Surah al-Baqarah 2: 40-6

Reflect on: remembering the blessing of guidance, and others; fulfilling the pledge to Allah (‘ahd)\ renewal ofIman; bartering away Allah’s message for trifling gains; overlaying and distorting truth with falsehood; concealing the truth; Salah\ Zakah\ collective life in Prayer; and outside; hypocrisy and duplicity; sabr and Salah as the moral resources; faith in meeting Allah, when nothing will avail, as their basis.

2.1 On ni'mah in guidance; in nature; in history: 5: 3; 2: 150; 5: 7; 16: 18; 3: 103; 8: 26; 5: 20.

2.2 On 'ahd: 9: 111; 48: 8-10; 7: 172; 36: 60; 33: 21-4; 5 12-13; 3: 76-7.

2.3 On Allah’s part of bargain, in this world and the Hereafter, see additionally: 3: 139; 24: 55; 5: 66; 4: 66-9.

2.4 On summons to the renewal of Iman: 4: 136-9; 57: 7-16; 4: 60-1.

2.5 On bartering Iman away for worldly gains: 5: 44; 2: 174-6.

2.6 On overlaying and confounding the truth with falsehood, in beliefs and practices: 2: 75, 78, 79, 80, 85, 91, 94, 102, 111, 113; 5: 18.

2.7 On concealing the truth: 2: 157-63; 174-6.

2.8 On the emphasis on praying, and therefore living wholly, with Jama'ah; congregational prayer in masjid as the microcosm of Islamic Jama'ah: 18: 28; 9: 16-17; 24: 36; 2: 114; 9: 107-8.

2.9 On discrepancy between words and deeds, especially in da'wah: 61: 2-3; 63: 1-4.

2.10 On sabr and Salah as essential resources for fulfilling commitment to Allah: 2: 153-7; 41: 35; 46: 35; 7: 137; 8: 46; 3: 125; 8: 65-6.

2.11 On awareness and certainty of returning to Allah and meeting Allah as the basis of sabr and Salah: 52: 48.