

All praise and thanks is due to Allah Master and creator of everything.

Allah High and Mighty has commanded us with Taqwa. What is Taqwa? Taqwa means forbearance, abstinence, God consciousness, piety, fear of Allah, virtue and self-restraint. It is very important that you remember these key words as they are in the translation of the verses to come. Taqwa is the key of happiness and success in this world and the hereafter. Allah High and Mighty States

“O you who have believed, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims” [in submission to Him]. Translation of Al-E-Imran 102

Allah Most High also States

“And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger (ﷺ), fears Allah, and keeps his duty (to Him), such are the successful ones.” Translation of An-Nur 52

And glad tidings are given by Allah that He Azza Wajjal is with people of Taqwa, as He The All-Aware One States,

“Indeed, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who are doers of good.”
Translation of An-Nahl 128

Also that the winners in the end will be the people with Taqwa as He Jalla Wa’ala States

“And the [best] outcome is for the righteous.” The Muttaqun, Translation of Al-A’raf 128

In the hereafter they are the winners, Allah High and Mighty States,

“And We saved those who believed and used to fear Allah.” Translation of Al-Fussilat 18

And also in the translated meaning of Maryam 72

“Then We will save those who feared Allah and leave the wrongdoers within it, on their knees.”

And Also in the translated meaning of An-Naba’ 31

“Verily, for the Righteous, there will be a success (Paradise)”

Allah is the Friend and Helper of the people of Taqwa as He The Guarding One States

“Unquestionably, [for] the allies of Allah there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve”

“Those who believed and were fearing Allah” Translation of Yunus 62 and 63

In many Verses of the Quran, we see that Allah wants His slaves to have piety and not to go beyond its boundaries. Allah High And Mighty States

“And verily! This your religion is one religion, and I am your Lord, so keep your duty to Me.” Translation of AL-Mu’minun 52

“They will have canopies of fire above them and below them, canopies. By that Allah threatens His servants. O My servants, then fear Me.” Translation of Al-Zumar 16.

“O you who have believed, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims” [in submission to Him]. Translation of Al-E-Imran 102

“O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women. And fear Allah, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs. Indeed Allah is ever, over you, an Observer.” Translation of An-Nisa 1

Honourable Guests, you earn the level of the Muttaqi by working hard to please your Lord and Maker. Then you will find that Allah will grant more guidance and faith to that person and will open the doors of bounty and mercy for him/her. As Allah The One who Guides States

“And those who are guided - He increases them in guidance and gives them their righteousness.” Translation of Muhammad 17

To fast for the sake of Allah and to be steadfast in it is another way to earn Taqwa as He The Supreme Lord States,

“O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous” translation of Al-Baqarah

The Messenger (ﷺ) made it clear that no deed is like fasting. It was narrated that Abu Umamah said:

"I said: 'O Messenger of Allah, tell me of an action (I should do).' He said: 'Take to fasting, for there is nothing equal to it.'" Sunan an-Nasa'i 2223

Another point is to adorn your-self in good character, ethics and morals. Allah High and Mighty States

“Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward the east or the west, but [true] righteousness is [in] one who believes in Allah , the Last Day, the angels, the Book, and the prophets and gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveller, those who ask [for help], and for freeing slaves; [and who] establishes prayer and gives zakah; [those who] fulfil their promise when they promise; and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are the righteous.” Translation of Al-Baqarah 177

Allah Also States

“And hasten to forgiveness from your Lord and a garden as wide as the heavens and earth, prepared for the righteous”

“Who spend [in the cause of Allah] during ease and hardship and who restrain anger and who pardon the people - and Allah loves the doers of good;”

“And those who, when they commit an immorality or wrong themselves [by transgression], remember Allah and seek forgiveness for their sins - and who can forgive sins except Allah ? - and [who] do not persist in what they have done while they know.”

“Those - their reward is forgiveness from their Lord and gardens beneath which rivers flow [in Paradise], wherein they will abide eternally; and excellent is the reward of the [righteous] workers.” Translation of Al-E-Imran 133-136

Another point is turning away from things which are bad and disliked. Allah High and Mighty States

“These are the limits [set by] Allah , so do not approach them. Thus does Allah make clear His ordinances to the people that they may become righteous.”

Translation of Al-Baqarah 187

Another is to ponder upon the verses, especially those that speak of the earth and skies. Allah High And Mighty States

“Indeed, in the alternation of the night and the day and [in] what Allah has created in the heavens and the earth are signs for a people who fear Allah”

Translation of Yunus 6

Also in the remembrance of Allah often, reciting the Book of Allah often, to befriend people of piety and interaction with them often and to stay well clear of the transgressing people.

Here is a list of what you gain if you have Taqwa.

1. You attain love from Allah, Subhana Allah as Allah The Loving One States

“But yes, whoever fulfils his commitment and fears Allah - then indeed, Allah loves those who fear Him.” Translation of Al-E-Imran 76

2. The descending of Mercy from Allah in this life and in the next as Allah Most Merciful States

“And this [Qur'an] is a Book We have revealed [which is] blessed, so follow it and fear Allah that you may receive mercy.” Translation of Al-An'am 155

3. Having Allah as source of help and being blessed with victory as Allah The Protecting Associate States

“Indeed, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who are doers of good.” Translation of Al-Nahl 128

4. The extinguishing of fear and the protection from every evildoer as Allah The Watchful One States

“O children of Adam, if there come to you messengers from among you relating to you My verses, then whoever fears Allah and reforms - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.” Translation of Al-A'raf 35

Allah Also States

“And Allah will save those who feared Him by their attainment; no evil will touch them, nor will they grieve” Translation of Al-Zumar 61

5. Allah places a light in the hearts of the person of Taqwa that helps him distinguish right from wrong as Allah The Prime Light States

“O you who have believed, fear Allah and believe in His Messenger (ﷺ); He will [then] give you a double portion of His mercy and make for you a light by which you will walk and forgive you; and Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.”

Translation of Al-Hadid 28

6. Is the bounties of more provisions and the protection from poverty as Allah The Total Provider States

“And if only the people of the cities had believed and feared Allah , We would have opened upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth; but they denied [the Messengers], so We seized them for what they were earning.”

Translation of Al-A'raf 96

And also

“And will provide for him from where he does not expect. And whoever relies upon Allah - then He is sufficient for him. Indeed, Allah will accomplish His purpose. Allah has already set for everything a [decreed] extent.” Translation of Talaq 3

7. Taqwa will make the servant prevail over their enemies as Allah The Retaliator States

“If good touches you, it distresses them; but if harm strikes you, they rejoice at it. And if you are patient and fear Allah , their plot will not harm you at all. Indeed, Allah is encompassing of what they do.”

“Yes, if you remain patient and conscious of Allah and the enemy come upon you [attacking] in rage, your Lord will reinforce you with five thousand angels having marks [of distinction]” Translation of Al-E-Imran 120 and 125

8th and last point, the muttaqi the person with all of the above is the winner in this life and the next as Allah The Supreme Bestower States

“Said Moses to his people, "Seek help through Allah and be patient. Indeed, the earth belongs to Allah. He causes to inherit it whom He wills of His servants. And the [best] outcome is for the righteous." Translation of Al-A'raf 128

Allah Also States

“That is from the news of the unseen which We reveal to you, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)]. You knew it not, neither you nor your people, before this. So be patient; indeed, the [best] outcome is for the righteous.” Translation of Hud 49

Allah also States

“That home of the Hereafter We assign to those who do not desire exaltedness upon the earth or corruption. And the [best] outcome is for the righteous.” Translation of Al-Qasas 83

Honourable guests, it is very important that we safeguard our iman in this world that is full of evil. We cannot allow anything or anyone distract us from our purpose, which is to worship Allah with the greatest degree of piety and sincerity. May Allah High and Mighty Guides us all and fill our hearts with Taqwa.

Ameen, and Allah Ultimately Knows best.