

SURAH AL-MA'OUN

LEVEL: BEGINNERS

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
أَرَأَيْتَ الَّذِي يُكَذِّبُ بِالْإِيمَانِ (1) فَذَلِكَ الَّذِي يَدْعُ الْيَتِيمَ (2) وَلَا
يَحْضُ عَلَى طَعَامِ الْمَسْكِينِ (3) فَوَيْلٌ لِلْمُصَلِّينَ (4) الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ
صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ (5) الَّذِينَ هُمْ يُرَاءُونَ (6) وَيَمْنَعُونَ الْمَاعُونَ (7)

TRANLITRATION

TRANSLATION

Ara'ayta alladhi yukadhdhibu bid-
deen

Have you seen the one who
denies the religion?

Fa-dhalika alladhi yadu"ul-
yateem

That is the one who repels the
orphan,

Wa la yahuddu 'ala ta'amil-
miskeen

And does not encourage the
feeding of the poor.

Fa wailul-lil musalleen

So woe to those who pray,

Alladhina hum 'an salatihim
sahoon

But are heedless of their prayer,

Alladhina hum yura'oon

Those who show off,

Wa yamna'oonal-ma'oon

And refuse to give small acts of
kindness.

Surah Al-Ma'oun was revealed in Makkah. It was directed toward people who did not help others, especially the weak, poor, or orphans. One reason for its revelation was to criticize the wealthy leaders of Quraysh, like Abu Sufyan, who used to slaughter two camels every day. Still, when a poor orphan child asked him for help, he hit him with a stick and refused to help the him while pretending to be good. This Surah teaches that true belief is shown through kind actions, not just words.

VERSE-BY-VERSE EXPLANATION

1: "Have you seen the one who denies the religion?"

This verse begins with a question to make us think. It talks about people who don't believe in Allah's religion or the Day of Judgment. Such people don't care about what is right or wrong because they think they won't be judged for their actions. Their hearts are hard, and they lack kindness and mercy toward others.

2-3: "That is the one who repels the orphan and does not encourage the feeding of the poor."

An orphan is a child who has lost one or both parents. Allah commands us to be kind and caring toward orphans because they are often vulnerable and in need of help. But this Surah describes people who push orphans away instead of helping them. These people not only fail to help the needy themselves, but they also discourage others from helping. They have no sense of responsibility for the poor in their community, which shows their selfishness.

Being good to orphans and feeding the poor are major acts of worship in Islam. They show our gratitude to Allah for the blessings He has given us. Ignoring or mistreating orphans and the poor is a sign of a heart that lacks faith and compassion.

4-5: "So woe to those who pray, but are heedless of their prayer."

These verses warn people who pray only as a formality or to look good in front of others. They might pray on time, but their hearts are not focused on Allah. They are distracted and don't care about the meaning of their prayers. Such prayers don't bring them closer to Allah because they are insincere.

Prayer (Salah) is one of the pillars of Islam. It connects us to Allah and reminds us to be thankful and obedient. However, when someone prays carelessly, it shows that their faith is weak. Prayer should come from the heart and inspire us to do good deeds.

6: "Those who show off."

This verse talks about people who do good deeds just to show off to others, not because they want to please Allah. For example, they might give charity or pray so that others will praise them and think they are good people. This kind of behavior is called *Riyaa* (showing off), and it is a form of hypocrisy. Allah knows what is in our hearts, so our actions must always be sincere.

7: "And refuse to give small acts of kindness."

This verse mentions people who are so selfish that they won't even share small things with others, like water, food, or tools. In Islam, even the smallest act of kindness, like a smile or helping someone carry their groceries, is a good deed. These selfish people not only refuse to give, but they also don't care about building a caring and supportive community.

This verse teaches us that every good deed, no matter how small, is important. Refusing to help others shows a lack of faith and gratitude for Allah's blessings.

THE THEME OF THE SURAH

1. The main theme of the surah is the importance of kindness and helping the people in need.
2. The importance of sincerity and not to show off.

KEY LESSONS FROM THE SURAH

1. **True Faith Is Shown by Actions:** Believing in Allah means helping others, especially orphans and the poor. Kindness and sharing are signs of good character.
2. **Sincerity in Worship:** We should pray to please Allah, not to impress people. Our connection to Allah should come from our hearts.
3. **Small Acts Matter:** Even little acts of kindness, like helping someone in need or sharing what we have, are important in Islam.
4. **Caring for Orphans and the Poor:** Helping those in need is one of the most important values in Islam. It pleases Allah and makes us better people.
5. **Avoid Showing Off:** Pretending to be good for praise or attention is wrong. Allah sees what is in our hearts.



ACTIVITIES

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1- What does Surah Al-Ma'un criticize most strongly?

- a) Spending too much time in prayer
- b) Forgetting social responsibilities
- c) Eating too much food
- d) Reading too many books

2- What is the meaning of "Ma'un"?

- a) Charity
- b) Small acts of kindness
- c) Wealth
- d) Prayer

3- Who is being warned in the Surah?

- a) The generous people
- b) Those who deny accountability
- c) Those who love the needy
- d) The angels

4- What kind of prayer is criticized in the Surah?

- a) Prayer performed regularly and sincerely
- b) Prayer performed with sincerity but in solitude
- c) Prayer done only to show off to others
- d) Prayer performed at night

TRUE OR FALSE

1. Surah Al-Ma'un emphasizes the importance of sincerity in worship.
2. Allah praises those who neglect their prayers in this Surah.
3. Helping orphans and the needy is an essential part of Islam, as highlighted in Surah Al-Ma'un.
4. The Surah teaches that it is okay to show off your prayers as long as you perform them.
5. The meaning of "Ma'un" is large and expensive donations.

5- What does Allah mention about helping the needy in this Surah?

- a) It is optional
- b) It is part of true faith
- c) It is only for wealthy people
- d) It is unrelated to religion

6- What happens to those who neglect orphans and the poor, according to the Surah?

- a) They are praised for saving resources
- b) They are warned of severe punishment
- c) They are excused if they pray
- d) They will be given more wealth

TRACE SURAH AL-NASR

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الْيَتِيمَ ﴿٢﴾ وَلَا يَحْضُ عَلَىٰ طَعَامِ الْمِسْكِينِ ﴿٣﴾ فَوَيْلٌ
لِّلْمُصَلِّينَ ﴿٤﴾ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عَن صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ ﴿٥﴾
الَّذِينَ هُمْ يُرَاءُونَ ﴿٦﴾ وَيَمْنَعُونَ الْمَاعُونَ ﴿٧﴾

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. "Surah Al-Ma'un warns against people who _____ their prayers."
 2. "Helping _____ and the _____ is a key teaching of this Surah."
 3. "The Surah condemns those who only pray to _____ off."
 4. "The Surah highlights that denying the Day of _____ leads to moral corruption."
 5. "True believers balance worship with _____ responsibilities."
- "The Surah ends by describing people who _____ small, simple assistance to others."

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

- 1- What can you personally do to help orphans or those in need?
- 2- How can you avoid falling into the behaviors criticized in this Surah?
- 3- How do small acts of kindness build stronger relationships with others?