

BELIEVERS IN AL-QUR'AN

- It is not righteousness that you turn your faces towards the East and the West, but righteousness is this that one should believe in Allah
- and the last day
- and the angels
- and the Book
- and the prophets,
- and give away wealth out of love for Him to the near of kin and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer and the beggars and for (the emancipation of) the captives,
- and keep up prayer
- and pay the poor-rate;
- and the performers of their promise when they make a promise,
- and the patient in distress
- and affliction and in time of conflicts-- these are they who are true (to themselves) and these are they who guard (against evil).

(Qur'an – Chapter 2, Verse 177)

The Prophet said:

Whosoever acted in accordance with this verse, he surely perfected (his) faith.

Allamah Taba Tabai (AR) writes that *when the qiblah was changed from Baitul-Maqdis to the Ka'bah, there ensued a long drawn out controversy and conflict in the public. It was then that this verse was revealed.*

Allamah continues to write:

- The words, *the one who believes in Allah and the last day...* define the righteous ones, and explain their real state.
- The verse introduces them with all three aspects of belief, deeds and morals, in three stages.
- The first stage begins with the words, *the one who believes in Allah.*
- The second is the sentence, *these are they who are true.*
- In addition, the third is, *and these are they who are the pious.*

According to Mir Ahmed Ali (AR), righteousness (belief after attaining Islam) is this that one should believe:

- in the unity of Allah with all His attributes;
- in the last day of judgment;
- in the angels;
- in the book of Allah;
- in all the prophets and messengers of Allah;
- and give away wealth out of love for Allah to the near of kin, and the orphans, and the needy, and the wayfarer, and the beggars, and for the liberation of slaves;
- and keep up the (obligatory) prayers.