UNIT – D CHAPTER – 6  Lesson - 3
SURAT-US-SAFF AYAH 10-14 : THE SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

Oh Believers should I guide you to a business that will save you from a painful punishment?

You must believe in Allah and His Messenger and to struggle on Allah's path with your money and lives. This is the best thing for you, if you only know.

You will also get another thing that you love. You will get the support from Allah to give you victory and the opening (of Makkah) soon and give the good news to the believers.

It is said that these verses of the surah were revealed first. Then when some Muslims started to hesitate about fighting. The verses especially ayah 13 were also predicting the opening of Makkah to Islam.

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Q.1. What business did Allah describe to the believers in this surah?
Ans: Allah calls us to invest our time for his sake so that we will get the most benefit for it. If we invest it in the way Allah commands us to, we will see victory in this world, and more importantly, we will find ourselves in the highest levels of Paradise forever in the next world.

Q.2. What is Jihad?
Ans: Jihad is, exerting great effort and struggling in Allah's way against evil. Jihad can be fighting hostile enemies on the battlefield whenever needed. However jihad can be performed without fighting at all. It can be a financial jihad by giving money to the needy, to good projects or to support the Muslim army. Jihad can also be against evil desires within one's self.

Q.3. Describe five types of jihad?
Ans:  
**Military:** This Jihad involved fighting with the hostile enemy. It is fought by the official & authorized army of the Muslim state.  
**Financial:** This involves paying charity and donation. This jihad is fought against one's greed.  
**Educational:** This involves seeking and teaching knowledge. This is fought against ignorance and has to be fought by everyone.  
**Spiritual:** This is fought against shaytan and one's laziness and has to be fought by everyone.  
**Political:** This involves speaking the truth and countering tyrants or evil and oppressive rulers. This has to be fought by qualified scholars and citizens.

Q.4. Can a person fight others whenever he or she wants? Why or why not?
Ans: No, a person cannot fight others whenever he or she wants. It is the responsibility of the official & authorized army of the Muslim state.

Q.5. What is seven enjoyments the believers will receive in Jannah? And what is best of them.
Ans: The believers in Jannah will receive everything in the blink of an eye. They will enjoy all kinds of food, drink and entertainment. The rivers there do not only flow with sweet water, but also with honey, milk, non-intoxicating wines and other refreshing drinks. The people of jannah will live in magnificent palaces and castles made of gold, silver, pearls and other precious metals and stones. They will wear fine outfits made of silk and other luxurious materials. All of them will enjoy beautiful looks and physical bodies. The age of the people in jannah is thirty three, which was the age of Prophet Isa when Allah elevated him to the Heavens. They never grow older but will live forever and experience no physical discomfort at all.  
The best thing that the people will receive in jannah is, seeing Allah with their eyes. They will enjoy seeing Him like we see the full moon at night or the sun in the day time.

Q.6. What is the best type of Jihad that doesn't involve fighting? Support your answer with a hadeeth.
Ans: The best type of jihad that does not involve fighting is “Jihad-ul-kalimah” or verbal Jihad.

سلس روئيَه الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: أي جهاد أفضل؟
قال: كلام الحق عند سلطان جائر
“The best form of jihad is a word of truth in front of an evil ruler”.

Q.7. What was the last instruction Allah gave to the believers in this surah?
Ans: In the last verse, Allah commands us to support His cause the same way the disciples of Isa supported Allah's religion. Initially they were weak and small in number, and the disbelievers had the larger numbers. Then Allah gave those who believed in Isa victory over everyone else. Allah called upon Muslims to support Prophet Muhammad when Muslims were very few. Now Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world.