



A QURANIC DIALOGUE ABOUT REVELATION AND SCRIPTURE





HOW DO I KEEP MY PROMISE TO GOD?

«O Children of Israel,
remember My favor which I have
bestowed upon you and fulfill My
covenant [with Me] that I will fulfill your
covenant [with you], and be afraid of
[only] Me.»

Surah (Al-Baqarah)(40)



The relationship with Allah is built on a covenant:

you submit and obey, and He protects and rewards.

Remembering God's blessings is the fuel for fulfilling this promise.

Do not wait for the reward before you work; fulfill your part of the covenant (Tawhid and obedience), and trust that the Generous Lord never breaks His promise.

3



IS MY FAITH FOR SALE?

“And believe in what I have sent down
confirming that which is [already]
with you, and be not the first to
disbelieve in it. And do not exchange My
signs for a small price, and fear
[only] Me.”

Surah (Al-Baqarah)(41)

4



Selling God's signs for a “small price” doesn't just mean money, it means compromising your principles for status, approval, or worldly comfort. The Salaf taught that the entire world is a “small price” compared to the truth. Hold firm to the revelation and fear God alone, not the loss of worldly benefits.

5



DO I TAKE MY FAITH SERIOUSLY?

“And [recall] when We took your covenant and raised over you the mount, [saying], ‘Take what We have given you with determination and remember what is in it that perhaps you may become righteous.’”

Surah (Al-Baqarah)(63)

6



QuranMentor.ai



Religion is not a hobby or a passive heritage; it requires Quwwah (strength and determination).

God commands us to hold fast to the Book with resolve.

Laziness in faith leads to forgetfulness.

To achieve Taqwa (righteousness), you must actively remember and practice the teachings, taking them with the seriousness they deserve.

7



WHAT SAVES ME WHEN I SLIP?

“Then you turned away after that. And if not for the favor of Allah upon you and His mercy, you would have been among the losers.”

Surah (Al-Baqarah)(64)



We are human and liable to turn away or slip.

This verse reminds us that our salvation is not solely due to our actions, but due to Allah's Fadl (Bounty) and Rahma (Mercy).

When you stumble, do not despair, instead, return quickly to His mercy, for without it, we are completely lost.



WHAT DOES GOD ASK OF ME IN DAILY LIFE?

“And [recall] when We took the covenant from the Children of Israel, [enjoining upon them], ‘Do not worship except Allah; and to parents do good and to relatives, orphans, and the needy. And speak to people good [words] and establish prayer and give zakah.’ Then you turned away, except a few of you, and you were refusing.”

Surah (Al-Baqarah)(83)



True faith is a combination of Tawhid (worshipping Allah alone) and good character.

This covenant highlights that you cannot separate your relationship with God from your treatment of people.

Speaking “good words” to people is a divine command just like prayer.

Check your heart:

are you fulfilling the rights of the Creator and the rights of the creation?



IS THERE AN IDOL IN MY HEART?

“And [recall] when We took your covenant and raised over you the mount, [saying], ‘Take what We have given you with determination and listen.’ They said [with their actions], ‘We hear and disobey.’ And their hearts absorbed [the worship of] the calf because of their disbelief.”

Surah (Al-Baqarah)(93)

12



The Children of Israel physically left the calf, but their hearts were still soaked (“**absorbed**”) with the love of it. This warns us against outward submission while the heart loves something—power, desire, or status—more than Allah. To truly “**hear and obey**,” you must cleanse your heart of any attachment that competes with God.



AM I LOYAL TO MY COMMITMENTS?

“Is it not [true] that every time
hey took a covenant a party of them
threw it away? But, [in fact], most
of them do not believe.”

Surah (Al-Baqarah)(100)



Loyalty is a sign of Iman (faith), while treachery is a trait of hypocrisy. This verse criticizes those who treat their promises to God as disposable garbage (**"threw it away"**). When you make a commitment to Allah—to repent, to pray, to be honest—honor it. Your word is a reflection of your belief.



DOES WISFUL THINKING GUARANTEE PARADISE?

“And they say, ‘None will enter Paradise except one who is a Jew or a Christian.’ That is [merely] their wishful thinking. Say, ‘Produce your proof, if you should be truthful.’”

Surah (Al-Baqarah)(101)



Salvation is not claimed by sectarian titles or heritage;
it is based on proof (Burhan).
In Islam, the proof is sincere submission to Allah and following His Messenger.

Do not rely on false hopes or labels. God asks for evidence in your actions and your heart, not just claims on your tongue.



DOES KNOWLEDGE PREVENT ARROGANCE?

The Jews say, 'The Christians stand on nothing,' and the Christians say, 'The Jews stand on nothing,' while they both recite the Scripture. Thus say those who do not know, similar to what they say. But Allah will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that over which they used to differ."

Surah (Al-Baqarah)(113)



**These groups had the Scripture,
yet they fell into sectarian arrogance,
denying the truth in each other
completely.**

**This teaches us that knowledge
without humility and justice is
dangerous.**

**As a believer, acknowledge the truth
wherever it is, and do not let
partisanship blind you to the reality
defined by Allah's Book.**



CAN I GUIDE EVERYONE?

**“Do you covet [the hope, O believers],
that they would believe for you while
a party of them used to hear the words
of Allah and then distort the Torah
after they had understood it while they
were knowing [it]?”**

Surah (Al-Baqarah)(75)

20



QuranMentor.ai



**This verse manages our expectations.
Some hearts are so corrupted that
they knowingly distort the truth
(Tahrif) even after understanding it.
Do not destroy yourself with grief
over those who stubbornly refuse the
truth. Guidance is in Allah's hands,
and your duty is only to convey
the message clearly.**



DO I TWIST RELIGION TO FIT MY DESIRES?

“So woe to those who write the ‘scripture’ with their own hands, then say, ‘This is from Allah,’ in order to exchange it for a small price. Woe to them for what their hands have written and woe to them for what they earn.”

Surah (Al-Baqarah)(79)



This is a severe warning (“Woe”) against fabricating lies about God or interpreting religion solely to suit personal gain or worldly agendas. Speaking about Allah requires absolute integrity. Do not bend the rules of the Sharia to please people or gain profit; the punishment for such corruption is severe.



AM I TOO ATTACHED TO THIS LIFE?

And you will surely find them the most eager of people for life—even more than those who associate others with Allah. One of them wishes that he could be granted a life of a thousand years, but it would not remove him from the punishment to be granted long life. And Allah is All-Seeing of what they do

Surah (Al-Baqarah)(96)



**Greed for a long life often stems
from a fear of what comes after it.
But living 1000 years cannot save a
person from justice.**

**The believer loves meeting Allah and
uses this life as a bridge, not a
permanent home.**

**Don't cling to the Dunya; prepare for
the Eternity that inevitably follows.**

25



WHY DOES MY HEART FEEL HARD?

So for their breaking of the covenant We cursed them and made their hearts hard. They distort words from their proper places and forgot a portion of what they were reminded of. And you will continually discover betrayal from them, except for a few of them. So pardon them and overlook. Indeed, Allah loves those who do good.”

Surah (Al-Ma'idah) (13)



A hard heart is a punishment for breaking promises to Allah. When you knowingly disobey, the heart hardens, leading to further distortion of the truth and forgetfulness of guidance. The cure for a hard heart is to return to the Covenant: fulfill your obligations, and Allah will soften your heart with His remembrance.



AM I SPECIAL TO GOD JUST BECAUSE OF WHO I AM?

The Jews and the Christians say, 'We are the children of Allah and His beloved.' Say, 'Then why does He punish you for your sins?' Rather, you are human beings among those He has created. He forgives whom He wills and punishes whom He wills. And to Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them, and to Him is the final return."

28

Surah (Al-Ma'idah) (18)



Allah has no “children.”

We are all His slaves (Bashar).

Thinking you are privileged by
lineage or title is a delusion.

God's criterion is Justice.

If He punishes for sins, it proves
we are accountable subjects,
not entitled children.

Do not rely on a label; rely on your
obedience to the King.



DO I DOUBT GODS GENEROSITY?

“And the Jews say, ‘The hand of Allah is chained.’ Chained are their hands, and cursed are they for what they say. Rather, both His hands are extended; He spends as He wills.”

Surah (Al-Ma'idah) (64)

30



Ahl al-Sunnah affirm that Allah has Two Hands that befit His Majesty, without asking “**how**” (Takyif) or likening them to creation (Tamthil), and they are “**outspread**” in infinite generosity.

Never think God is withholding out of inability.

He gives how He wills, when He wills, from an inexhaustible treasury.



WHO INFLUENCES MY PATH?

**“Have you not seen those who
were given a portion of the
Scripture, purchasing error
[in exchange for it] and wishing
you would lose the way?”**

Surah(An-Nisa) (44)

32



Be careful who you take knowledge from.

This verse warns of those who have knowledge but choose error (“**buy straying**”) and actively want you to be lost too.

Not everyone who speaks with authority intends your guidance.

Verify the source and stick to those who follow the Sunnah and the path of the believers.

33



WHAT BLOCKS THE TRUTH FROM ENTERING MY HEART?

“And [We cursed them] for their breaking of the covenant and their disbelief in the signs of Allah and their killing of the prophets without right and their saying, ‘Our hearts are wrapped [against instruction].’ Rather, Allah has sealed them because of their disbelief, so they believe not, except for a few.”

Surah (An-Nisa) (155)



They claimed their hearts were
“wrapped”

(impervious to new knowledge)
as an excuse, but God confirms
their hearts were sealed as a
punishment for persistent sin
and arrogance.

Sin acts as a barrier.

If you find yourself unable to accept
the truth, check your actions
disobedience seals the heart, while
repentance opens it.

35



DO I TAKE GODS FORGIVENESS FOR GRANTED?

“And there followed them successors who inherited the Scripture [but] who grasped the fleeting things of this lower world and said, ‘It will be forgiven us.’”

Surah (Al-A'raf) (169)



This describes a generation that inherited the Book but not the practice.

They commit sins for worldly gain and casually say, “God will forgive us,” without true repentance. This is the delusion of Al-Ammani (false wishes). Forgiveness is for the repentant, not for those who persist in sin while presuming upon God’s mercy.



DO I HIDE THE TRUTH WHEN IT'S INCONVENIENT?

“And [recall, O People of the Scripture], when Allah took a covenant from those who were given the Scripture, [enjoining them], ‘You must make it clear to the people and not conceal it.’ But they threw it away behind their backs and exchanged it for a small price. And wretched is that which they purchased.”

38

Surah (Ali 'Imran) (187)



The covenant of knowledge is clarity.
Those who have knowledge must
explain the truth (Bayan) and not hide
it (Kitman) to please people or protect
their status.

Throwing the truth behind one's
back for worldly gain is a losing trade.
The legacy of the Prophets is to speak
the truth with wisdom and courage.