

and kindness, which means giving what is not due and being easy-going with regard to one's own rights, suppressing any feelings of annoyance. No one should forget this level, even if that is only on some occasions, especially with regard to those with whom one has to interact or mix with. Allah will reward those who do good by His grace and generosity. Hence He says: ﴿for Allah sees well all that you do﴾.



﴿حَافِظُوا عَلَى الصَّلَوَاتِ وَالصَّلَاةِ الْوُسْطَىٰ وَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ قَانِتِينَ﴾ فَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ فَرِجَالًا أَوْ رُكْبَانًا فَإِذَا أَمِنْتُمْ فَأَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَمَا عَلَّمَكُم مَّا لَمْ تَكُونُوا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٣٨﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢٣٨-٢٣٩)

- 2:238. Be ever mindful of prayers, especially the middle prayer; and stand before Allah in devotion.
- 2:239. If you are afraid [of an enemy and the like], pray on foot or riding, but when you are safe again, remember Allah, for He has taught you what you did not know [before].

Here Allah instructs us to be ever mindful of prayers in general, and of the middle prayer – which is ‘*asr*’ – in particular. Being mindful of prayers means performing them on time, fulfilling all the necessary conditions and essential parts, focusing on them with proper humility, and doing everything that is obligatory or recommended. Being mindful of prayers leads to being mindful of all acts of worship, and it helps to keep one away from shameful and evil deeds, especially if the prayers are performed properly, as Allah enjoins, standing ﴿before Allah in devotion﴾ that is, in humility and with presence of mind. This is a command to stand up in devotion, in which speaking normally is not allowed. This command to have proper humble focus of mind is applicable in the case of safety and calm.