

# **What Quran requires from us?**

**Let's find out what our creator wants  
from us through His words in Quran.**

## **What is Quran?**

**O mankind! There has come to you an instruction from your Lord, a cure for whatever (disease) is in your heart, a guidance and a blessing for the true believers, Say: "It is the grace and mercy of Allah (that He has sent this Quran), so let the people rejoice over it, for it is better than (the worldly riches) they are accumulating)". [Quran, Yunus 10-57,58]**

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The answer to this question is collected from 22 places from the Quran.

Quran itself defines the topic of these verses (Ayahs).

## 1. What is straight path?

- Tell them, come, I will recite what your Lord has prohibited to you:
- Not to commit shirk (associating anything with Him)
- Be kind to your parents.
- Not to kill your children out of poverty; We will provide for you and them.
- Do not commit shameful deeds whether open or secret.
- Do not kill any soul which Allah has forbidden, except for the requirement of justice. This has He instructed you that you may use reason. Furthermore your Lord has forbidden you not to go near the property of orphan except to improve it, until he attains maturity.
- And give full measure and just weight. - We never charge a soul with more than it can bear.
- And when you speak, be just, even if it affects your own relative, and fulfill your covenant to Allah. These are things He instructed you that you may remember.
- And, [moreover], this is My path, which is straight, so follow it: and do not follow [other] ways, for you will be separated from His way. This has He instructed you that you may become righteous.

**Surah 6 Al-Anam, Ayah 151-153.**

## **2. Commands of Allah about permissible and forbidden:**

- O Children of Adam! Put on your adornment (proper and decent dress) when you attend your Masjid at the time of every prayer. Eat and drink, but do not be extravagant; surely Allah does not love the extravagant.
- O Prophet ask them: “Who has forbidden you to wear decent clothes or to eat the good food which Allah has provided for His devotees?” Say “All these things are for the enjoyment of the believers in the life of this world though shared by others; but these will be exclusively theirs on the Day of Resurrection. Thus do We make our revelation clear for those who have knowledge. Say : My Rabb has forbidden the following:
- All indecencies whether open or secret.
- Sin (any unlawful deed) and rebellion against justice.
- Committing shirk with Allah for which He has granted no sanction.
- And you say things about Allah which you have no knowledge.

**Surah 7 AL-Araf, Ayah 31-33**

## **3. Who are the deserving people to receive salam from Angeles in paradise?**

- Those who fulfill their covenant with Allah and do not break their pledge.
- And those who join that which Allah has ordered to be joined.

- And fear their Lord and are afraid of the evil of [their] account.
- Who for the sake of Allah's pleasure keep their patience, establish prayer (salah) , spend secretly and openly out of the sustenance which we have provided to them and repel evil with good.
- They are the once for whom there is the home of the hereafter, the Paradise of perpetual bliss: which they will enter together with the righteous among their forefathers, their spouses and their descendents. The Angeles will come to welcome them from every side, saying: Peace (salam) be upon you for all that you steadfastly endured in the world. How excellent is the home of hereafter!

**Surah AR-Raad, Ayah 20-24**

**4. Allah's advise:**

- Allah commands justice, good conduct and giving to near relatives.
- And forbids immorality, bad conduct and oppression.
- He admonishes you so that you may take heed.
- And fulfill the covenant of Allah when you have pledged to do so , and do not break your oath after you have sworn them; for swearing in His name you have made Allah your surety (witness); surely Allah has knowledge of all what you do.

**Surah An-Nahl, Ayah 90-91**

## 5. Allah's decision about do's and don'ts:

Your Lord has decreed to you that:

- You shall worship none but Him.
- You shall be kind to your parents; if one or both of them live to their old age in your lifetime, you shall not say to them any word of contempt nor repel them and you shall address them in kind words. You shall lower to them your wings of humility out of mercy for them and pray: 'O my Rabb! Bestow on them Your blessings just as they cherished me when I was little child.
- Your Lord knows best what in your hearts. If you have good intention, certainly He is the most forgiving to those who turn to Him repentance.
- And give the relative his right, and [also] the poor and the traveler, and do not spend wastefully [i.e. on that which is unlawful and disobedience to Allah]. Indeed, the wasteful are brothers of the devil and ever has Satan been to his Lord ungrateful.
- You should speak courteously to needy persons if you are waiting for your Rabb's bounty and you lack the means to assist them.
- You shall neither tie your hand to your neck (be miserly) nor stretch it completely (i.e. being extravagant) and [thereby] become blamed and insolvent (destitute). Surely your Lord gives abundantly to whom He pleases and sparingly to whom He wills, for He is aware of the condition of His servants and observes them closely.

- And do not kill your children for fear of poverty. We provide for them and for you. Indeed their killing is ever a great sin.
- And do not approach unlawful sexual intercourse [i.e avoid all situation that might lead to it]. Indeed it is ever an immorality and is evil as a way [opening the door to other evil].
- And do not kill the soul [person] which Allah has forbidden, except for just cause [through legal justice]. If anyone is killed unjustly, We have granted right of retribution to his heir, but let him not carry his vengeance too far in killing the culprit, as he is supported by the law.
- You shall not go near the property of an orphan, except in the way that is best [i.e. to improve or increase it], until he reaches maturity. You shall fulfill your pledges; surely you shall be held accountable for your pledges.
- And give full measure when you measure, and weigh with an even [i.e. honest] balance. That is the best [way] and best in result.
- You shall not follow [anyone blindly in those matter] of which you have no knowledge, surely, the use of your ear and the eyes and the heart-all of these, shall be questioned [on the Day of Judgment].
- And do not walk upon the earth arrogantly. Indeed you will never tear the earth [apart], and you will never reach the mountains in height [Man, for all his arrogance ,is yet a weak and small creature]
- All that [i.e. the above mentioned] their evil aspects are hateful in the sight of your Lord.

- This is but a part of the wisdom which your Lord has revealed to you. Do not associate with Allah other deities [as object of worship], lest you should be cast into Hell, blameworthy rejected.

**Surah Al Isra [Bani Israel] Ayah 23-39**

**6. Who will succeed in getting paradise?**

Indeed! Successful are those believers:

- Who are humbly submissive in their salah [prayer].
- Who avoid vain talk.
- Who are punctual in giving Zakat [charity].
- Who guard their private parts, except from their spouses or those are legally in their possession [female slaves or captives under their ownership], for indeed they will not be blamed, But whoever seeks beyond that, then those are the transgressors.
- Who are true to their trust and covenants.
- Who careful maintain [diligent about] their salah [prayer].
- Those are the inheritors, who will inherit Firdaus [the highest part of paradise] and live therein forever.

**Surah Al-Muminun, Ayah 1-11**

**7. Who are true servants of AR-Rahman (Allah)?**

True servants of the compassionate [Allah] are those:

- Who walk on the earth on earth in humility and when ignorant people address them [harshly], they say [word of] peace.

- Who spent [part of] the night to their Lord in prostrating and standing [in prayers].
- Who say, “Our Lord, avert from us the punishment of Hell. Indeed its punishment is ever adhering and certainly it is evil as a settlement and resting place”.
- Who when they spend, are neither extravagant nor stingy, but keep the balance between these two extremes [moderate].
- Who do not invoke any other god besides Allah, nor kill any soul which Allah has made sacred, except for the just cause, nor commit fornication [unlawful sexual intercourse]- he that does this shall be punished for his sin. His punishment will be doubled on the day of Resurrection and he will abide therein humiliated- Except the one who repents, become a true believer, and start doing good deeds, for then Allah will change his evil deeds into good, and Allah is Most Forgiving and Merciful. He that repents and does good deeds has truly turned to Allah in good faith.
- And [they are] those who do not testify to falsehood, and when they pass near ill speech, they pass by with dignity.
- Who, when reminded about the revelation of their Rabb, do not turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to them.
- Who pray “Our Lord! Make our wives and children the comfort of our eyes [i.e. the source of happiness due to their righteousness], and make us leaders of the righteous. Such are the ones who will be rewarded with the lofty places in paradise for their patience, wherein



they shall be welcomed with greetings and salutation. They shall live forever in that excellent dwellings and excellent resting place!

**Surah Al-Furqan, Ayah 63-76.**

## **8. One pious person's advise.**

- We gave wisdom to Luqman saying: "Be grateful to Allah." And whoever is grateful is grateful for [the benefit of] himself. And whoever denies His favors then indeed, Allah is Free of all needs worthy of all praise.
- And [mention O prophet], when Luqman said to his son while he was advising him. "O my son! Do not ever commit shirk (associating anyone else with Allah). Indeed, association [with Him] is great injustice.
- And We have enjoined upon man [care] for his parents. His mother carries him in her womb while suffering weakness about weakness and then weans him in two years. Be grateful to Me and to your parents; to Me is the [final] destination. But if they pressure you to commit shirk, of which you have no knowledge, then do not obey them; however you should still treat them kindly in this world, but follow the way of those who turn back to Me [in repentance]. Then to me will be your return, and I will inform you about what you used to do.
- [ Luqman further said]: "O my son! Allah will bring all things to light, be they as small as a grain of mustard seed, be they hidden inside a rock or high above in the heavens or deep down in the earth. Allah knows the finest mysteries and is well aware of all things.

- O my son! Establish salah [prayer], enjoin good and forbid evil. Endure patience whatever befalls you, surely, all these matters requires determination and resolve.
- Do not speak to the people with your face turned away [in contempt] , nor walk on earth proudly; for Allah does not like any self-deluded and boastful.
- Be moderate in your pace and lower your voice; for the harshest of voices is the braying of a donkey.

**Surah Luqman, Ayah 12-19.**

## **9. Who will have lasting rewards from their Lord?**

Whatever you are given is nothing but a provision for this transitory life of this world, better and everlasting is the reward which Allah has for those who believe, and put their trust in their Lord.

- Avoid major sins and shameful deeds.
- And when they are angry, they forgive.
- They answer the call of their Lord, establish salah [prayer], conduct their affairs with mutual consultation, spend out of sustenance which We have given them.
- And those who, when tyranny strikes them, they defend themselves.
- And the retribution for an evil act is an evil one like it, but whoever pardons and makes reconciliation- his reward is [due] from Allah. Indeed He does not like wrongdoers.
- And those who take revenge when wronged cannot be blamed. The blameworthy are those who wrong the

people and tyrannize upon earth without right. Those will have a painful punishment.

- And whoever is patient and forgives others that would truly be from the things requiring determination [seeking the reward of Allah].

**Surah Ash- Shura , Ayah 36-43.**

## **10. Who are honored in Paradise?**

Indeed, man has been created impatient, when evil befalls him, he becomes despondent, but when blessed with some good fortune, he becomes stingy, with the exception of those who:

- Offer their salah (prayer) and remain steadfast in their salah .
- Set aside a known right in their wealth for the beggars and deprived [who do not begg].
- And those who believe in the Day of Judgment.
- And those are fearful of the punishment of their Lord. Indeed the punishment of their Lord is not something that one should not be afraid.
- And those who guard their private parts, except from their wives and female slaves, for in their case they are not blameworthy. As for those who seek to go beyond this, they are transgressors.
- And those who keep their trust and honor their promises.
- And those who stand firm in their testimonies.

- And those who strictly guard their prayers. It is they who shall live with honor in paradise.

**Surah Al-Maarij, Ayah 19-35**

## **11. Character of a person, who does not believe in the Day of Judgment.**

- Have you seen the one who denies the Day of Judgment?
- He it is who drives away the orphan with harshness.
- And does encourage the feeding of the poor.
- So woe to those who offer salah (prayer), but are neglectful of their salah [who neither observe the prayer as it ought to be observed, nor observe it on its prescribed timings]
- Those who make show of their deeds.
- And refuse to offer help to the needy [even simple things].

[Summary of the above ayahs is that disbelief in the Hereafter is the main cause of moral decay and lack of caring about others]

**Surah Al- Maun, Ayah 1-7.**

## **12. Quran is guidance for which people?**

This is the book (The Quran) in which there is no doubt.

[Since its author, Allah, the creator of the universe, possess complete and perfect knowledge, there is no room for doubt about its content.] It is guidance for the God

conscious.

- Who believe in the unseen, establish Salah (five daily regular prayers) and spend in charity out of what We have provided for them.
- Who believe in what We have revealed to you, and what was revealed before you and firmly believe in the Hereafter.
- They are on true guidance from their Lord and they are ones who will attain salvation.

**Surah Al –Baqarah, Ayah 2-5**

**13. Covenant (firm commitment) taken from Israelites:**

Remember, when we took a covenant (firm commitment) from the children of Israel.

- Do not worship except Allah.
- Be good to your parents, relatives, orphans and destitute [needy], and speak fair to the people.
- And establish prayer and pay Zakat, but you broke the promise, except a few of you, and you paid no heed.
- Also remember another covenant which We took from you: That you shall not shed blood among yourselves and you shall not expel your own people from your homes;, you confirmed it and you are witness to it.

**Surah Al-Baqarah, Ayah 83-84**

**14. Islamic definition of righteousness:**

Righteousness is not whether your turn your face towards East or West; but righteousness is to

- Believe in Allah, the Last Day, the Angeles, the Books and the prophets.

- To spend wealth, in spite of love for it, on relatives, orphans, helpless, needy travelers, those who ask [for help] and on freeing slaves.
- And establishes salah [prayers] and give Zakat.
- And those who fulfill their promise when they promise.
- And those are patient [steadfast] in poverty and hardship and during battle.

Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are righteous.

**Surah Al-Baqarah, Ayah 77.**

### **15. The difference between love for this life and Allah:**

Beautified for people is the love of that which they desire-of women and children, heaped-up sums of gold and silver, fine branded horses, and cattle and plantations. That is the enjoyment of worldly life; Allah has with Him the best return [i.e. paradise].

Say, "Shall I inform you of [something] better than that? For those who fear Allah will be gardens in the presence of their Lord beneath which river flows, wherein they abide eternally, and purified spouses and approval from Allah. And Allah is seeing [i.e. aware] of [His] servants. The righteous people are those who say;

- Our Lord! We sincerely believe in you: please forgive our sins and save us from the agony of hellfire.
- Who are steadfast [patient], sincere, obedient and those spend [in the path of Allah].

- And those who seek forgiveness in the last hours of night.

**Surah Al-Imran, Ayah 14-17.**

**16. Who belongs to the paradise, which is as vast as the heavens and the earth:**

O Believer! Do not consume usury which is compounded over and over again, but fear Allah that you may be successful. And fear the Fire, which has been prepared for the disbelievers. Obey Allah and His Messenger that you may obtain mercy. Rush towards the forgiveness from your Lord to a paradise as vast as heavens and the earth which is prepared for the righteous people, those;

- Who spend [in the cause of Allah] during ease and hardship.
- Who restrain their anger and pardon the people- and Allah loves the doers of good.
- And those, who when they commit an immorality or wrong themselves [by transgression], remember Allah and seek forgiveness for their sins- and who can forgive sins except Allah?-and [who] do not persist in what they have done while they know.

Such people will be rewarded with forgiveness from their Lord besides gardens beneath which river flows, to live therein forever. How excellent is the reward for righteous people.

**Surah Al Imran, Ayah 130-136.**

## **17. Behavior of people with wisdom:**

Surely, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and day are sign for those of understanding.

- Those who remember Allah while standing, sitting, and lying on their sides, and give thoughts to the creation of the heavens and the earth, then say: “Our Lord, You did not create this in vain or aimlessly; Glory to you! Save us from the punishment of fire.
- Our Lord, indeed whoever You admit to the Fire- You have disgraced him, and for the wrong doers there is no helpers.
- Our Lord, indeed we have heard a caller calling to the faith, saying; ‘Believe in your Lord.’ So we have believed.
- Our Lord, so forgive us our sins and remove from us our misdeeds and cause us to die among the righteous.
- Our Lord and grant us what You have promised us through Your messengers and do not disgrace us on the Day of Resurrection. Indeed You do not fail in [Your] promise.

**Surah Al-Imran, Ayah 190-194.**

## **18. Who are Satan’s companions and who are not:**

- Worship Allah alone and do not commit shirk (associating partners with Him)
- And be good to your parents, relatives, orphans, the helpless, near and far neighbors who keep company with you, the travelers in need, and the slaves you own.
- Allah does not love those who are arrogant and boastful.
- And also those who are stingy and enjoin upon [other] people stinginess and conceal what Allah has



given them of His bounty- and We have prepared for such disbeliever a humiliating punishment.

- Similar punishment has been prepared for those who spend their wealth to show off to the people, believing neither in Allah nor in the last Day. In fact, the one who chooses Satan as his companion has chosen a very evil companion!

**Surah An- Nisa, Ayah 36-38**

## **19. Attributes of people who have purchased paradise from Allah:**

Indeed Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and their properties [in exchange] for that they will have Paradise.

- They fight in the cause of Allah. So they kill and are killed. [It is] a true promise [binding] upon Him in the Torah, the Gospel and in the Quran. And who is truer to his fulfilling His promise than Allah? So rejoice in your bargain which you have made, and that is a supreme achievement.
- Those that turn to Allah in repentance. Serve Allah, praise Him, go out in the cause of Allah.
- Make Ruku (bow down in prayer), and Sujud (prostrate themselves in prayer).
- Enjoin what is good and forbid what is evil
- And observe the limits (permissions and prohibitions) set by Allah (they are the ones who make such a bargain with Allah). O prophet, proclaim the good news to such believers.
- **Surah At-Taubah, Ayah 111-112.**

## **20. Who are people whose forgiveness and reward are promised?**

- Surely, the Muslim men and Muslim women.
- The believing men and believing women.
- The obedient (or devout) men and obedient (or devout) women.
- The truthful men and truthful women.
- The patient men and patient women.
- The humble men and humble women
- The charitable men and charitable women.
- The fasting men and fasting women.
- The men who guard their chastity and women who guard their chastity.
- And the men who remember Allah often and women who remember Allah often.

For them Allah has prepared forgiveness and a great reward.

**Surah Al-Ahzab, Ayah 35.**

## **21. Muslims rights on each other:**

- The believers are brother to one another; therefore make reconciliation or settlement between your brothers and fear Allah, so that you may be shown mercy.
- O believers! Let no men laugh (ridicule) at other men who may perhaps be better than they are; and let no women laugh at other women, who may perhaps be better than they are.

- And do not defame/insult one another and do not call each other with by offensive nicknames.. It is an evil thing to be called by a bad name after being a believer, and who do not repent are the ones who are the wrongdoers.
- O believers! Avoid much [negative] assumption/suspicious. Indeed some assumption is sin.
- And do not spy on one another, nor backbite one another (to say something about another behind ones back that if one hears it, dislikes it). Would any one of you like to eat the flesh of your dead brother? Surely, you would abhor it.
- And fear Allah; Allah is the Acceptor of repentance and Merciful.

**Surah Al –Hujarat, Ayah 10-12.**

## **22. Women oath of allegiance:**

O Prophet! When the believing women come to you to take the oath of allegiance, [take their pledge] that;

- They will not commit shirk with Allah.
- That they will not steal.
- That they will not commit fornication [unlawful sexual intercourse].
- And will not kill their children.
- That they will not give any cause for scandal which they may invent between either their hands or legs ( a woman accusing another woman of having an illicit relationship with a man and spread such stories-or- a

woman carrying an illegitimate child and makes her husband believe that it is his).

- And that they will not disobey you in any just matter. Then accept their allegiance and pray to Allah for their forgiveness, Surely Allah is Oft-Forgiving and Merciful.

### **Surah Al- Mumtahanah, Ayah 12.**

Whatever written to the answer to the question of “**What Quran requires from us**” is taken directly from Quran and the answer is very obvious and clear, because these are the words of Allah. Allah Himself says in the Quran:

- Indeed, this Quran guides to that which is most suitable. [Quran 17/9]
- All praise is due to Allah, Who has sent down upon His slave the Book and made it free from any crookedness/deviance. [Quran 18/1]

It means what Quran has called for the guidance for mankind is very clear and obvious, so no need for further explanation of the above mention Surahs and their Ayahs (chapters and verses).

May Allah guide all of us to follow his commandments, so that we enter paradise and avoid His punishment

AMEEN!

**Note:** The Holy Quran is revealed in Arabic so the Quran is only the Arabic Text, not its translation in any other language. We all agree that any translation of the Quran can never be equal to or to be the replacement of the original, therefore no translation including in this booklet can be designated as the Quran. But translation is one of the avenues available to us to share this priceless gift of Almighty Allah.