

Chapter – 58

Swear / Oath

(تَسْم)

❖ لَا يُؤَاخِذُكُمُ اللَّهُ بِاللَّغْوِ فِي أَيْمَانِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ يُؤَاخِذُكُمْ بِمَا عَقَّدْتُمُ الْأَيْمَانَ فَكَفَّارَتُهُ إِطْعَامُ عَشْرَةِ مَسَاكِينَ مِنْ أَوْسَطِ مَا تُطْعَمُونَ أَهْلِيكُمْ أَوْ كِسْوَتُهُمْ أَوْ تَحْرِيرُ رَقَبَةٍ فَمَنْ لَمْ يَجِدْ فَصِيَامُ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ ذَلِكَ كَفَّارَةُ أَيْمَانِكُمْ إِذَا حَلَفْتُمْ وَاحْفَظُوا أَيْمَانَكُمْ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ -

Allah does not take you to task for oaths which are made unintentionally but (He does) take you to task for oaths which you endorse; so the redemption (Kaffarah) of such oaths is to provide food to ten needy persons equal to the average of what you feed your family; or to clothe them or to free one slave; and for one who has no means, is the fasting for three days; this is the redemption of your oath when you have sworn; and fulfill your oaths; this is how Allah explains His verses to you, so that you may be thankful. (05:89)

❖ There are many types of Swearing or Oaths:

1. **Disastrous** (غموس): It is a kind of swearing that dips in sins. It is an oath that drops in immoralities. This means it is an incorrect oath. In this oath somebody is cheated and damaged through a fabricated story. Since it is disastrous act therefore there is no redemption for it. It is an evil therefore nothing can be done for its rectification except repentance (توبة). It is now in God's hand to forgive this fellow or not.
2. **Nonsense** (لغو): It is an unintentional oath. It is Ill-mannered. God is the most merciful and all forgiving so He never catches for such act, as it is an ill-mannered and proves to be nonsense. Frequently saying "By God" is a foolish thing.

3. **Bound with Intension** (منعقدة): For any future matter, making an intentional oath, that I will do this or not do this, is called ‘oath bound with intension’. If that work is bad and took oath not to do it then should remain stick to the oath. But if the work is good and taken oath not to do it then this oath must be broken and should do the good work. However, its redemption (كفارة) on breaking oath will be applied. The redemption is to provide food to ten needy persons equal to the average of what you feed your family; or to clothe them or to free one slave; and for one who has no means, is the fasting for three days. (See the above quoted Quranic Verse).
4. **Intense Promise** (ايلاء): Husband decides on oath that he will not meet his wife for certain days. As per God’s instructions, this period cannot exceed to 4 months. Before this maximum limit, if husband meets with his wife then only the redemption would be applied. But if this separation goes beyond 4 months then one Irrevocable Divorce would be enforced. In this type of divorce husband cannot rejoin his wife. However, if wife is ready to rejoin it is allowed but with a fresh marriage contract. Before, only one dowry was due, now two dowries are to be paid. This is the result of using God’s name in your oaths.

Dear People! Nowadays, Muslims became habitual of taking Nonsense Oaths. They say very frequently “By God” or “Wallahi”. Muslims should respect the good names of Allah سبحانه و تعالی. Oaths with names other than God are not permissible. No matter if the matter is true, even the taking of oath unnecessarily is a stupidity and foolishness. Frequently taking oath is an indication that this person is a liar. Be habitual of telling the truth, and then everyone will believe on you without any oath. A liar, an untruthful, when he takes oath even then nobody is ready to believe him.

If you have taken oath and the work is good then do the good work. But if you have taken oath and the work is bad then immediately break the oath and pay its redemption. Many people take the oath but do things against it; this is a very big sin. God will catch you and you will be punished. It will then be known to you, that taking oath of God and do not care for it, is very sinful matter.

Among all oaths, oath for damaging people is the worst of all evils. This is a very big sin. --- For the wrong oath and damaging people

there will be sever punishments. There is no redemption for it, its recompense is punishment. Be regretful! Be ashamed! --- If you have given any harm to anybody then ward off harm. Pay your excuse for him. Reimburse all the losses and compensate him.

Nowadays, wrong witnesses and false oaths are very common. Making untrue oaths and presenting in the courts as witness has now become a profession. These unkind persons! When they present themselves as witness with all their falsehood, a true man would start weeping. Whatever they are cross-questioned by the lawyers they never shatter. Rather these days until and unless there is no any mixing of false things, a real truth ever comes forward. All lawyers and witnesses take oath but no one cares for these oaths. They became so much habitual of it that its badness is never felt to anybody. Telling lies is given the name of “Policy” and “Politics”. Those who are truthful they are called by these people as “silly” and “mindless” people. They say:

چلو تم ادھر کو ہوا ہو جدھر کی

(Walk in that direction in which the wind is blowing)

With these people, wise man is that man who can do a big fraud. A big orator is that person who can prove a wrong thing as right. His exaggerated speech should do a job of mesmerism.

Look! Today do whatever you like. Ultimately, you have to show your face to the God. The truth of the following Quranic Verse will prove and drop you into the ditch of insult, disgrace and humiliation:

لَعْنَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْكَاذِبِينَ

{ Invoke the curse of Allah upon the lairs. (03:61) }

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ - وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ
