

A blessed Friday to you, brothers and sisters.

Today, I would like to talk about the moral principles the Almighty taught us in the Surat al-Hujurat. Let us lend an ear to these vital principles.

The first principle is **فَتَبَيَّنُوا** which means “investigate.” Our Lord enjoins, “O you who have believed, if there comes to you an untrustworthy one with information, investigate.” Considering a piece of information true without investigating it and verifying its accuracy may lead us to wrong conclusions. It may cause undesired circumstances, sedition, and mischief. And as a result, we may regret what we have done.

Brothers and Sisters!

The second moral principle is to reconcile as per the command **فَاصْلِحُوا**. It is to resolve issues between people. It is to be constructive and corrective, not destructive and vindictive; to be unifying and inclusive, not divisive and disruptive. It is to join forces and make the power of love, fondness, and brotherhood prevail against the darkness of hostility, hatred, and violence. It is to band together and drain the swamp of division and conflict.

The third moral principle is to glorify justice by **وَأَقْسِطُوا** that is “acting justly.” It is to never let go of justice, loyalty, and righteousness under any circumstances.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The fourth moral principle taught to us by Surat alHujurat is which means **لَا يَسْخَرُونَ** “do not mock others.” It is to never scorn and despise anyone. It is to never forget that, as the children of Adam and Eve, we have been created from the same origin.

The fifth moral principle is to avoid defamation as per the command **وَلَا تَلْمِزُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ**. It is to avoid offending a person even with a little gesture or implication. It is to keep away from any word or behavior that may hurt a person’s honor and dignity.

The sixth moral principle is, **وَلَا بِالْألقَابِ** **تَتَابَرُؤا** which means “Do not call each other by offensive nicknames.” Because a person’s name, honor, and reputation are esteemed and worthy of respect like the person himself.

Honorable Brothers and Sisters!

The seventh moral principle that the Surat al-Hujurat taught us is **اجْتَنِبُوا كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الظَّنِّ** that is to avoid making wrong assumptions about one another. Because assumption about others often misleads and causes one to sin. It leads to misunderstandings and disturbances.

The eighth moral principle is the command **وَلَا تَجَسَّسُوا**.

That is, do not spy and pry into the flaws and imperfections of others. It is to avoid attempting to expose others’ privacy. It is to remember that our real duty is to correct our own mistakes and flaws.

The ninth moral principle is **وَلَا يَغْتَابَ بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا** that is “Do not backbite each other. Do not talk behind one another’s back.” Because our duty is to protect the rights of our brothers and sisters even when they are not present. It is to consider their existence as ours. To consider their honor as ours.

Brothers and Sisters!

May the Almighty Lord grant us to be among those who abide by these principles. May He grant us to be among those who get their morals from the morals of the Quran and of the Prophet.

