Hazrat Ali explains Allah's prescriptions

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"God prescribes:

faith unadulterated by idolatry,
prayer unblemished by pride,
poor tax produced to provide livelihood,
fasting as a test of sincerity of character,
pilgrimage to facilitate the understanding of religion,
struggle for the honor of surrender to God,
enjoining good for the improvement of the people,
forbidding evil to deter the foolish,
keeping relations with kinfolk to increase number,
retaliatory punishment to spare bloodshed,
establishment of ordinances to underline the importance of prohibitions,
avoiding alcoholic drinks for the improvement of intelligence,
avoidance of stealing to fulfill the requirements of integrity and decency,
avoiding adultery to safeguard descent,
avoiding sodomy to increase progeny,
testifying as a witness to help out in disputes,
avoidance of lying to honor truthfulness,
peacefulness as security from fear,
reliability for the integrity of the social fabric, and
obedience out of respect for leadership."

-- Hazrat Ali

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