

AL MUJAADILA - THE PLEADING ONE



DIVINITY'S RESPONSE TO THE PLEA OF A WOMAN
FAMILY AND SOCIAL ISSUES CONFRONTING A NEW MUSLIM COMMUNITY
HYPOCRISY EXPOSED
THE PARTY OF ALLAH IS SUCCESSFUL

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HIZBULLAH (THE PARTY OF ALLAH) ARE SUCCESSFUL
EIMAN IS ENGRAVED ON THEIR HEARTS



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Aya 22

NATURE OF HYPOCRITES AND THIER OPPOSITION TO THE PROPHET

1. NEITHER BELIEVERS NOT UNBELIEVERS
2. SWEAR FALSELY
3. USE THEIR OATHS AS A COVER (OATH OF SHAHADA)
4. THEY LIE
5. WILL SWEAR ON JUDGEMENT DAY TOO ASSUMING THEY WILL GET AWAY WITH IT
6. FORGET REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH



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Ayaat 14-21

PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PROPHET PRECEDED WITH SADAQA (CHARITY)

CHARITY WILL PURIFY YOUR INTENTIONS
HYPOCRITES WERE WEALTHY BUT DID NOT WISH TO PART WITH THEIR MONEY - ONLY WANTED MEETINGS TO SHOW THEMSELVES
THE ONLY ONE WHO FOLLOWED THIS WAS IMAM ALI (PBUH)

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Ayaat 12-13

SECRETS
ETIQUETTES OF A MEETING
MANNERS OF A MAJLIS (GATHERING)

DIVINITY IS A CONSTANT WITNESS OVER EVERYTHING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
SHURA - MEETING OF PEOPLE WHO GET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS IDEAS (OPEN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS TO GET TO A PRODUCTIVE CONCLUSION)
NAJWA - SELECT GROUP AFTER THE SHURA EXPRESS OPINIONS WHICH THEY FAIL TO ADDRESS AT THE SHURA. DISRUPTIVE COLLECTIVE WORK - COMING TO A MAIN MEETING WITH A GROUP AGENDA TO HIJACK THE MEETING SPREAD OUT IN MAJALIS (MEETINGS) - SIT APART (WHISPERS, NUDGES ETC... DISRUPT MAJALIS) AND THEN LEAVE IMMEDIATELY

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Ayaat 7-11

CONSEQUENCE OF OPPOSING DIVINITY AND HIS MESSENGER
HUMILIATION WHEN ALL HUMANITY IS GATHERED.

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Ayaat 5-6

ZHIHAAR* CONDEMNED

(*WHEN A MAN REJECTS HIS WIFE SAYING SHES LIKE HIS MOTHER)
KHAWLA BIN THA'LABA GOES TO COMPLAIN TO THE PROPHET ABOUT HER HUSBAND. SHE HAS YOUNG CHILDREN AND SEEKS A RESOLUTION. DIVINITY RESPONDS SAYING THAT MOTHERS ARE ONLY THOSE WHO GAVE BIRTH. PENALTY FOR SUCH BEHAVIOUR SPELT OUT TO EMPHASISE SERIOUSNESS OF THE HURT CAUSED.

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Ayaat 1-4

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22 Ayaat (Madani)

FOCUS

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DID YOU KNOW?

THE CHAPTER IS NAMED AFTER THE PLEADING OF KHAWLA BINT THA'LABA TO THE PROPHET ABOUT THE WAY HER HUSBAND DIVORCED HER WITH A PRE-ISLAMIC PRACTICE WHERE SHE WAS NOT FREE TO CONTRACT ANOTHER MARRIAGE. IT LED TO A CHANGE OF LAW. THE SURA IS ALSO KNOWN AS AL ZIHAAR.

SELECTED AYAAT

- 58:1 Allah hears the pleading one
58:7 He is at every secret counsel
58:11 Manners of assemblies (majlis)

NARRATIVE

IT TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE INCIDENT OF KHAWLA BINT THA'LABA WHOSE HUSBAND DIVORCED HER ACCORDING TO PRE-ISLAMIC CUSTOM OF ZIHAAR WHERE A MAN COULD RENOUNCE HIS WIFE SIMPLY BY SAYING SHE WAS TO HIM LIKE HIS MOTHER. BY THIS THE HUSBAND WAS FREE FROM ALL HIS RESPONSIBILITIES TO HIS WIFE BUT SHE WAS NOT FREE TO LEAVE HIM. KHAWLA COMPLAINED OF THIS INJUSTICE TO THE PROPHET AND HER PLEA WAS HEARD. DIVINITY REVEALED THE REVOKING OF ZIHAAR.

THE SURA CONTINUES FROM DOMESTIC MATTERS TO THE SECRET CONVERSATIONS (NAJWA) TO DISRUPT PUBLIC MEETINGS (SHURA). THE PROPER MANNER IN WHICH TO HOLD PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DISCOURSE FOLLOWS. A DIRECTIVE TO GIVE CHARITY BEFORE CONVERSING WITH THE PROPHET IS MENTIONED IN VERSE 12.

THE LONGEST SECTION ADDRESSES THE NATURE OF THE HYPOCRITES AND THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE PROPHET AND THE CHAPTER CONCLUDES WITH A LONG VERSE REGARDING THE REWARDS FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN ALLAH AND ACCOUNTABILITY WHERE FAITH IS INSCRIBED ON THEIR HEARTS.