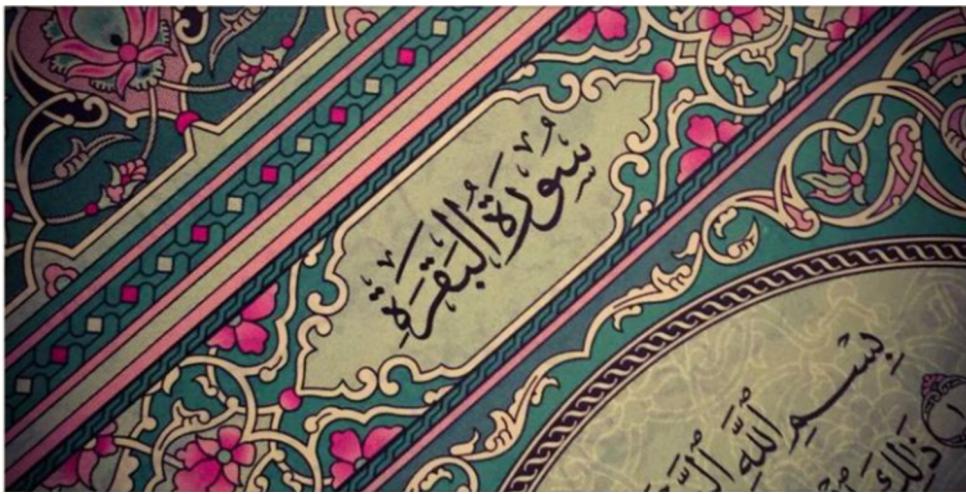


Surah Al-Baqarah

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When there is fear, you cannot live a normal life. Your fortress is to attach to Allah. Most of the time, we don't know what can harm us. There are so many things which can happen. There is nothing like being connected to the words of Allah. You must always maintain this connection to keep fear and grief at bay.

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا
تَفَرَّقُوا

And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided
سورة آل عمران
3:103
(Part of a longer ayah)

We must all hang on to the rope of Allah together. If we are alone, we are not secure.

The shaitan is our enemy, he hates us all. He wants us to be afraid and dad, always in a panic. His mission is to separate people, so that they cannot do their best, and so that they are more susceptible to his whispers.

The ayah presents everything in the plural tense. All these big challenges and projects towards the end of Surah Al-Baqarah are collective, not to be done alone. We need the support of each other. The shaitan doesn't want you to be generous and giving, so he makes you fear poverty. But the more you give in charity, the more you get.

Those who take riba think they are getting an increment, but in reality is it the same as throwing their money in the garbage. Sadaqah is the best investment. If you want your life to be better, give. Allah will make it grow for you.

Ayah 277 comes in the middle of the topic of riba, usury, which is a very heavy and serious concept. The ayah is like a breathing space, to lighten the burden, and give some relief. It is similar to ayah 274. Before Allah introduces the topic of riba, and how evil it is, even though it is attractive, He surrounds it with ayaat of hope. This shows His gentleness.

In ayah 274, Allah mentions spending in charity, out of all the good deeds. The person who seizes every opportunity which comes to him, spending day and night, secretly and publicly; his reward is special. Don't listen to the whispers of the shaitan, when he tries to stop you from giving. When you give in charity, you have full security for the future. The shaitan plays with your emotions, and Allah always refutes his plots.

The approach for riba is to not go near it at all. Nafaqa is the solution, riba is not the solution for anything. If you deal with riba, fear and grief will creep in your heart, you will be panicked and sad. Happiness, security and tranquility come with nafaqa.

Ayah 277 is very vast. The Qura'an nurtures and upgrades you, step by step, with gentleness. Every ayah is an introduction for the following one, giving you a mind set to accept it. In ayah 274, allah gives you options, to cure before the sickness. Allah turns your heart to the right direction. The money earned by riba is a waste, and Allah hates the one who deals with riba. The intensity of the sins of the one taking riba is greater than the one who doesn't take riba. So he is described as كَفَّارُ أُثْيَمٍ, an intensely disbelieving sinner. This makes you want to stay away from riba. The worship of the one who keeps away from riba is more intense.

Ayah 277 gives you more options, not just nafaqa, to attain security. Think of a vaccination, you are protected before the sickness affects you. Allah treats you before you fall into the sin. So when the temptation comes, you are already immune to it. When you understand the sickness, He will give you more options to be fear and sadness free. So there is a pre-sickness and a post-sickness remedy.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا
الصَّالِحَاتِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ
وَأَتَوْا الزَّكَاةَ لَهُمْ أَجْرٌ هُمْ عِنْدَ
رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ
يَحْزَنُونَ

Indeed, those who believe and do righteous deeds and establish prayer and give zakah will have their reward with their Lord, and there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve
2:277

Faith and good deeds are your happiness. The ayah shows you your whole religion. If you overcome your weakness, Allah will open more doors for you. This is nurturing.

لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

There are certain conditions mentioned which must be fulfilled to avoid fear and grief. These are mentioned in the Qura'an, which is our guide.

You need a provision as you rise higher. This provision is faith and taqwa.

أَلَا إِنَّ أَوْلَيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ Asr

Unquestionably, [for] the allies of Allah there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَقَوَّلُونَ

Those who believed and were fearing Allah

لَهُمُ الْبُشْرَى فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

For them are good tidings in the worldly life and in the Hereafter. No change is there in the words of Allah. That is what is the great attainment

سورة يونس

10:62-64

The ones on this journey are the allies of Allah. They are the close companions of Allah. Their provisions are their faith and taqwa. They don't follow their desires. The one who follows desires is anxious. Their belief is driving them, and their taqwa is sustaining them. Belief is enrichment, while taqwa is protection. There is a glad tidings for them, in dunya and akhirah. You must believe that there can be no change in what Allah decides. This is a great success.

تَأْتِيهِمْ هَذِهِ الْبُشَارَاتِ
عَلَى اِيْدِي الرَّسُولِ

They will have glad tidings in dunya and the best of the delights in akhirah, with a great reward.
Every step of this journey is glad tidings. These glad tidings come through the messengers, who came with the Divine books.

بِشَرَهُمُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا بِالْخَيْرِ الْعَمِيمِ
وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ بِالْأَجْرِ الْعَظِيمِ

وَمَا نُرْسِلُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ إِلَّا مُبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ فَمَنْ آمَنَ وَأَصْلَحَ فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

And We send not the messengers except as bringers of good tidings and warners. So whoever believes and reforms - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve

سورة الأتّاع
6:48

Whoever was reformed is safe. Whoever denied the messengers will experience sadness and fear. You must believe and fix yourself; this is your journey. The ones who don't have any fear and grief are grief are the ones who accepted the truthfulness of the words of the messengers.

هُؤلَاءِ قَبْلًا قَوْلُ الْمَرْسَلِينَ وَ
صَدَقُوا الرَّسُولَ

What did they do? They followed the guidance step by step. They heeded all the signs, following them precisely. No one is without signals in life.

إِتَّبَاعُ الْهُدَى

قُلْنَا اهْبِطُوا مِنْهَا جَمِيعًا فَإِمَّا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ مِنِّي هُدًى فَمَنْ تَبِعَ هُدًى فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

We said, "Go down from it, all of you. And when guidance comes to you from Me, whoever follows My guidance - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve

سورة البقرة
2:38

After Aadam and Hawwa disobeyed Allah, by eating from the forbidden tree, they had to come down to earth. They faced the struggles of the dunya. But Allah assured them that He would guide them. Those who follow the guidance are protected. As long as you are alive, you will have guidance. Allah will not leave you without guidance. But you must be alert to the signs which will be sent to you. Ask Allah for guidance, don't be blind to the signposts.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالنَّصَارَى وَالصَّابَئِينَ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلَهُمْ أَجْرٌ هُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

إِيمَانُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ

Indeed, those who believed and those who were Jews or Christians or Sabeans [before Prophet Muhammad] - those [among them] who believed in Allah and the Last Day and did righteousness - will have their reward with their Lord, and no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve

سورة البقرة
2:62

Take care of your heart. Believe in Allah, He is the only One, with all the perfect names and attributes. All your devotion should be for Allah. Believe in the Day of Judgement, a day when Allah will gather us all, for accounts

and recompense. Believe in the questions of the grave, the scale, Qantarah, Jannah and Jahannum. When you believe in the Day of Judgement, your faith will be so high. If you attach to dunya, you will feel sadness and fear. Upgrade your belief from the tangible and temporary, to the eternal.

بَلَىٰ مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِهٗ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَلَهُ أَجْرٌهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْرَنُونَ
Yes [on the contrary] whoever submits his face in Islam to Allah, while being a doer of good, will have his reward with his Lord. And no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve

سورة البقرة
2:112

Turn your face towards Allah, and submit to Him. Do your best in your worship. Don't be rebellious. Do your actions in excellence. If you do your best in life, you will have no fear and grief. The more ihsan, the more security you will have. When you are obedient, there is so much barakah.

الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ لَا يُتَبَعِّدُونَ مَا أَنْفَقُوا مَنًا وَلَا أَذَىٰ لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْرَنُونَ

Those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah and then do not follow up what they have spent with reminders [of it] or [other] injury will have their reward with their Lord, and there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve

سورة البقرة
2:262

Spending is a big chunk of being fear and grief free. Do it for the sake of Allah. Don't spoil it with reminders of your favours, or by harming the ones you help, as this will nullify your nafaqa.

الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ سِرًا وَعَلَانِيَةً فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْرَنُونَ

النفقة بكل الأحوال

Those who spend their wealth [in Allah's way] by night and by day, secretly and publicly - they will have their reward with their Lord. And no fear will there be concerning them, nor will they grieve

سورة البقرة
2:274

Be a factory of good deeds. Don't stop spending in charity under any condition. Give all the time. Nafaqa is not only with money. It can be with anything good, such as your time, even a smile. Do some good deed all the time, night and day, secretly and publicly. Don't put any restriction of time; when you have the feeling that you want to give, do it. Don't lose any opportunity, because it will not come back.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالَاتِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْوَا الرِّزْكَةَ لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْرَنُونَ

الإيمان والعمل الصالح والصلة والزكاة

Indeed, those who believe and do righteous deeds and establish prayer and give zakah will have their reward with their Lord, and there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve

سورة البقرة
2:277

Do good deeds in all cases. There is always more and more that you can do. The higher you go, the more secure you are, if you are following all the steps. Worship must be without limits.

Who are the ones in whom all these characteristics are gathered? What is the one component which attracts all the others, and makes everything fall into place?

من هم الذين يجمعون كل هذه الصفات؟

الْأَخِلَاءُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ

Close friends, that Day, will be enemies to each other, except for the righteous
يَا عَبَادِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْكُمُ الْيَوْمُ وَلَا أَنْتُمْ تُحْرَنُونَ

[To whom Allah will say] : O My servants, no fear will there be concerning you this Day, nor will you grieve
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاِيَّاتِنَا وَكَانُوا مُسْلِمِينَ

[You] who believed in Our verses and were Muslims
اَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ اَنْتُمْ وَأَرْوَاحُكُمْ تُحْبَرُونَ

Enter Paradise, you and your kinds, delighted
يُطَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِصِحَافٍ مِّنْ ذَهَبٍ وَأَكْوَابٍ وَفِيهَا مَا تَشْتَهِيهِ الْأَنْفُسُ وَتَلَذُّ الْأَعْيُنُ وَأَنْتُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

Circulated among them will be plates and vessels of gold. And therein is whatever the souls desire and [what] delights the eyes, and you will abide therein eternally
وَتِلْكَ الْجَنَّةُ الَّتِي اُرْتَمِمُوهَا بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

And that is Paradise which you are made to inherit for what you used to do

سورة الزخرف
43:67-72

يَأَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، اسْمَعُوا وَاعْقِلُوا، وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَبَادًا لَيْسُوا بِأَنْبِيَاءٍ وَلَا شُهَدَاءَ، يُغْيِطُهُمُ النَّبِيُّونَ وَالشُّهَدَاءُ عَلَى مَنَازِلِهِمْ، وَقُرْبِهِمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ. فَجَثَا رَجُلٌ مِنَ الْأَعْرَابِ مِنْ قَاصِيَّةِ النَّاسِ، وَأَلَوَى بِيَدِهِ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ: نَاسٌ مِنَ النَّاسِ لَيْسُوا بِأَنْبِيَاءٍ وَلَا شُهَدَاءَ، يُغْيِطُهُمُ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ وَالشُّهَدَاءُ عَلَى مَجَالِسِهِمْ وَقُرْبِهِمْ [مِنَ اللَّهِ]? انْعَتُهُمْ لَنَا حَلِّهِمْ لَنَا - يَعْنِي صِفَتُهُمْ لَنَا فُسْرٌ وَجْهُ النَّبِيِّ بِسُؤَالِ الْأَعْرَابِيِّ وَقَالَ هُمْ نَاسٌ مِنْ أَفْنَاءِ النَّاسِ، وَتَنَازَعَ الْقَبَائِلُ، لَمْ تَصْلِ بَيْنَهُمْ أَرْحَامٌ مُتَقَارِبةٌ، تَحَابُّوا فِي اللَّهِ وَتَصَافَّوْا، يَضُعُ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مَنَابِرَ مِنْ نُورٍ، فَيَجِلِّسُونَ عَلَيْهَا، فَيُجْعَلُ وُجُوهُهُمْ نُورًا، وَثِيَابُهُمْ نُورًا، يَفْزَعُ النَّاسُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَلَا يَفْزَعُونَ، وَهُمْ أُولَيَاءُ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

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The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said :
There are people from the servants of Allah who are neither prophets nor martyrs; the prophets and martyrs will envy them on the Day of Resurrection for their rank from Allah, the Most High.

They (the people) asked: Tell us, Messenger of Allah, who are they? He replied: They are people who love one another for the spirit of Allah (i.e. the Qur'an), without having any mutual kinship and giving property to one. I swear by Allah, their faces will glow and they will be (sitting) in (pulpits of) light. They will have no fear (on the Day) when the people will have fear, and they will not grieve when the people will grieve.

He then recited the following Qur'anic verse: "Behold! Verily for the friends of Allah there is no fear, nor shall they grieve."

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These are the special slaves of Allah. They are ordinary people, of different kinds, with no blood relation between them. They love each other for the sake of Allah. The love for desires will bring grief and fear on the Day of Judgement. But Allah will give security to His special slaves on the day when no one will have it. This shows how much Allah appreciates love for His sake.

Allah gives glad tidings to the believers. Love for Allah completes your religion. Allah will love you and inspire you to do good deeds, and taste the sweetness of the faith.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَامُوا تَنَزَّلَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَلَا تَخَافُوا وَلَا تَحْرِنُوا وَأَبْشِرُوا بِالْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي كُنْتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ

Indeed, those who have said, "Our Lord is Allah" and then remained on a right course - the angels will descend upon them, [saying], "Do not fear and do not grieve but receive good tidings of Paradise, which you were

promised
سورة فصلت
41:30

The Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said :
Oh people! Hear and understand, and know, that Allah has slaves who are not messengers, nor martyrs, but they are envied by the messengers and martyrs because of their position, and their closeness to Allah.

One Bedouin from among the people twisted his hand towards the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and said oh Messenger of Allah, who are these people, describe them to us.

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ lit up with happiness, at the question of the Bedouin.

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, they are different kinds of people, from different tribes, there is no blood relation between them. They love each other for the sake of Allah, and they are pure with each other.

On the Day of Judgement, Allah has made for them platforms of light, upon which they will sit. Their faces will be light, their clothes will be light. All the people will be terrified on the Day of Judgement, except them.

They are the close companions of Allah, and there will be no fear upon them, nor will they grieve.

إِنَّ مِنْ عَبَادِ اللَّهِ لَأَنَا مَا هُمْ بِأَنْبِيَاءٍ
وَلَا شُهَدَاءَ، يُغْيِطُهُمُ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ وَالشُّهَدَاءُ
يُوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مَكَانِهِمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى،
قَالُوا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، تُخِرُّنَا مَنْ هُمْ؟
قَالَ: هُمْ قَوْمٌ تَحَابُّو بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ عَلَى
غَيْرِ أَرْحَامٍ بَيْنَهُمْ، وَلَا أَمْوَالٍ يَتَعَاوَنُونَ،
فَوَاللَّهِ إِنَّ وُجُوهَهُمْ لَنُورٌ، وَإِنَّهُمْ عَلَى
نُورٍ، لَا يَخَافُونَ إِذَا خَافَ النَّاسُ، وَلَا
يَحْزَنُونَ إِذَا حَزَنَ النَّاسُ، وَقَرَأَ هَذِهِ
الآيَةَ: {أَلَا إِنَّ أَوْلَيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفٌ
عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ} [يُونَس: 62].