

## 65. At-Talaq (Divorce)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِذَا طَلَقْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَطَلَّقُوهُنَّ لِعَدَّتِهِنَّ وَأَحْصُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ رَبَّكُمْ لَا تُخْرِجُوهُنَّ مِنْ بُيُوتِهِنَّ وَلَا يَخْرُجْنَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَأْتِيَنَّ بِفَاحِشَةٍ مُبَيَّنَةٍ وَتِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ ظَلَمَ نَفْسَهُ لَا تَدْرِي لَعَلَّ اللَّهَ يُخْدِثْ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ أَمْرًا ﴿١﴾ فَإِذَا بَلَغَ الْأَجَلُ مِنْكُمْ فَأَمْسِكُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ أَوْ فَارِقُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ وَأَشْهَدُوا ذَوِي عَدْلٍ مِنْكُمْ وَأَقِيمُوا الشَّهَادَةَ لِلَّهِ ذَلِكُمْ يُوعَظُ بِهِ مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا ﴿٢﴾ وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَالِغُ أَمْرِهِ قَدْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدْرًا ﴿٣﴾ وَاللَّائِي يَئِسْنَ مِنَ الْمَحِيضِ مِنْ نِسَائِكُمْ إِنْ ارْتَبَيْتُمْ فَعِدَّتُهُنَّ ثَلَاثَةُ أَشْهُرٍ وَاللَّائِي لَمْ يَحْضُنَّ وَأُولَاتِ الْأَحْمَالِ أَجَلُهُنَّ أَنْ يَضَعْنَ حَمْلَهُنَّ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِ يُسْرًا ﴿٤﴾ ذَلِكَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ أَنْزَلَهُ إِلَيْكُمْ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يُكَفِّرْ عَنْهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِ وَيُعْظِمَ لَهُ أَجْرًا ﴿٥﴾ أَسْكِنُوهُنَّ مِنْ حَيْثُ سَكَنْتُمْ مِنْ وَجْدِكُمْ وَلَا تُضَارُّوهُنَّ لِتُضَيِّقُوا عَلَيْهِنَّ وَإِنْ كُنَّ أُولَاتٍ حَمْلًا فَأَنْفِقُوا عَلَيْهِنَّ حَتَّى يَضَعْنَ حَمْلَهُنَّ فَإِنْ أَرْضَعْنَ لَكُمْ فَاتُّوهُنَّ أَجُورَهُنَّ وَأَتَمُّوا بَيْنَكُمْ بِمَعْرُوفٍ وَإِنْ تَعَاَسَرْتُمْ فِسْرَتُمْ فَلْيَضْحَكُوا خِيفًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُكَفِّرُ عَنْ سَيِّئَاتِهِ وَهُوَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٦﴾ لِيُنْفِقَ ذُو سَعَةٍ مِنْ سَعَتِهِ وَمَنْ قُدِرَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقُهُ فَلْيُتَّقِ اللَّهَ فَمَا أَتَاهُ إِنَّهُ لَيْكُلْفٌ أَنْفَسًا إِلَّا مَا آتَاهَا سَيِّعُ اللَّهِ سَيِّعُ اللَّهِ بَعْدَ غِسْرٍ يُسْرًا ﴿٧﴾ قَدْ أَفَاءَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدَابًا شَدِيدًا فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قَدْ أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكُمْ ذِكْرًا ﴿٨﴾ رُسُلًا يَتْلُو عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ مَبِينَاتٍ لِيُخْرِجَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِن بِاللَّهِ وَيَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا يُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا قَدْ أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ لَهُ رِزْقًا ﴿٩﴾ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ سِنْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ وَمِنَ الْأَرْضِ مِثْلَهُنَّ يَتَنَزَّلُ الْأَمْرُ بَيْنَهُنَّ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا ﴿١٠﴾

Before this Surah got revealed, the instructions regarding Talaq had been revealed in Surah Baqra Ayah 228, 229,230 and 234 and in Sura Al-Ahzaab Ayah 49.; due to the importance of Talaq, further clarifications are given in this Surah, as-well-as additional instructions regarding related matters have also been given. Therefor this Surah has comprehensive instructions for Talaq, and related matters and it should be read together as instructed in the previous Ayahs.

رُسُلًا يَتْلُو عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ مَبِينَاتٍ لِيُخْرِجَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِن بِاللَّهِ وَيَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا يُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا قَدْ أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ لَهُ رِزْقًا ﴿١١﴾ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ سِنْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ وَمِنَ الْأَرْضِ مِثْلَهُنَّ يَتَنَزَّلُ الْأَمْرُ بَيْنَهُنَّ لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا ﴿١٢﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِذَا طَلَقْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَطَلَّقُوهُنَّ لِعَدَّتِهِنَّ وَأَحْصُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ رَبَّكُمْ لَا تُخْرِجُوهُنَّ مِنْ بُيُوتِهِنَّ وَلَا يَخْرُجْنَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَأْتِيَنَّ بِفَاحِشَةٍ مُبَيَّنَةٍ وَتِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ ظَلَمَ نَفْسَهُ لَا تَدْرِي لَعَلَّ اللَّهَ يُخْدِثْ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ أَمْرًا ﴿١﴾ فَإِذَا بَلَغَ الْأَجَلُ مِنْكُمْ فَأَمْسِكُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ أَوْ فَارِقُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ وَأَشْهَدُوا ذَوِي عَدْلٍ مِنْكُمْ وَأَقِيمُوا الشَّهَادَةَ لِلَّهِ ذَلِكُمْ يُوعَظُ بِهِ مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا ﴿٢﴾ وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَالِغُ أَمْرِهِ قَدْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدْرًا ﴿٣﴾

1 to 3: O' **Prophet (PBUH)** when you (and the believers) divorce women, divorce them for their prescribed waiting periods, and count the waiting period accurately, and fear **Almighty God** your **Lord**. And do not expel them out of their houses (during the waiting period), neither shall they themselves leave the house, except in case they commit an open indecency (immoral conduct). These are the bounds prescribed by **Almighty God**, and whoever transgresses bounds set by **Almighty God's** will wrong his own self. You do not know: After that **Almighty God** may bring about a situation (of reconciliation). Then when they have reached the end of their (waiting) period, either retain them (in wedlock) in a fair manner or part with them in a fair manner and call to witness two just (trustworthy) men from among yourselves, and (O witnesses) bear witness equitably for the sake of **Almighty God**. And provide for them in a manner beyond all expectation. And for everyone who places in **Almighty God** their trust. **HE (Alone)** is enough. Indeed, **Almighty God** always brings his decrees to fulfillment and **Almighty God** has defined a destiny for everything.

11 to 12: (HE has sent) a **Messenger** who conveys to you clear messages of **Almighty God**, so that **HE** might lead those who have attained faith and do righteous deeds out of the depths of darkness into the light. And whoever believed in **Almighty God** and does what is right and just **Allah (SWT)** shall admit them into gardens through which running waters flow, they shall remain therein for ever. **Allah (SWT)** has prepared for such (people) an excellent provision. **Almighty God** is **HE** who has created seven heavens and like them, (the many aspects of the earth). **HIS** command descends amongst them so that you may know that **Allah (SWT)** has power over everything and that knowledge of **Allah (SWT)** encompasses all things.

### 65. At-Talaq

وَاللَّائِي يَئِسْنَ مِنَ الْمَحِيضِ مِنْ نِسَائِكُمْ إِنْ ارْتَبَيْتُمْ فَعِدَّتُهُنَّ ثَلَاثَةُ أَشْهُرٍ وَاللَّائِي لَمْ يَحْضُنَّ وَأُولَاتِ الْأَحْمَالِ أَجَلُهُنَّ أَنْ يَضَعْنَ حَمْلَهُنَّ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِ يُسْرًا ﴿٤﴾ ذَلِكَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ أَنْزَلَهُ إِلَيْكُمْ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يُكَفِّرْ عَنْهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِ وَيُعْظِمَ لَهُ أَجْرًا ﴿٥﴾

4 and 5: And if you are in doubt about those of your women who are beyond the age of menstruation, (you should know that) their waiting period is three months, and the same applies to those who have not menstruated as yet. As far as pregnant women, their waiting period ends when they deliver the child. Whoever fears **Almighty God**; for them **HE** makes their course easy. This is the commandment of **Almighty God**, **HE** has sent down to you; whoever fears **Allah (SWT)**, from them **Allah (SWT)** removes evils and will enhance their rewards.

أَسْكِنُوهُنَّ مِنْ حَيْثُ سَكَنْتُمْ مِنْ وَجْدِكُمْ وَلَا تُضَارُّوهُنَّ لِتُضَيِّقُوا عَلَيْهِنَّ وَإِنْ كُنَّ أُولَاتٍ حَمْلًا فَأَنْفِقُوا عَلَيْهِنَّ حَتَّى يَضَعْنَ حَمْلَهُنَّ فَإِنْ أَرْضَعْنَ لَكُمْ فَاتُّوهُنَّ أَجُورَهُنَّ وَأَتَمُّوا بَيْنَكُمْ بِمَعْرُوفٍ وَإِنْ تَعَاَسَرْتُمْ فِسْرَتُمْ فَلْيَضْحَكُوا خِيفًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُكَفِّرُ عَنْ سَيِّئَاتِهِ وَهُوَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٦﴾ لِيُنْفِقَ ذُو سَعَةٍ مِنْ سَعَتِهِ وَمَنْ قُدِرَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقُهُ فَلْيُتَّقِ اللَّهَ فَمَا أَتَاهُ إِنَّهُ لَيْكُلْفٌ أَنْفَسًا إِلَّا مَا آتَاهَا سَيِّعُ اللَّهِ سَيِّعُ اللَّهِ بَعْدَ غِسْرٍ يُسْرًا ﴿٧﴾

6 and 7: Lodge them (in waiting period) and let them live in the same manner as you live, according to your means, and do not harass them with a view to make their lives a misery. And if they are pregnant, spend freely (support by all means) on them until they deliver their child then if they nurse your off spring give them their due compensation, and settle the question of compensation fairly by mutual consultation. But if you create difficulties for each other (concerning the question of compensation) then another women would nurse the child. Let the rich man spend according to his means and the one whose means are restricted spend out of what **Allah (SWT)** has given him, **Allah (SWT)** does not burden anyone with more than what **HE** has given them. It may well be that **Allah (SWT)** brings about ease after hardship.

وَكَايْنٍ مِّنْ قَرْيَةٍ عَتَتْ عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهَا وَرَسُولِهِ فَخَاسِبْنَاهَا جِسَابًا شَدِيدًا وَعَذَبْنَاهَا عَذَابًا تُنْكَرًا ﴿٨﴾ قَدْ أَفَاءَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدَابًا شَدِيدًا فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قَدْ أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكُمْ ذِكْرًا ﴿٩﴾

8 to 10: And how many a community has rebelled against the commandments of its **Lord** and **HIS Messengers**, and **WE** call them all to account with terrible punishment. They tasted the evil results of their misdeeds and consequently they had nothing but loss in store for them. **Allah (SWT)** has prepared for them a severe torment (in the **Hearafter**). So fear **Allah (SWT)**. O' you who are endowed with insight, (you) must attend to faith (as prescribed in the Quran).