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*JUSTICE AND OPPRESSION*

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## Justice and Oppression

The Qur'an establishes justice as a core pillar of faith. It entails fairness to all people, even enemies, while strictly prohibiting oppression and injustice. The Qur'an presents the struggle against oppression as a fight to establish peace and justice, emphasising that oppression and tyranny will ultimately lead to ruin, while the righteous will triumph.

### Most Comprehensive Verse of the Qur'an

*“Indeed, Allah commands justice, grace, as well as generosity to close relatives. He forbids indecency, wickedness, and aggression. He instructs you so perhaps you will be mindful.”*

*(Surah An Nahl 16 – Verse 90)*

The commentators have dedicated this verse as the most comprehensive verse of the Glorious Qur'an. The first of the six commands in this verse is Justice. Justice entails being just to oneself and in one's dealings and relationships. It entails a person forsaking personal desire and preference to what is ordained and just.

Imam Qurtubi (Rahimahullah) says, this verse encompasses in itself the adherence to all good morals and deeds and the avoidance of all bad morals and deeds. Some Tafseer authorities have mentioned that, justice means that one should give the right of the other person in full and take what comes to him, neither less nor more; then, should someone hurt you, you hurt him only as much as he did, no more.

*(Ma'ariful Qur'an)*

## **Be Just Against Yourself**

*"O Believers! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor: for Allah can best protect both. Follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest you sway – and if you distort justice or fail to be just, verily Allah is well-acquainted with all that you do."*

*(Surah Al-Nisa 4 – Verse 135)*

This instruction points out that justice is not something to be demanded from others only, instead, it should also be exacted from one's own self. One should not oppose or speak against what is true and just, even when one has to declare something against one's own self, even if such an action is likely to result in personal loss. This personal loss is insignificant in relations to truth and justice. On the contrary, should someone elect to placate his self by flat lies, then he earns for himself the severe punishment of the Day of Retribution.

*(Ma'arifur Qur'an)*

Allah says: *"And let not hatred of a people... prevent you from being just."*

*(Surah Al-Maidah – Verse 8)*

## **No Support for Wrongdoers**

Believers are forbidden from inclining toward or supporting those who act unjustly or engaging in acts of oppression and tyranny.

*"And do not be inclined to the wrongdoers or you will be touched by the Fire. For then you would have no protectors other than Allah, nor would you be helped."*

*(Surah Hud 11 – Verse 113)*

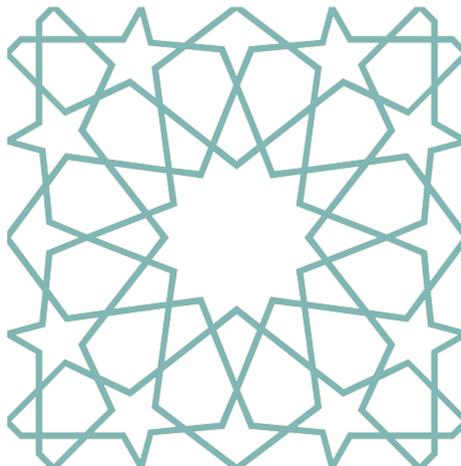
## Allah is Aware of the Oppressors

*“And do not think (O Prophet) that Allah is unaware of what the wrongdoers do. He only delays them until a Day when (their) eyes will stare in horror.”*

*(Surah Ibrahim 14 – Verse 42)*

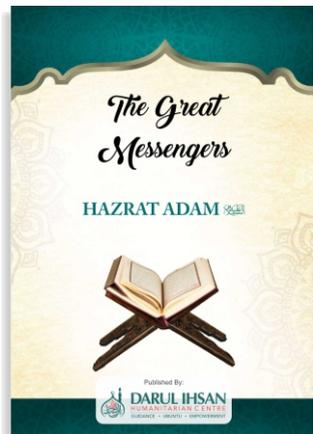
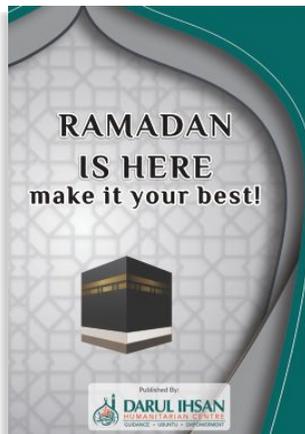
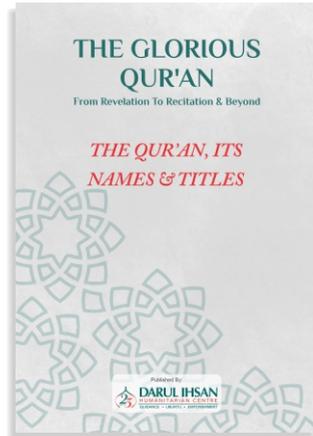
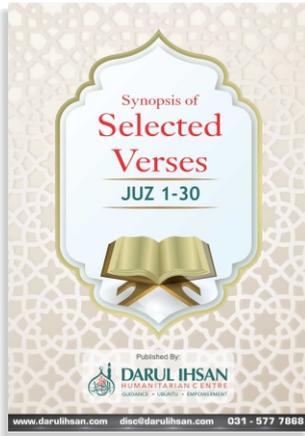
This verse is to comfort the Holy Prophet and the oppressed of the world of a severe punishment for all oppressors. The unjust practitioners of crime should not become carefree because Allah Ta’ala has given them respite. Let them not be deluded by the idea that Allah is not aware of their wrongdoings for which reason they are flourishing despite their crimes and for which reason nothing unwelcome happens to them, nor does any punishment visit them. This is not true. Instead of all that they presuppose, everything they are doing is all within the sight of Allah Ta’ala, but He, in His mercy and wisdom, is giving them respite.

*(Ma’ariful Qur’an)*



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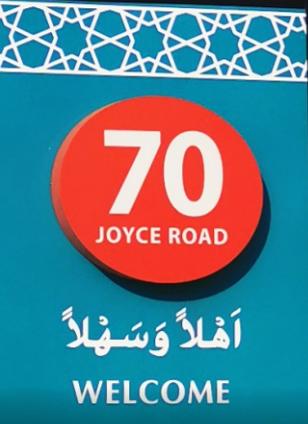
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