

The Qur'an, our guide

Allah (SWT) says: *“Follow what has been revealed to you from your Lord – there is no god but Him – and turn away from the idolaters.”* (Al-An'am: 106)

The above *ayah* tells us that Allah (SWT) chose our Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and revealed to him the Qur'an, which will apply until the Day of Judgment. The Prophet, Muhammad (SAW), recommended to his companions that they read the Qur'an and observe its commands. He said: *“Allah's Book is Allah's rope; he who follows it has guidance, and he who abandons it is in error.”* (Muslim) He further said: *“He who spoke according to the Qur'an spoke the truth, and he who acts in accordance with its directions entitles himself to reward. Again, he who judges according to the Qur'an is just and fair. Then, as for him who invites people to the Qur'an, (he) is indeed guided on the right path.”* (Tirmidhi)

While enjoining good and forbidding evil, the Prophet (SAW) adhered only to the Qur'an as a guide. All of his words stemmed from it: *“I follow only what has been revealed to me from my Lord. This is clear insight from your Lord, and a guidance and a mercy for people who believe.”* (Al-A'raf: 203)

The *sunnah* of our Prophet (SAW) is to apply the Qur'an to daily life. For this reason, Allah informs us that obeying him is a basic tenet of faith. Anyone who complies with his words and follows his *sunnah*, at the same time, observes the Qur'anic teachings because every attitude, decision

and word of our Prophet (SAW) stemmed from the Qur'an. The Prophet (SAW) said: *“He who obeys me has obeyed Allah, and he who disobeys me has disobeyed Allah; he who obeys the Amir (the ruler I appoint) has obeyed me, and he who disobeys the Amir has disobeyed me.”* (Bukhari)

To be a true Muslim with whom Allah is pleased, a person must obey the Qur'anic commands, embrace the *sunnah* of our Prophet Muhammad (SAW), and meticulously practice whatever they tell us to do. Since the Qur'an gives a detailed account of our Prophet's life, Muslims are obliged to examine his life, follow in his steps, and seek to display his moral excellence.

In the Holy Qur'an, Allah (SWT) explains that the Prophet (SAW) sets the best example for believers: *“You have an excellent model in the Messenger of Allah, for all who put their hope in Allah and the Last Day and remember Allah much.”* (Al-Ahzab: 21)

It is hoped that the guidance from the revelations of Allah and the appreciation of Islamic teachings will be able to enhance the solidarity among Muslims and henceforth, generate tremendous success in all aspects of life. Amin.

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