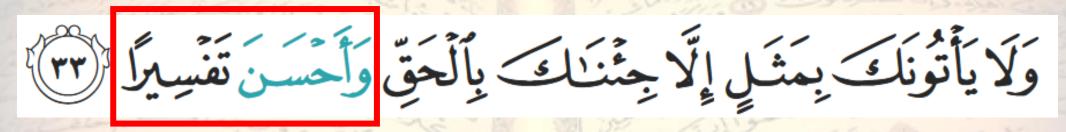


### The Qur'an Is the Best Tafseer

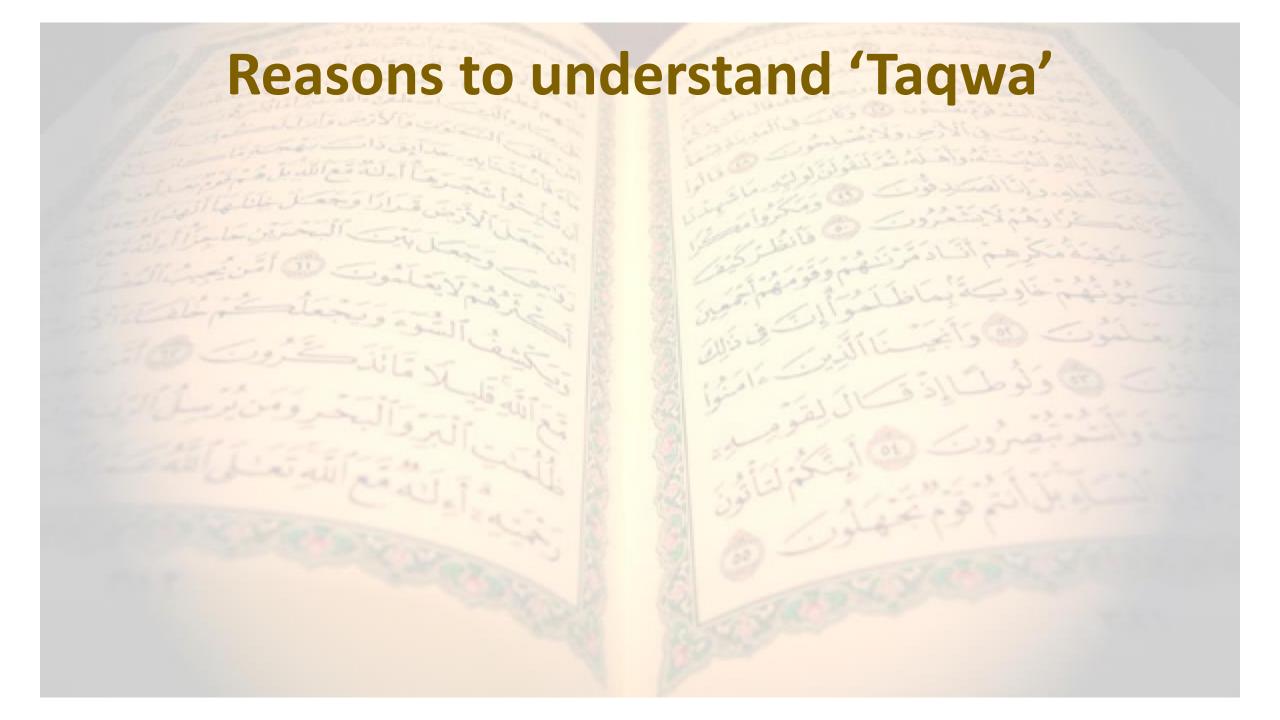
Surah Al-Furgan (25), Verse 33



And not they come to you with an example, but We bring you the truth, and best 'tafseer' (explanation)

- 1. Why we need to understand 'taqwa'
- 2. Definition and tafseer in the Qur'an
- 3. The use of synonyms and antonyms

# 1. Why we need to understand 'taqwa'



1. Obtain guidance from the Qur'an

Surah Al-Baqarah (2), verse 2

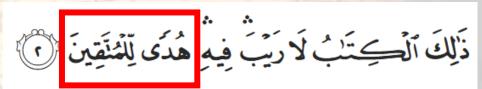
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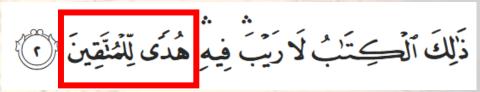


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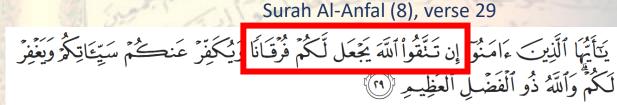
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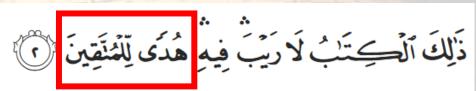
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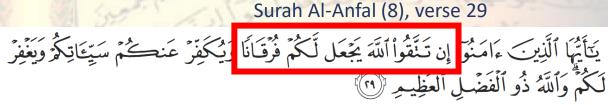
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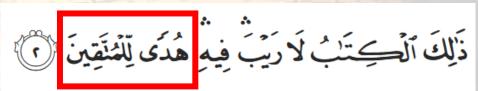


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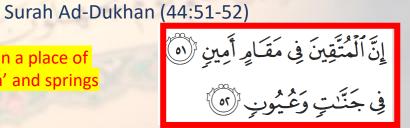
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يَاأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوۤ إِن تَنَّقُواْ ٱللَّهَ يَجْعَل لَّكُمَ فُرْقَانًا وَيُكَفِّرُ عَنكُمْ سَيِّعَاتِكُمْ وَيَغْفِرُ
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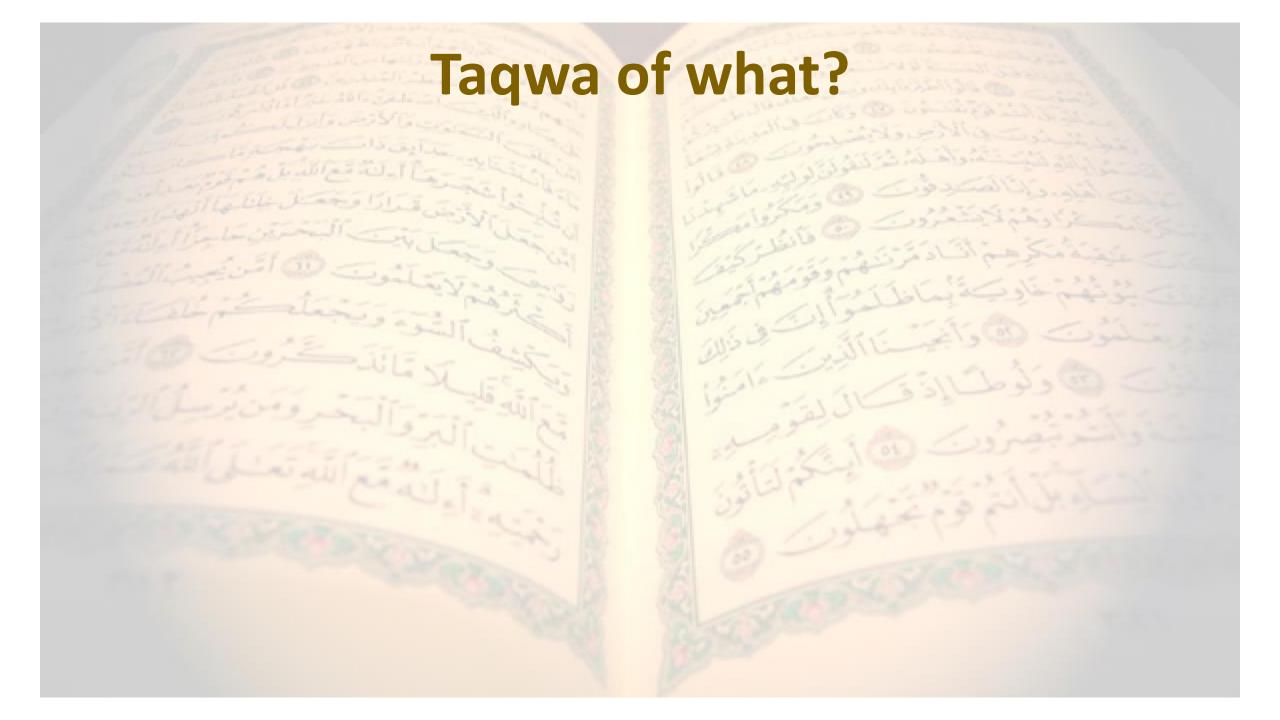
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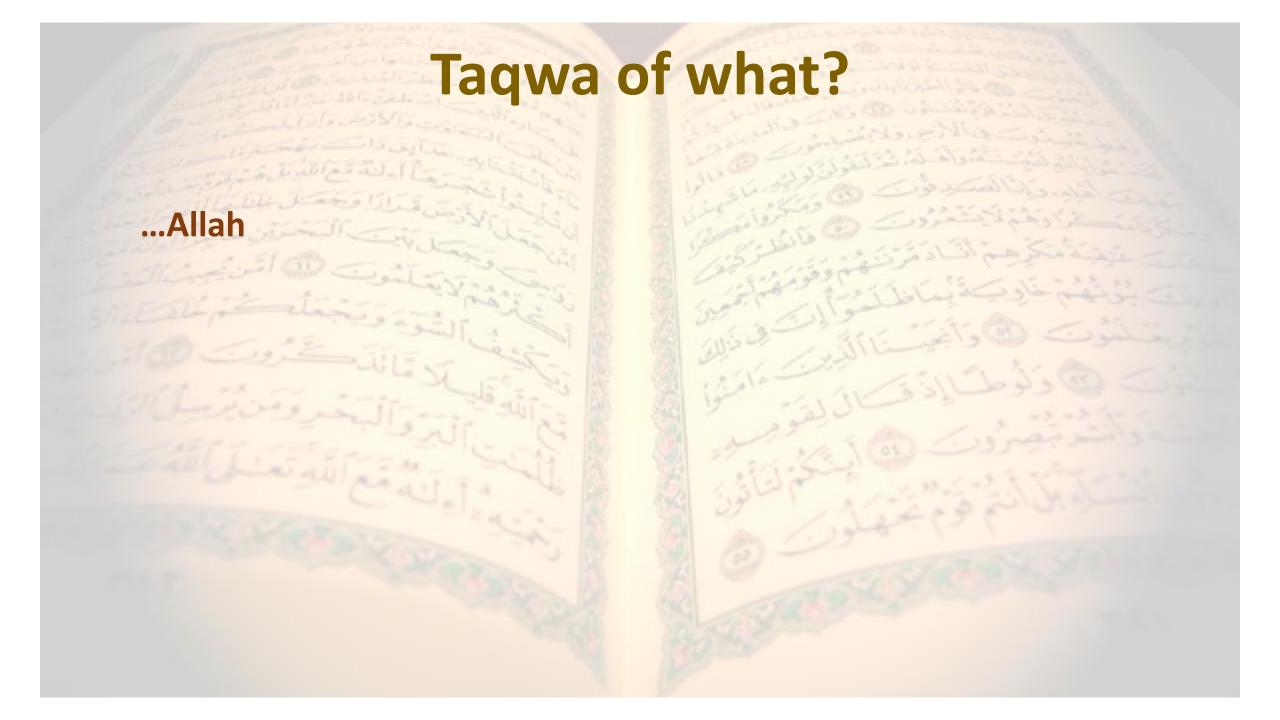
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Indeed, the 'muttaqeen' in a place of peace/security. In 'Jannah' and springs

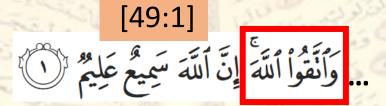


# 2. Definition and tafseer in the Qur'an





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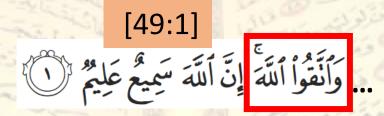


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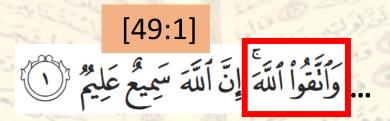


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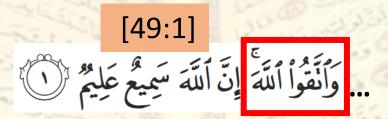
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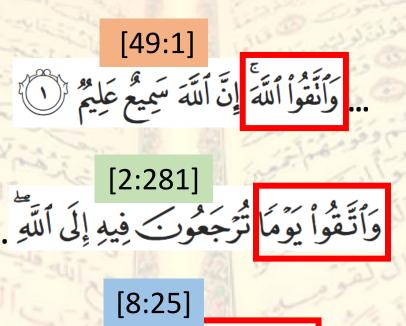
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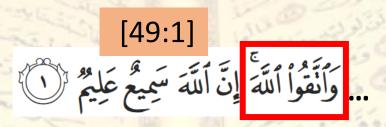
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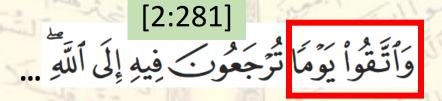
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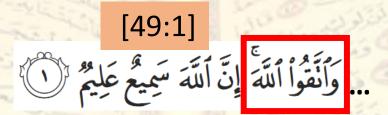
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Be conscious of...

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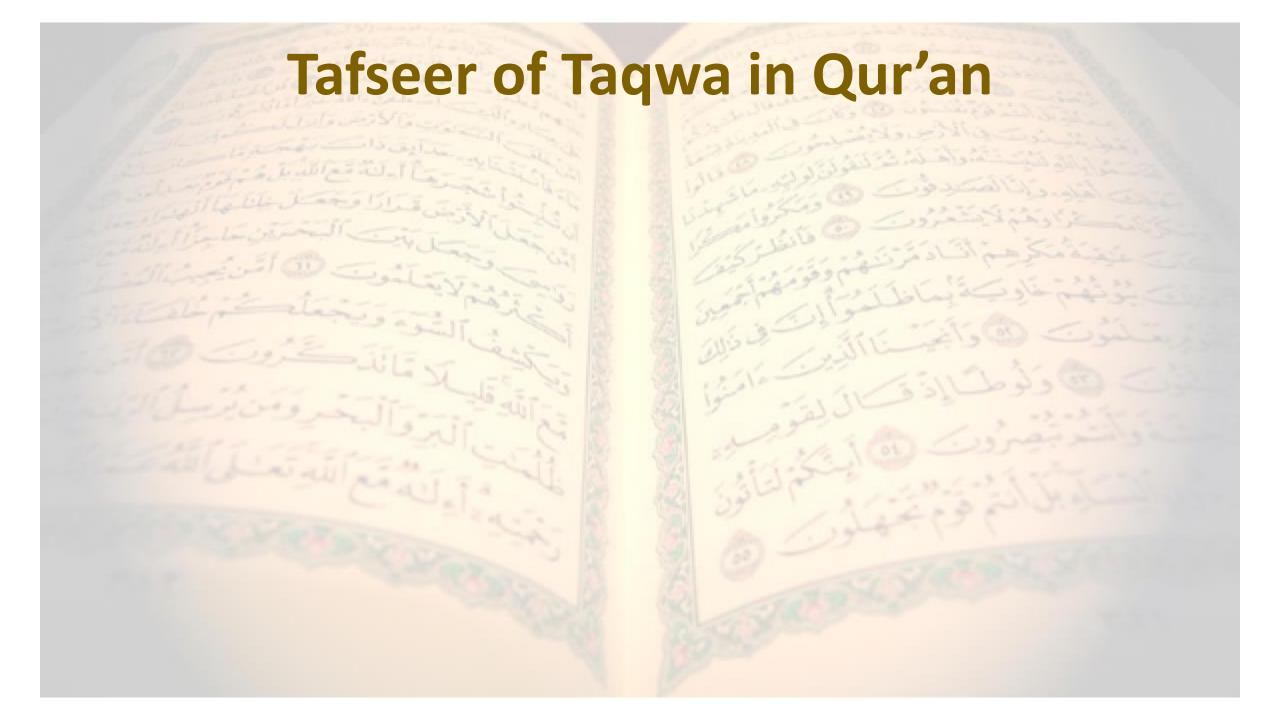
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- Undertake justice/equity in dealings related to orphans, wives, divorce and inheritance (4:1-13), (4:128-131)
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- Serve God alone (7:65), (23:23), (23:32)
- Give 'zakaah', have 'imaan' in Allah's 'aayaat', follow the messenger who commanded to do what is right, avoid wrong, follow the revelations of God (7:156-157)
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- Are truthful (9:119)
- Pay heed unto the God and His messengers (the message) (24:52), (26:108), (26:110), (26:126), (26:131), (26:144), (26:150), (26:163), (26:179), (43:63), (71:3)
- Give full measure, do not cause others loss, deal justly, do not deprive others of what is rightfully their's, do not spread 'fasaad' on earth (26:181-184)
- Turn to Him, establish salaat, do not associate anything with Him, do not divide the deen into sects (30:31-32)
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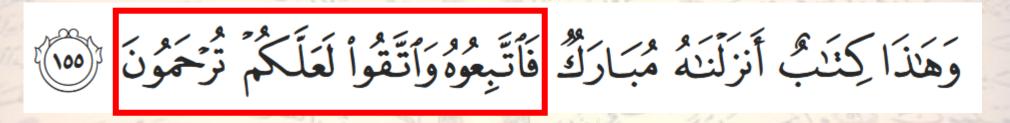
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### Accept and follow revelations from Allah

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And this a book, We have revealed it – a blessing. So follow it, and have taqwaa, so that you may experience the mercy.

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# Persevere in good deeds and justice, do not spread corruption

- Follow God's messages and live righteously (7:35)
- Undertake righteous deeds and 'ihsaan' (5:93), (12:90), (16:30), (16:128), (7:169-171), (2:63) and persevere (39:10)
- Spend (64:16)
- Give full measure, do not cause others loss, deal justly, do not deprive others of what is rightfully their's, do not spread 'fasaad' on earth (26:181-184)
- Make equitable trade and contractual arrangements (2:282-283)
- Do justice with ALL people (5:8)
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- Act with graciousness with others and forgo what is due to them (2:237)
- Purify ourselves (9:108)
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- Converse in gatherings about taqwa and piety (58:9)
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- Do not consume 'al-riba' and give up any gains made through 'al-riba' (3:130), (2:278)
- Avoid what is forbidden (list is in the verses), deal with equity and justice, and keep their covenant with Allah (6:151-152)
- Avoid suspicions, spying and backbiting (49:12)

### Stay truthful and fulfil covenants

- Are truthful (9:119)
- Speak rightly (33:70)
- Provide truthful testimony (5:107)
- Do not break covenants (8:56)
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### Stay within the bounds/limits set by Allah

- Stay with the limits/bounds set by Allah (2:187)
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### **Avoid the temptations of Satan**

- Do not allow Satan to seduce/tempt us into sin, like he tempted our forefathers (7:26-28)
- Stand with the clear proofs from the Lord, and do not follow their own opposing desires (4:14-17)
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- Remember the truth when a satanic thought touches them (7:201)

### Do not associate anything/anyone with God or His commands

- Do not invoke others besides God ('shirk') (6:71-72)
- Serve God alone (7:65), (23:23), (23:32)
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### Tafseer of Taqwa in Qur'an

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#### Tafseer of Taqwa in Qur'an

- 1. Accept and follow revelations from Allah
- 2. Persevere in good deeds and justice, do not spread corruption
- 3. Stay truthful and fulfil covenants
- 4. Stay within the bounds/limits set by Allah
- 5. Avoid the temptations of Satan
- 6. Do not associate anything/anyone with God or His commands

# 3. The use of synonyms and antonyms



### Synonym of 'Taqwa'

#### 'Al-birra' [piety]

Surah Al-Baqarah (2), Verse 189

They ask you about the new moons. Say, "They are indicators of periods for the people, and the Hajj". And it is not 'al-birru' [piety] that you come to the houses from their backs, but 'al-birra' [righteous] are who 'attaqa', and come to the houses from their doors. And 'attaqu-Allah' so you may be successful.

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See also (5:89) and (2:177) for use of the synonym



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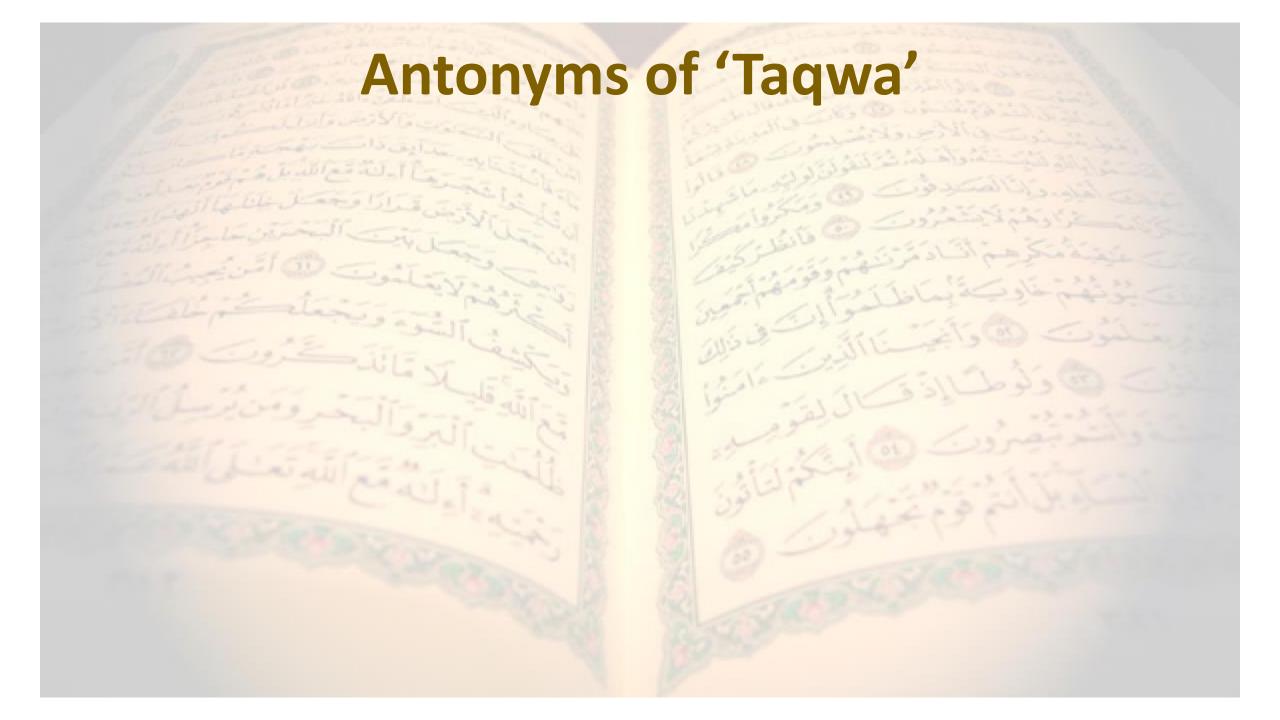
#### Allah then also defines 'Al-birra' for us!

[2:177]

- Have 'imaan' in (1) Allah, (2) the last Day, (3) the 'malaaikah', (4) the Books, (5) the prophets
- Give from possessions
- Establish 'al-salaat' and give 'zakaah'
- Fulfil promises
- Are perseverant/steadfast in misfortune and hardship

[3:92]

Spend from what they have



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....and cooperate in piety and 'taqwa'; and do not cooperate in sin and the 'udwaan'.

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[26:90-91]



And brought near the Paradise for the 'muttaqeen'. And made manifest the Hellfire for the 'ghaween'.

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[38:28]

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Or should we treat those who believe and do righteous deeds like those who spread corruption in the Earth? Or should we treat the 'muttaqeen' like the 'fujjaar'?



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- Do 'kufr' (80:42), (71:27)
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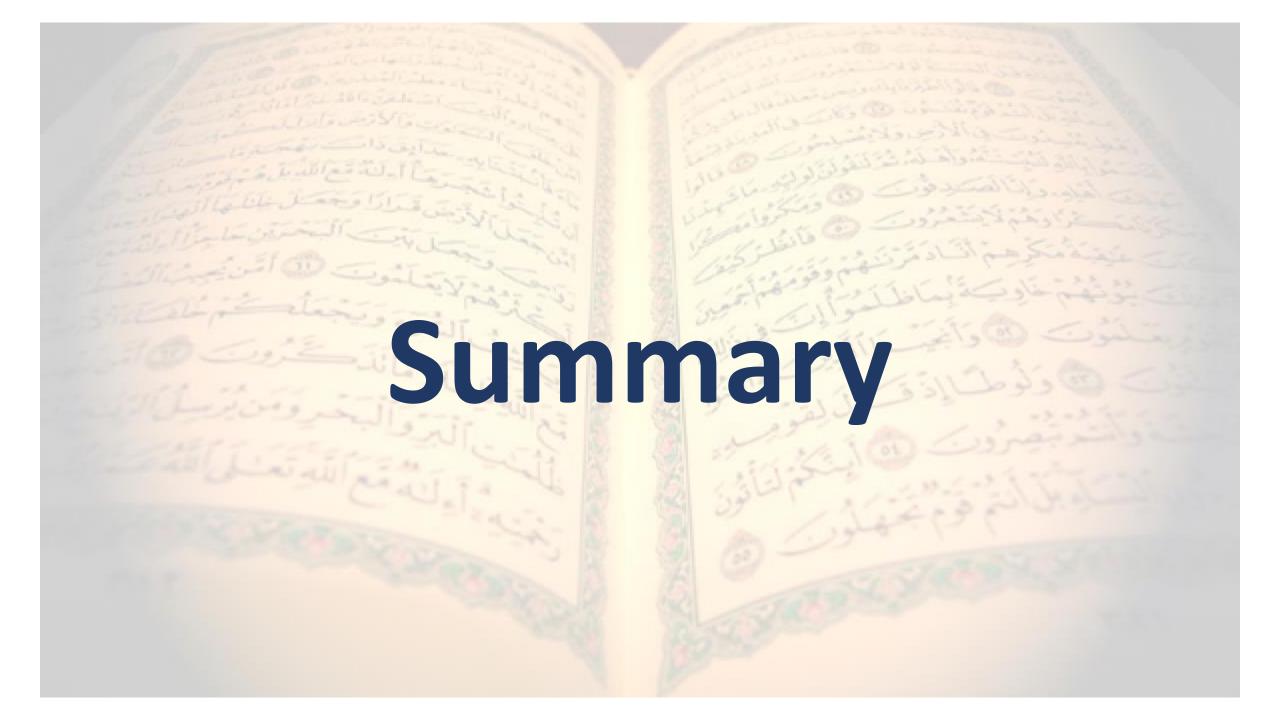
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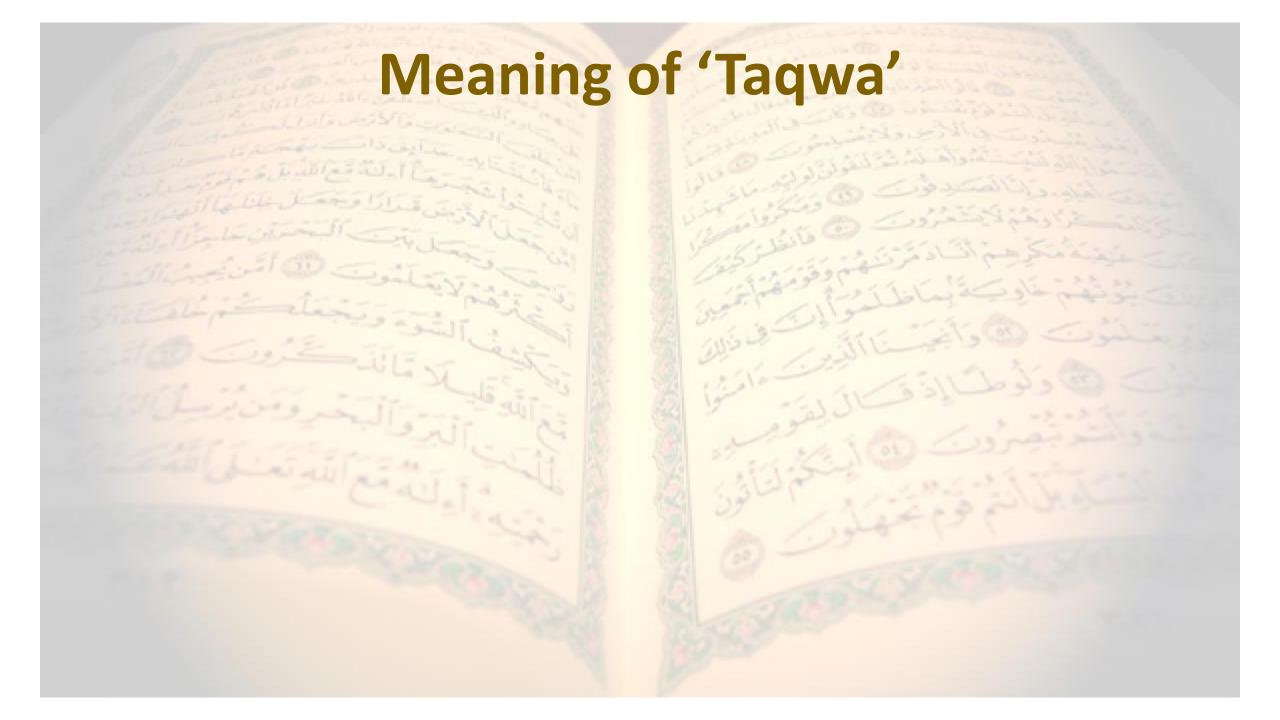
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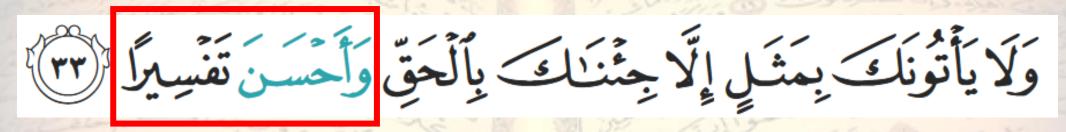
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#### ..by...

- 1. Following revelations from Allah
- 2. Persevering in good deeds and justice, not spreading corruption
- 3. Staying truthful and fulfilling our covenants
- 4. Stay within the bounds/limits set by Allah
- 5. Avoid the temptations of Satan
- 6. Not associating anything/anyone with God or His commands

#### The Qur'an Is the Best Tafseer

Surah Al-Furgan (25), Verse 33



And not they come to you with an example, but We bring you the truth, and best 'tafseer' (explanation)