

Surah Maaun

Introduction:

One possible reason for why this Surah was revealed:

- Al-Aas ibn Wa'il was slaughtering a camel for a walimah and an orphan boy asked him for some food. So he started to beat up the boy with the stick.

In this Surah Allah is talking about 2 types of people:

1. Disbeliever: who denies the favours on him by Allah
2. Munafiq: does things for the audience watching him

In this Surah, Allah shows us that the kafir are not only denying Islam but also being unjust to the people.

This Surah uses admonishing words when speaking about these types of people. Shaming them.

Ayah (1)

The reader may wonder who this person is. So Allah describes him in the next ayah

Yukazib - lies about it

"biddeen": repayment (hereafter) where we will have to pay each other back. Allah couples the person who denies the hereafter with those people who do nothing for the society.

Check again: what is my relationship with the needy of the society.

Ayah (2) pushes away aggressively. Allah is telling us who this person is and what he does so we can stay away from them.

Those who use violence against them e.g. beating with a stick or take away the inheritance of girls.

Ayah (3)

"Yahuddu" encourage

Al-masakin: not necessarily boys : usually girls whose uncles would take away what they had leaving them poor.

Islam doesn't only urge muslims to take care of muslims but masakin =any poor person.

Make it part of your character to be caring person and taking care of the society you live in.

Truly sincerely try to help people for Allah's sake.

Ayah (4)

"fawail" curse - destruction- Allah doesn't need to curse - if Allah is cursing means it will happen.

Ayah (5)

Sahw = those who are mistaken in their salah (lazy) things are distracting them, even if they get up they do it lazily. Mistake on purpose + with knowledge.

Sahoon - praying publicly/ not privately

Allah talks about the munafiq + their connection with salah - they are in the lowest pits of hell because of the way they prayed.

Salah is like a rope attached to a cliff - not praying on time is like cutting it off and then you fall into kufr.

If someone has a little bit of laziness in salah they are still cursed.
So imagine someone who doesn't pray at all.

Ayah (6)

Description of a munafiq. They need an audience. What is taqwa = when u don't need people around you to do a good deed.

Ayah (7)

ma'an - v. small

People denying small kindnesses to each other - giving sugar won't harm him in any way - stern warning against stinginess/ greed.