**In the Name of Allāh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.**

1. O Prophet! Why do you forbid (for yourself) that which Allāh has allowed to you, seeking to please your wives? And Allāh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

2. Allāh has already ordained for you (O men) the absolution from your oaths. And Allāh is your Maulā (Lord, or Master, or Protector) and He is the All-Knower, the All-Wise.

3. And (remember) when the Prophet (صلی الله عليه وسلم) disclosed a matter in confidence to one of his wives (Hafsah), then she told it (to another i.e. ‘Āishah). And Allāh made it known to him; he informed part thereof and left a part. Then when he told her (Hafsah) thereof, she said: “Who told you this?” He said: “The All-Knower, the Well-Acquainted (Allāh) has told me.”

4. If you two (wives of the Prophet  صلى الله عليه وسلم وسلم ) turn in repentance to Allāh, (it will be better for you), your hearts are indeed so inclined (to oppose what the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم likes); but if you help one another against him (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم), then verily, Allāh is his Maulā (Lord, or Master, or Protector), and Jibrīl (Gabriel), and the righteous among the believers; and furthermore, the angels are his helpers.

5. It may be if he divorced you (all) that his Lord would give him instead of you, wives better than you — Muslims (who submit to Allāh), believers, obedient (to Allāh), turning to Allāh in repentance, worshipping Allāh sincerely, given to fasting (or emigrants for Allāh’s sake), previously married and virgins.

6. O you who believe! Ward off yourselves and your families against a Fire (Hell) whose fuel is men and stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe, who disobey not, (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allāh, but do that which they are commanded.

7. (It will be said in the Hereafter) O you who disbelieve (in the Oneness of Allāh — Islāmic Monotheism)! Make no excuses this Day! You are being requited only for what you used to do. [11]

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8. O you who believe! Turn to Allâh with sincere repentance! It may be that your Lord will expiate from you your sins, and admit you into Gardens under which rivers flow (Paradise) — the Day that Allâh will not disgrace the Prophet (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) and those who believe with him. Their Light will run forward before them and (with their Records — Books of deeds) in their right hands. They will say: “Our Lord! Keep perfect our Light for us [and do not put it off till we cross over the Sirât (a slippery bridge over the Hell) safely] and grant us forgiveness. Verily, You are Able to do all things.”\(^1\)

9. O Prophet (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم)! Strive hard against the disbelievers and the hypocrites, and be severe against them; their abode will be Hell, and worst indeed is that destination.\(^2\)

10. Allâh sets forth an example for those who disbelieve: the wife of Nûh (Noah) and the wife of Lût (Lot). They were under two of our righteous slaves, but they both betrayed them (their husbands by rejecting their doctrine). So they [Nûh (Noah) and Lût (Lot) عليهما السلام] availed them (their respective wives) not against Allâh and it was said: “Enter the Fire along with those who enter!”

11. And Allâh has set forth an example for those who believe: the wife of Fir‘aun (Pharaoh), when she said: “My Lord! Build for me a home with You in Paradise, and save me from Fir‘aun (Pharaoh) and his work, and save me from the people who are Zâlimûn (polytheists, wrong-doers and disbelievers in Allâh).

12. And Maryam (Mary), the daughter of ʿImrân who guarded her chastity. And We breathed into (the sleeve of her shirt or her arment) through Our Rûh [i.e. Jibrîl (Gabriel)]\(^3\),

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\(^{1}\) (V.66:8).
\(^{a}\) See the footnote of (V.4:106).
\(^{b}\) See the footnote of (V.5:74).
\(^{c}\) See the footnote of (V.68:42).
\(^{2}\) (V.66:9) See the footnote of (V.8:39).
\(^{3}\) (V.66:12) “And (remember) she who guarded her chastity [Virgin Maryam (Mary)], We breathed into (the sleeves of) her (shirt or garment) [through Our Rûh (Jibrîl - Gabriel)]*, and We made her and her son (Jesus) a sign for Al-ʿAlâmin (mankind and jinn).” [The Qur’ân, (V.21:91)]

* It is said that Jibrîl (Gabriel) had merely breathed in the sleeve of Maryam’s (Mary)
and she testified to the truth of the Words of her Lord [i.e. believed in the Words of Allâh: “Be!”—and he was; that is ‘Îsâ (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary) as a Messenger of Allâh], and (also believed in) His Scriptures, and she was of the Qânîtûn (i.e. obedient to Allâh)\(^1\).

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1. Blessed is He (Allâh) in Whose Hand is the dominion; and He is Able to do all things.

2. Who has created death and life that He may test you which of you is best in deed.\(^2\) And He is the All-Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving;

3. Who has created the seven heavens one above another; you can see no fault in the creation of the Most Gracious. Then look again: “Can you see any rifts?”

4. Then look again and yet again: your sight will return to you in a state of humiliation and worn out.

5. And indeed We have adorned the nearest heaven with lamps\(^3\), and We have made such lamps (as) missiles to drive away the Shayâtîn (devils), and have prepared for them the torment of the blazing Fire.

6. And for those who disbelieve in their Lord (Allâh) is the torment of Hell, and worst indeed is that destination.

shirt, and thus she conceived.

\(^{1}\) (V.66:12) The Statement of Allâh عز وجل:

‘And Allâh has set forth an example for those who believe: the wife of Pharaoh … (up to) … and she was of the obedient to Allâh.’ (V.66:11 and 12).

Narration Abû Mûsâ: Allâh’s Messenger صلی الله عليه وسلم: “Many amongst men reached (the level of) perfection but none amongst the women reached this level except Āsiyah, Pharaoh’s wife, and Maryam (Mary), the daughter of ‘Imrân. And no doubt, the superiority of ‘Āishah to other women is like the superiority of Tharid (i.e. a meat and bread dish) to other meals.” (Sahîh Al-Bukhârî, Vol. 4, Hadîth No. 623).

\(^{2}\) (V.67:2) i.e. who amongst you do the good deeds in the most perfect manner, that means to do them (deeds) totally for Allâh’s sake and in accordance with the legal ways of Prophet Muhammad صلی الله عليه وسلم.

\(^{3}\) (V.67:5) See the footnote of (V.6:97) and (V.85:1).