

Fast 11

Obedience to the Holy Prophet:

“Say: If you love Allah, follow me: Allah will love you, and grant you protection from your sins. And Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.” — 3:31

Notes: Those who wish to love God are invited to follow the Holy Prophet. They will be purified by acting on his teachings, and thus receive the love of God which will protect them from sin.

“O you who believe, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority from among you; then if you quarrel about anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you believe in Allah and the Last Day. This is best and more suitable to (achieve) the end.” — 4:59

Notes: In the first place Muslims must obey God and the Holy Prophet. Secondly, they must obey the authorities who are asking for obedience in the name of God and the Holy Prophet. Should they disagree with these authorities, the matter is to be settled with reference to the Quran and Hadith.

“And whoever obeys Allah and the Messenger, they are with those upon whom Allah has bestowed favours from among the prophets and the truthful and the faithful and the righteous, and a goodly company are they! Such is the grace from Allah, and Allah is sufficient as Knower.” — 4:69–70

Notes: Those who obey Allah and the Messenger are here told that they are *with* the perfect ones who belong to the four classes, the prophets, the truthful, the faithful and the righteous. They have not attained to the perfection of these four classes of the perfect ones, yet they are *with* them, i.e., they will be in their company in the life to come.

“Whoever obeys the Messenger, he indeed obeys Allah. And whoever turns away, We have not sent you as a keeper over them.” — 4:80

“Say: Obey Allah and obey the Messenger. But if you turn away, he is responsible for the duty imposed on him, and you are responsible for the duty imposed on you. And if you obey him, you go aright. And the duty of the Messenger is only to deliver the message clearly.” — 24:54