers in changing months

- Warnings to the hypocrites during the military expedition of Tabuk
- Address to the hypocrites: Why do you hesitate to march forth for the cause of Allah?
- Those who help Allah, Allah will help them.
- Dialogue between the prophet SAW and his companion during Hijrah in cave of Thaur.
- Whether light or heavy, strive with your wealth and your lives

Lesson

واعلموا ١٠

• Allah helps those who strive in his path

To the believers:

- Don't be mesmerized by the worldly possessions of the hypocrites.
- Hypocrites claim to be on your side but in reality they are not.

Lesson:

Don't be impressed by people's wealth

Categories that deserve charity (zakah):

- 1. poor
- 2. the needy
- 3. those employed to collect [zakah]
- 4. for bringing hearts together [to Islam]
- 5. for freeing captives [or slaves]
- 6. those in debt
- 7. for the cause of Allah
- 8. travelers

- Mention of an incident when the hypocrites insulted the Prophet (SAW).
- Those who hurt the Prophet (SAW) will have punishment.



 Warnings to Muslims (to hypocrites from them) during the military expedition of Tabuk

Allah commands the Prophet to convey the following to the hypocrites:

- Nothing can harm us except what Allah has decreed..
- Allah is our protector. And upon Allah let the believers rely
- We will either become victorious or become martyrs
- Your donations will never be accepted as you have been rebellious

Lesson

All the actions are based on intentions.

 Warning to hypocrites: If you do not reform yourself, your fate will be like the previous nations that were destroyed.

Qualities of believers

- They are guardian of one another
- They enjoin good and forbid evil
- They establish Salah
- They give Zakah
- They obey Allah and Rasool
- They will be shown Allah's mercy and Allah will enter them into Jannah

التوب إعلمواء

 The hypocrites denies they insulted the Prophet

- Whoever opposes Allah and Rasool, his abode is hell
- Hypocrites used to mock Allah and the Prophet
- Hypocrites will be in hellfire forever

Lesson:

- We should never take Allah, Quran, Prophet and Hadith as a topic of jokes and mockery.
- Seek Allah's forgiveness immediately if you find yourself in a place where
 Deen is joked about or mocked upon

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About Hypocrites

- Allah prohibits the prophet #from asking forgiveness for them
- They even discouraged others from going to Jihad
- Allah prohibits praying funeral prayers on them
- More of their bad actions are mentioned.

 Instructions to the Prophet #sto deal with the disbelievers and hypocrites strictly

- Some promised Allah they would spend in His path and do good deeds if He gave them from his bounty.
- When they received blessings, they became stingy and forgot their promise
- Because of this Allah put hypocrisy in their hearts.

Lesson:

 Never break your oaths/promises you take with Allah.

التوبة ٩ التوبة متذرون اا واعلبواء Allah mentions the excuses hypocrites gave for not going when the Prophet SAW returned from Tabuk Disbelief and hypocrisy of Bedouins

About hypocrites.

 Characters of Prophet and believers and their reward

 The bedoin who requested exemption from joining the battle

 Only weak, sick, and poor are eligible for exemptions from joining the battle.

- Allah's appreciations for those who genuinely desired to join the battle but could not
- Lesson:
- Allah will reward for true intentions even if we cant follow through because of our limitations

 Construction of Masjid Zirar by hypocrites and Allah commands the Prophet anot to pray there. التوبة ٩

 Only pray where the masjid was made on the basis of God-consciousness

Allah made a trade with the believers and their wealth in return for Jannah.

التوبة عتذرون اا

 Appreciation of the sabiqun al awaloon(the people, who became Muslim before Badr) amongst the migrants and the Ansar

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- Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Allah
- Allah knows the hypocrites

- There are weak Muslims who associate themselves with the hypocrites.
- Perhaps Allah will accept their repentance.
- To Prophet: **Take charity from them and ask forgiveness for them.

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- Three companions who did not go to expedition of Tabuk out of laziness but they were sincere, their Tauba was accepted
- Allah orders the people of Madinah and the Bedouins to follow Prophet #
- Every single difficulty you have in His path will be rewarded by Allah

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Characteristics of the people who traded with Allah:

Repentant . Worshiping

Praising . Fasting

Bowing and prostrating

- Encouraging good & forbidding evil
- Observant/cognizant of the limits of Allah.
- The Prophet SAW and believer should not make istighfar for disbelievers even if they are relatives.
- Ibrahim AS's dua for his father was only once when he did not know this prohibition.
- Allah has forgiven those joined the expedition of Tabuk

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Surah Yunus (Jonah)

Evidences of Tauhid and Life after death

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- Response to those who objected to the prophethood of Mohammed
- Warning to Quraish: Believing at the time of their death is useless.
- Advise to the Prophet SAW and companions to be patient
- Why is it surprising to you that revelation came upon a man?
- Everything belongs to Allah
- No one can intercede without His permission
- Everyone will return to Allah

 Evidence of Tauheed from the Universe. Everything shows there is one God.

التوب بعتذرون اا

 General instructions to all Muslims to do Jihad

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 Whenever revelation are sent, iman of true believers increase and

- The great characteristics of the Prophet towards his people:
- He is hurt whenever something bad happens to you
- He yearns for you to be guided.
- He is compassionate and loving to the believers
- Last verse: Dua of Tawakkal