

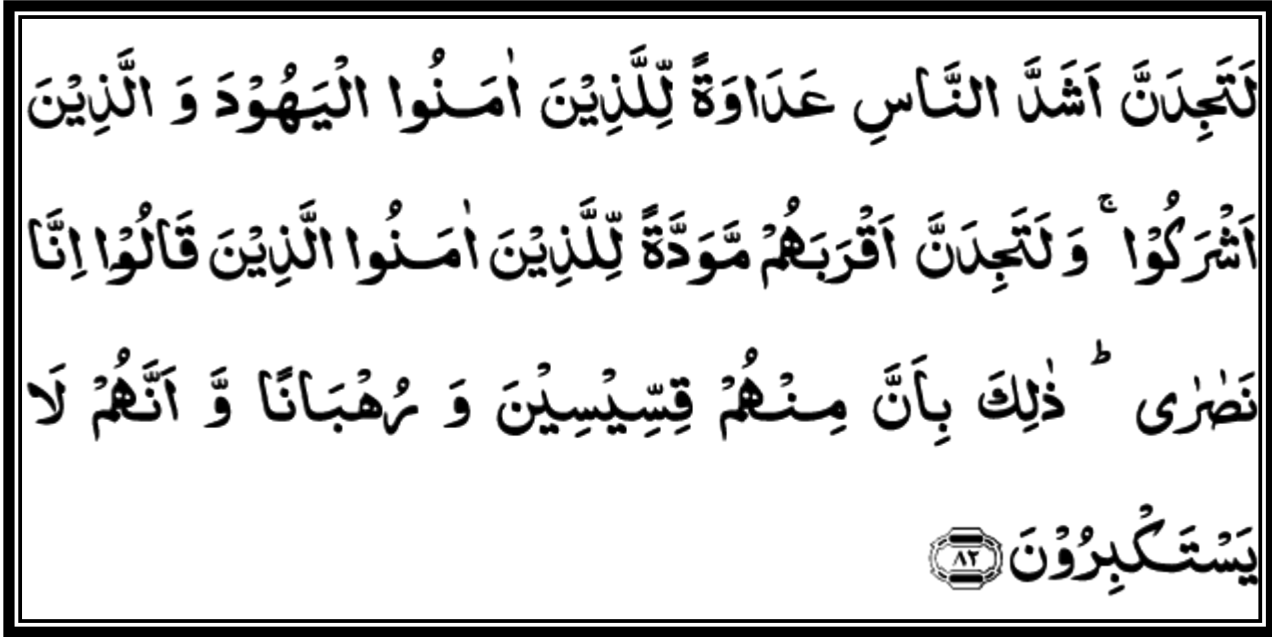
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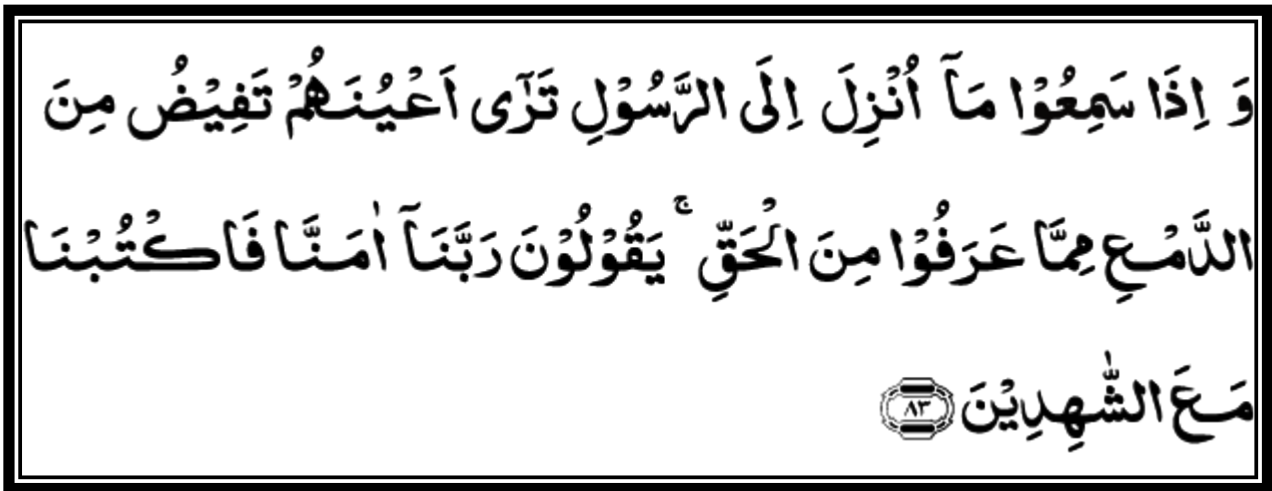
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Today's topic: "Tafsir Surah Al-Maidah verse 82 to 86"

It is revealed in the Holy Quran: Sura Al-Maidah 5:82 to 86



Strongest among men in enmity to the believers wilt thou find the Jews and Pagans; and nearest among them in love to the believers wilt thou find those who say, we are Christians: because amongst these are men devoted to learning and men who have renounced the world, and they are not arrogant. (Sura Al-Maidah 5:82)



And when they listen to the revelation received by the Messenger, thou wilt see their eyes overflowing with tears, for they recognize the truth: they pray: Our Lord! we believe; write us down among the witnesses. (Sura Al-Maidah 5:83)

وَمَا لَنَا لَا نُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَمَا جَاءَنَا مِنَ الْحَقِّ وَنَطْمَعُ أَنْ
يُدْخِلَنَا رَبُّنَا مَعَ الْقَوْمِ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٨٤﴾

What cause can we have not to believe in Allah and the truth which has come to us, seeing that we long for our Lord to admit us to the company of the righteous?
(Sura Al-Maidah 5:84)

فَأَثَابَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِمَا قَالُوا جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ
فِيهَا ۗ وَذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾

And for this their prayer hath Allah rewarded them with gardens, with rivers flowing underneath, their eternal home. Such is the recompense of those who do good.
(Sura Al-Maidah 5:85)

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَحِيمِ ۗ ﴿٨٦﴾

But those who reject Faith and belie our Signs, they shall be companions of Hell-fire.
(Sura Al-Maidah 5:86)

Tafsir Ibn Abbas

Allah then showed their enmity towards the Prophet (Pbuh) and his companions, saying (Thou will find) O Muhammad (the most vehement of mankind in hostility) and most vile in speech (to those who believe) Muhammad and his companions (to be) the Jews the Jews of Bani Qurayzah, Banul Nadir, Fadak, and Khyber (and the Idolaters) and the most vehement in hostility to the believers among the Idolaters are the Idolaters of Macca. (And thou will find the nearest of them in affection) is their bond and most lenient in speech (to those who believe) Muhammad and his companions (to be) those who say, O! we are Christian the Negus and his followers who were 32 men; it is also said they were 40 people in total: 32 from Abyssinia, and 8 monks from Historic Syria: the monk Bahira and his followers Abrahah, Ashraf, Idris, Tamin, Tammam, Durayd and Ayman (that) affection (is because there were among them Priests) ascetics whose heads are shaved is the middle (and monks) secluded in monasteries who are their men of knowledge, (and because they are not proud) is believing in Muhammad and the Quran Said bin Jubayr, As-Suddi and other said that Ayat were revealed concerning delegation that An-Najashi (king of Ethiopia) sent to the prophet in order to hear his words and observe his qualities when the delegation met with the Prophet and he recited the Quran to them, they embraced Islam, cried and were humbled. Then they returned to An Najashi and told him what happened Ata bin Abi Rabah commented, “they were Ethiopian who embraced Islam when the Muslims who migrated to Ethiopia resided among them Qatadah said, they were some followers of the religion of Isa, son of Maryam, who when they saw Muslim and heard the Quran, they became Muslims without hesitation. Ibn Jarir said that these Ayat were revealed concerning some people who fit this description, whether they were from Ethiopia or otherwise Fizilalil Quran Allah said “you will certainly find that, of all people, the most hostile to those who believe are the Jews, and those who associate partners with God” (verse 82). The way this statement is phrased makes it addresses to the Prophet or to all believers because it states something that can be recognized by everyone. Arabic style admits both possibilities. In either case, it provides the same meaning. What is note worthy about the phrasing of this statement is the fact that the Jews are mentioned ahead of idolaters is being most hostile to the believers, and that their hostility is open and easily recognized by anyone who cares to pay attention.

In recent history, they have been the ones to lead the war against Islam throughout the world. It is they who utilized Christian and idolatrous forces is an all-out effort against Islam. It is they who create heroes who have Muslim names but try to suppresses Islam with all their might. God tells the truth when he says “Strongest among men in enmity to the believers wilt thou find the Jews and Pagans; and nearest among them in love to the believers wilt thou find those who say, we are Christians: because amongst these are men devoted to learning and men who have renounced the world, and they are not arrogant.” (verse 82) Thirty years later, a group of Jews started a mass uprising bringing together the remnants of the hostile groups and spreading all sorts of rumours. They succeeded in stirring up trouble to such an extent that it led to the assassination of Uthman the third caliph to rule the Muslim state after Prophet. The Muslim world has face problems as a result of Jewish conspiracies ever since the early days of Islam.

This particular case applied to a certain group of Christians. They were closest in their affection to the believers “because there are priests and monks among them and because they are not given to arrogance (verse 82). Among them were people who were fully aware of true Christian faith, and were prepared to acknowledge the truth whenever they realized it.

The Quran clarifies the fact that this description does not apply to all these who claim to be Christians. It provides more details of this particular group when they listen to what has been revealed to God's Messenger, you see their eyes overflow with tears because of the truth they recognize. They said: 'Our lord, we do believe; so, enroll us among those who bear witness to the truth. How could we fail to believe in God and the truth that has come to us when we dearly hope that our lord will admit us among the righteous. (verse 83-84)

Having described their frank, positive attitude towards the truth revealed to God's Messenger and their declaration of their acceptance of Islam and their willingness to bear witness to it by sacrificing their wealth and lives for its cause, praying all the time that God may accept them as witnesses and admit them among righteous, the surah describes their destiny "And for this their prayer God will reward them with gardens through which running water who do good" (verse 85). Doing good is the highest grade of faith and submission to God. This group of people have earned God's own acknowledgement that they do good.

It goes on to distinguish them the rest of those who say, "We are Christians" the latter group listen to the truth, but they deny it, turn away from it and have no interest in bearing witness to its truthfulness. Indeed, they claim it to be false "while those who disbelieve and deny our revelation are destined for the blazing fire. (verse 86)

In conclusion, we say that not all those who describe themselves as Christians are included among those who are "nearest in affection to the believers." Anyone who suggests otherwise simply tries to make his judgment on the basis of only one part of the Quranic statement, paying little attention to the rest. God's judgment applies only to a particular group of Christians of whom God has given us a full description, leaving no room for ambiguity or confusion.

Ameen

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