

SUMMARY OF THE JUZ

BIG IDEA OF SURAH NISAA: FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY

- Reminder to establish justice even if against yourself/family/relatives (part of faith)
- Concluding remarks

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN END OF NISA AND BEGINNING OF MAIDAH

- Rulings v. contract
- People of the book's contract

BIG IDEA OF SURAH MAIDAH: FULFILLING CONTRACTS

- Begins with "Oh you who have believed" and repeats 16 times (out of 89 in total)
- Fulfilling contracts is part of faith
- Some contracts that are binding on us as part of our faith
 - Sanctity of the kabah and rituals of Hajj
 - What we eat
 - Who we can marry and build families with
 - Wudu and purification (and everything above it)
 - Standing up for justice
- Remember what a great favor and blessing this contract is
- Bani Israel ("I will be with you if...") and Christians not living up to their contract
- The Prophet [SAWS] is sent to Jews and Christians as well
- The delusion of the "Chosen nation"
- Some realities of faith and living with faith
 - Story of Musa, Bani Israel and the two men (bravery = faith, cowardice <> faith)
 - Story of two sons of Adam (sincerity in action)
 - Why killing a person without reason is like killing mankind
 - But allowed when dealing with people who corrupt the Earth
 - Dealing with thieves
- Consoling the Prophet ("don't be sad...")
- All divine laws were sent to be implemented (part of the promise)
- The Shariah is our divine set of laws, we have a distinct identity from others
 - Our allegiance and priorities
 - Not being around those who ridicule and mock the religion
 - Many of the people of the Scripture fall under this category
 - But not all are bad people

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