

Surah 49. Al-Hujurat (The Inner Apartments)

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I begin in the Name of Allah, Hir Rahman Nir Raheem (the Compassionate the Merciful).

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1 . *Ya Ayohal-Lazeena Aamanoo* (O you who believe)! be not forward in the presence of Allah and His *Rasool* (apostle), and be careful of (your duty to) Allah; surely Allah is *Samee-un Aleem* (The Hearer, The Knower).

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2 . *Ya Ayohal-Lazeena Aamanoo* (O you who believe)! do not raise your voices above the voice of the *Nabi* (Prophet), and do not speak loud to him as you speak loud to one another, in case your deeds became null while you do not perceive.

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3 . Surely those who lower their voices before Allah's *Rasool* (apostle) are they whose hearts Allah has proved for guarding (against evil); they shall have forgiveness and a great reward.

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4 . Those who call out to you from behind the private chambers, surely most of them do not understand.

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5 . And if they wait patiently until you come out to them, it would certainly be better for them, and Allah is *Ghafoor-rur Raheem* (The Forgiving, The Merciful)

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6 . *Ya Ayohal-Lazeena Aamanoo* (O you who believe)! if an evil-doer comes to you with a report, look carefully into it, in case you harm a people in ignorance, then be sorry for what you have done.

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7 . And know that among you is **Allah's Rasool** (apostle); should he obey you in many a matter, you would surely fall into distress, but **Allah** has endeared the faith to you and has made it seemly in your hearts, and He has made hateful to you unbelief and transgression and disobedience; these it is that are the followers of a right way.

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8 . By grace from **Allah** and as a Favour; and **Allah** is *Aleem-mun Hakeem* (The Knower, The Wise)

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9 . And if two parties of the believers quarrel, make peace between them; but if one of them acts wrongfully towards the other, fight that which acts wrongfully until it returns to **Allah's** command; then if it returns, make peace between them with justice and act equitably; surely **Allah** loves those who act equitably.

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10 . The believers are but brethren, therefore make peace between your brethren and be careful of (your duty to) **Allah** that mercy may be had on you.

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11 . *Ya Ayohal-Lazeena Aamanoo* (O you who believe)! let not people laugh at people perchance they may be better than they, nor let women at women, perchance they may be better than they; and do not find fault with your own people nor call one another by nicknames; evil is a bad name after faith, and whoever does not turn, these it is that are the unjust.

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12 . *Ya Ayohal-Lazeena Aamanoo* (O you who believe)! avoid most of suspicion, for surely suspicion in some cases is a sin, and do not spy nor let some of you backbite others. Does one of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? But you abhor it; and be careful of (your duty to) **Allah**, surely **Allah** is Oft-returning (to mercy), *Raheem* (The Merciful)

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13 . *Ya Ayohan-Naso* (O men)! surely We have created you of a male and a female, and made you tribes and families that you may know each other; surely the most honourable of you with **Allah** is the one among you most careful; surely **Allah** is *Aleem-mun Khabeer* (The Knower, The Aware)

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14 . The dwellers of the desert say: "We believe. Say: "You do not believe but say, We submit; and faith has not yet entered into your hearts; and if you obey **Allah** and His *Rasool* (apostle), He will not diminish anything of your deeds; surely **Allah** is *Ghafoor-rur Raheem* (The Forgiving, The Merciful).

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15 . The believers are only those who believe in **Allah** and His *Rasool* (apostle) then they doubt not and struggle hard with their wealth and their lives in the way of **Allah**; they are the truthful ones.

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16 . Say: "Do you apprise **Allah** of your religion, and **Allah** knows what is in the heavens and what is in the earth; and **Allah** is *Aleem* (The Knower) of all things.

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17 . They think that they lay you under an obligation by becoming Muslims. Say: "Lay me not under obligation by your Islam: rather **Allah** lays you under an obligation by guiding you to the faith if you are truthful.

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18 . Surely **Allah** knows the unseen things of the heavens and the earth; and **Allah** sees what you do.