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With regards to the difference between Makki category of aayaat of the Qur'aan and Madanee aayaat in terms of topics discussed, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ comments:

As for the topics, then (the difference) is:

1) The majority of Makki aayaat contain affirmation of Tawheed and of the correct 'Aqeedah, particularly with regard to that connected with Tawheed ul Ulooheeyyah² and having true faith in the Resurrection – because most of the people being addressed rejected that.

As for the Madanee, then most of them contain detailed explanation of the acts of worship and mu'aamalaat³ – because those people being addressed had affirmed within themselves Tawheed and the correct 'Aqeedah. So (these people) were in need of detailed explanation of the acts of worship and mu'aamalaat.

2) An abundance of making mention of Jihaad and its rulings, and of the munaafiqoon⁴ and their conditions (occurs) in the Madanee category due to the necessity of the situation – and that was inasmuch as Jihaad had been legislated and nifaaq⁵ had appeared, in contrast to the Makki category (of aayaat).

((رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (Tafseer ul Qur'aan il Kareem 1/19 of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (ارْحِمَهُ اللهُ)

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^{1 (}رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² The right of Allaah the Most High to have all worship directed to Him alone

³ Interactions with other people

⁴ The hypocrites

⁵ Hypocrisy