

## ANSWER

وَأَجْتَنِبُوا قَوْلَ الزُّورِ

*Refrain from a word of falsehood [22:30]*

## COMMENTARY

The phrase قَوْلَ الزُّورِ means lies. Anything which is contrary to truth is a lie and false, whether it is corrupt beliefs and practices or whether it is false evidence. The Holy Prophet ﷺ once said, 'Among the major sins are associating anyone with Allah, disobedience of one's parents, giving false evidence and telling lies in general talk'. He used the phrase وَقَوْلَ الزُّورِ (word of falsehood) repeatedly. (Bukhārī)

## TAFSĪR IBN KATHĪR

In the Two Sahihs it was reported from Abu Bakr that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: *(Shall I not tell you about the worst of major sins)* We said, "Yes, O Messenger of Allah." He said: *(Associating others with Allah, disobeying one's parents.)* He was reclining, then he sat up and said: *(and indeed giving false statements, and indeed bearing false witness...)* and he kept on repeating it until we wished that he would stop."

End.

