The Translation of the Imperative Mood in Al- Muzzammil Qur'ānic Sūrah into English

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The General Concept of Mood:
Mood can be realized by distinctions in the form of the verb. It expresses the attitude of the speaker toward what he/she says. It is the characteristic of a verb that tells the recipient what function the verb can perform.

Moods of the English Verb:
Mood in English is divided by grammarians into three types: (1) indicative, (2) imperative and (3) subjunctive. The following examples are illustrative:

(1) John was in the garden. (indicative).
(2) Be quiet! (imperative)
(3) I insist that he pay the bill. (subjunctive)
(4) Beware of the bull in the garden. (imperative)
(5) God save the queen! (subjunctive) (Aziz, 1989: 75; Ehrlich and Murphy, 1991: 40-1)

The Imperative Mood in English:
The imperative mood is a form of verb used in direct commands, entreaties or requests. The imperative mood is naturally used with the second person because commands are usually directed person addressed. Consider the following examples:

(1) Honour all men; love all men; fear none. (command)
(2) Oh, from these sterner aspects of thy face, spare me and mine, nor let us the wrath of the mad unchained elements. (entreaty)

(3) Tell me, how was it you thought of coming here? (request) (Baskervill and Swell, 2004: 99; Aziz, 1989: 75)

As obvious in the preceding examples the imperative mood is realized by putting the base of the lexical verb at the beginning of the statement. However, imperative may be used with plural first person (we) because (we) consists of (I + you) e.g.: let's go!, and the same with the third person, e.g.: Let him be accursed! (1) (Ibid)

**Moods of the Arabic Verb:**

Grammarians like Wright (1971) point out that the Arabic verb has five moods: (1) الرفع (indicative), (2) النصب (subjunctive), (3) الجزم (jussive), (4) الأمر (imperative), (5) التوكيد (emphatic). The following examples are illustrative:

1. يعالجُ الطبيب المريض (The doctor examines the patient. (indicative mood).

2. لن يدرسُ الطالب (The student will not study. (subjunctive mood).

3. لم يداومُ في الجامعة (He did not attend the university. (jussive mood).

4. أقمِ الصلاة (Say your prayers. (imperative mood)

5. إحفظْنَ هذه القصيدة (Do memorize this poem. (emphatic mood)


**The Imperative Mood in Arabic:**

In Arabic, as in English, the imperative mood is used in giving orders, exhortation, demands, commands and entreaties. As for its structure, it is used in the second person or in the third person by putting لِ (lām of command) before imperfect verb. The imperative mood in Arabic is derived from the jussive form by omitting the prefix of the imperfect and
replacing it by "ً" if the second radical has "dhamma"__; like اَ،. However, if the second radical is فتحة or كسرة، the prefix is omitted and replaced by ا as in إذهب → اذهب and اضرب → اضرب. This initial prefix is added to avoid starting a word with a sequence of consonants. If this does not occur, then, the prefix is not used as in: يقف → يقول (say) and قف (stop).

As for the different forms of الأمر (imperative) the following can be used.

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Let's see the following examples:

1. إفعلْ ما آمرك به (Do what I order you. (2nd person singular masculine))
2. إنهضي مبكراً (Get up early. (2nd person singular feminine))
3. إقرئا درسكما (Read your lessons. (2nd person dual, masculine and feminine))
4. إحفظوا هذه القصيدة (Memorize this poem. (2nd person plural masculine))

The Qur'anic Ayas:
In any study involving the translation of the Glorious Qur'an, particularly translation, the researcher will face problems of different interpretations as to the understanding of a particular word, aya, or passage. Translators of the Glorious Qur'an sometimes are confused as to which interpretation should be considered. To overcome this problem Aṭiyah (1996: 31) suggests that the compiler needs an operational criterion by which different interpretations can be judged. A clear statement of what system is being followed should accompany the verse citations. More important, however, is his provision of the qualifications of the interpreters whose commentaries have been consulted.

To solve the problem of different interpretations, Atiyah (1996: 31) points out that three perspectives should be considered. First, the philological aspects of an aya that serve to elucidate its literal meaning and/ or practical application. Second, the historical context of an aya, which helps us to understand its implication, explanation, or application to a certain situation. Third, the theological views or controversies that a particular word, aya, or successive ayas have been raised by commentators. The complementary nature of these three perspectives provides an integrated approach to the exegetical analysis that forms the basic source of Qur'ānic retrieval system (Ibid).

**Transference & Equivalence in translation:**

Generally, translation can be defined either in terms of equivalence or in terms of transference of meaning. This led Newmark (1988a) to compare translation to a flattened "V" diagram in which the first line represents "literality", i.e. equivalence but with varying degrees such as "word-word" translation, "literal translation", "faithful translation" and "semantic translation". However, the second line represents freedom with varying degrees such as "communicative

No doubt, finding equivalence is one of the procedures used in translation. It is believed that it can occur at word, grammatical, textual and pragmatic levels. Hervey and Higgins (2002 : 18) point out that "equivalence" denotes an observed relationship between ST utterances and TT utterances that are seen as directly corresponding to one another. Prescriptively, "equivalence" denotes the relationship between an SL expression and the standard TL rendering of it; for instance as given in a dictionary, or required by an instructor of translation or as consonant with a given theory or methodology of translation. As for transference, it means conveying "meaning" or the "proposition" of the SL to the TL by means of interpretation or other semantic procedures. (Miyanda, 2007 : 46).

By examining some examples drawn from certain languages one can say that total meaning and equivalence in translation do not exist. Why is it so? It is for the simple reason that meaning belongs to language and culture. One can, also, say that some languages use only one word whereas other languages use two or three words in order to refer to the same concept. If this is so, one can say that translating the verses of the Glorious Qurān is more problematic; simply, because the language of Almighty Allah is completely different from the language of human beings.

In this connection Jacobson (1992: 145) says: on the level of interlingual translation, there is ordinarily no full equivalence between code- units, while messages may serve as adequate interpretations of alien code units or messages. This means that equivalence in translation is almost always only partial."

Bassnet (2002: 36) also confirms that there is no total equivalence in translation, but only approximation when he says, "equivalence in translation should not be approached as a
search for sameness, since sameness cannot even exist between two TL versions of the same text, let alone between the SL and TL versions. The fact that there is no sameness means that there are aspects of the SL terms that are not covered by equivalents in the TL.

**Data Analysis and Translation:**

The ground has now been prepared for a full-dress analysis of imperative mood in the Glorious Qur'an. The data to be presented will be analyzed by making use of our literature review and the translation methods that have been reviewed and chosen as a model for recommending the most appropriate transference of the verses under investigation.

It is to be noted that the following abbreviations will be used in the tables related to the analyses of the ayas concerned:

**Abbreviations used in the tables:**

SL Imp. = source language imperative; TL = target language

P=Pickthall; S=Sale; A=Ali; H&K=Hilali&Khan

PM=Progressive Muslims;

sm=semantic; cm=communicative

**Source Text 1:**

ولا كَيْبَآ أَلْيَٰتُ (1) قُمِّ اللَّيْلَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا (2) نِصْفَهُ أَوِ انْقُصْ مِنْهُ قَلِيلًا (3) أَوْ زِدْ عَلَيْهِ وَرَتِّلْ الْقُرْآنَ تَرْتِيِئًا (الآيات 1–4)

**Interpretation:**

Almighty Allah is addressing the prophet Muhammad (صلی الله علیه وسلم) through Gabriel (عليه الصلاة والسلام) to stand up for
saying his prayers by night, but not all night (half of it or a little less or a little more).

**TL Texts:**

1. O thou wrapped up, raise to prayer, and continue therein during the night except a small part; that is to say, during one-half thereof: or do thou lessen the same a little, or add thereto. And repeat the Koran with a distinct and sonorous voice (Sale, 1881: LXXIII)

2. O thou folded in garments Stand (to prayer) by night, but not all night-hall of it or a little less. Or a little more; and recite the Qur’an in slow measured rhythmic tones (Ali, 1991: 1551)

3. 1. O you wrapped in garments (i.e. Prophet Muhammad SAW)!
2. Stand (to pray) all night, except a little.
3. Half of it, or a little less than that,
4. Or a little more; and recite the Qur'an (aloud) in a slow, (pleasant tone and) style (Hilali & Khan, 1996: 735)

4. O thou wrapped up in thy raiment! Keep vigil the night long, save a little A half thereof, or abate a little thereof Or add (a little) thereto and chant the Qur’aan in measure (Pickthtall, 1996: 397)

5. O you cloaked one. Stand the night except for a little. Half of it, or a little less than that. Or a little more, and arrange the Quran in its arrangement
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Translational Analysis of verses (1-4):

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Discussion:

In these ayas (1-4), it is apparent that the imperative verb "قَم" is realized by imperative verbs (keep, raise, stand, stand and stand) respectively which means a grammatical element is replaced by a grammatical element. The second verb "انقص" is realized by verbs (abate and lessen) and by non-verbal expressions (a little less). The third verb "زَد" is realized by verbs (add and add) and by non-verbal expression (a little more). The fourth verb "رَتَل" is realized by verbs (chant, repeat, recite, recite and arrange). It is believed that an imperative verb should be replaced by an imperative verb since both languages have forms of imperative verbs which adequately reflect the imperative mood.
İnterpretation:

Almighty Allah is addressing the prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) through Gabriel (عليه السلام) to remember His name and devote himself completely to Him.

TL Texts:

1- And commemorate the name of thy Lord: and separate thyself unto him, renouncing worldly vanities (Sale, 1881: LXXIII)

2- But keep in remembrance the name of thy Lord and devote thyself to Him wholeheartedly (Ali, 1991: 1552)

3- And remember the name of your Lord and devote yourself to Him with a complete devotion (Hilali & Khan, 1996: 735)

4- So remember the name of thy Lord and devote thyself with a complete devotion (Pickthall, 1996: 574)

5- And remember the name of your Lord, and devote to Him completely (Progressive Muslims, 2004)

Translational Analysis of verse (8):

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<td>وادكِر اسم ربك وتبَتَّل إلَيْهِ تَبْتِيلًا</td>
<td>keep in remembrance</td>
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Discussion:

In this aya, the imperative mood expressed by first verb "اذكر" is realized by imperative forms (remember, commemorate, keep in remembrance, remember and remember) respectively. This means that grammatical elements are replaced by grammatical elements. As for the mood of the second verb (تبتل), it is realized by the verbs (devote, devote, devote and devote) except for one case which is realized by the imperative form 'separate' as well as the non-finite form 'renouncing'. We confirm the replacement of imperative verbs by imperative verbs since they exist in both languages. We also suggest that different imperative lexical verbs should be unified by resorting to all interpretations of the Glorious Qur'an.

S L Text 3:

4 - ربُّ الْقُرْءَانِ وَقُرْءَايْنَاهُ بِغُفْرَانٍ مِّنْهُ وَكِتَابٍ (سورة المزمل الآية 9)

Interpretation:

Almighty Allah is addressing the prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) to take Him alone as his protector.

T L Texts:

1- He is the Lord of the east and of the west; there is no God but he. Wherefore take him for thy patron (Sale, 1881:LXXIII)
2- {He is} Lord of the East and the West: there is no God but He: take Him therefore for {thy} disposer of affairs (Ali, 1991: 1552)

3- (He alone is) the Lord of the east and the west; LāilāhaillāHuwa none has the right to be worshipped but He). So take Him Alone as Wakīl (Disposer of your affairs) (Hilali& Khan, 1996: 735)

4- Lord of the East and the West; there is no God save Him; so choose thou Him alone for thy defender (Pickthall, 1996: 574)

5- The Lord of the east and the west, there is no god but He, so take Him as a protector (Progressive Muslims, 2004)

Translational Analysis of verse (9):

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<td>اِتّخذه</td>
<td>take</td>
<td>take, take, choose, take, sm, sm, sm, sm</td>
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Discussion:

A close look at his verse reveals that the imperative mood expressed by the verb "اتخذه" is realized by the imperative verb forms (choose, take, take, take, take and take) respectively. This difference is only in lexicality. The first selected verb is "choose" vs. the lexical verb "take" in the following four cases. This results in using semantic translation. To avoid the difference in lexicality, we suggest that translators should resort to different interpretations of the Glorious Qur'ān. In the light of these interpretations, one can come up with an appropriate rendering.

SL Text 4:
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Interpretation:

Almighty Allah is addressing Prophet Muhammad ﷺ to be patient with what the infidels say and keep away from them in a diplomatic way.

T L Texts:

1- and patiently suffer the contumelies which the infidels utter against thee; and depart from them with a decent departure (Sale, LXXIII)
2- And bear with patience what they utter, and part from them with a fair leave taking (Pickthall, 1996: 574)
3- And have patience with what they say, and leave them with noble {dignity} (Ali, 1991: 1552)
4- And be patient {O Muhammad} with what they say, and keep away from them in a good way. (Hilali & Khan, 1996: 736)
5- And be patient over what they say, and depart from them in a good manner (Progressive Muslims, 2004)

Translational Analysis of verse (10):

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<td>اهجرهم</td>
<td>depart from them</td>
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Discussion:

An inspection of this verse reveals that the imperative mood in "اصبر" is realized by the imperative verb phrases (bear with patience, patiently suffer, have patience, be patient and be patient) respectively. As for the second imperative verb "اهجرهم", it is apparent that it is realized by imperative verbs (part from them, depart from them, leave them, keep away and depart from them). It is to be noted that the fourth rendering is different from the others in terms of lexicality. To avoid this difference in the choice of lexicons, one should resort to different interpretations of these verses in the Glorious Qur'an.

S L Text 5:

وَذَرْنِي وَالْمُكَذِّبِينَ أُولِي النَّعْمَةِ وَمَهِّلْهُمْ قَلِيلًا
(الآية 11)

Interpretation:

Almighty Allah is addressing the prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه) to leave those who deny him to Him. He is also telling to bear with them for a while.

T L Texts:

1- And let me alone with those who charge the Koran with falsehood, who enjoy the blessings of this life; and bear with them for a while (Sale, 1981: LXXIII)

2- and leave Me {alone to deal with} those in possession of the good things of life, who {yet} deny the truth; and bear with them for a little while (Ali, 1991: 1552)

3- And leave Me Alone to deal with the believers {those who deny My Verses} those who are in possession of good things of life. And give them respite for a little while (Hilali& Khan, 1996: 736.)
4- Leave Me to deal with the deniers, lords of ease and comfort (in this life); and do thou respite them awhile (Pickthall, 1996: 574)

5- And leave Me to deal with the deniers who have been given the good things, and give them time for a while (Progressive Muslims, 2004)

Translational Analysis of verse (11):

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<td>ذَرْنِي</td>
<td>let me With those</td>
<td>leave me</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>مِهِلْهُم</td>
<td>bear with them</td>
<td>give them respite</td>
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Discussion:

A careful inspection of this aya can show that the imperative mood "ذرني" is realized by two groups of translators. One group (three translators) used the imperative verb (leave me). The second group used the imperative verb (let me with those). The difference between both is in terms of lexes. In regard to the second imperative verb "مِهِلْهُم", it is realized by the following imperative verbs respectively (do thou respect them, bear with them, bear with them, give them respite and give them time). It seems that these renderings are coloured with imperative expressions rather than just imperative verbs.
As for the emergence of different imperative lexes, we suggest that before resorting to translating these verbs, translators must be familiarized with different interpretations of the Glorious Qur'an.

**S L Text ٦:**

إِنَّ رَبَّكَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ تَقُومُ أَدْنَى مِنْ ثُلُثِ اللَّيْلِ وَنِصْفَهُ وَثُلُثَهُ وَطَائِفَةٌ مِنَ الَّذِينَ مَعَكَ وَاللَّهُ يُقَدِّرُ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ عَلِمَ أَنَّكَ تُحْصُوهُ فَتَابَ عَلَيْكُمْ فَاقْرِدُوا مَا تَيَسَّرَ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ عَلِمَ أَنْ سَيَكُونُ مِنْكُمْ مَرْضَى وَآخَرُونَ يَضْرِبُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَبْتَغُونَ مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَآخَرُونَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَاقْرِدُوا مَا تَيَسَّرَ مِنْهُ وَأَقِمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوَا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَقِمُوا نَذْرَكُمْ لِلَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ هُوَ خَيْرًا وَأَعْظَمَ أَجْرًا وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ( الآية 20)

**Interpretation:**

Almighty Allah is addressing prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) through Gabriel (عليه السلام) to do so many things like reading and reciting the Glorious Qur'an, saying his prayers, giving alms, lending unto Allah a goodly loan, and seeking forgiving of Him.

**T L Texts:**

1- Thy Lord knoweth that thou continuest in prayer and meditation sometimes near two-third parts of the night, and sometimes one-half thereof, and at other times one-third part thereof: and a part of thy companions, who are with
thee, do the same. But God measureth the night and the
day; he knoweth that you cannot exactly compute the same:
wherefore he turneth favorably unto you. Read, therefore,
so much of the Koran as may be easy unto you. He
knoweth that there will be some infirm among you; and
others travel through the earth, that they may obtain a
competency of the bounty of God; and others fight in the
defense of God’s faith. Read, therefore, so much of the
same as may be easy. And observe the stated times of
prayer, and pay the legal alms; and lend unto God an
acceptable loan; for whatever good ye send before for your
souls, ye shall find the same with God. This will be better,
and will merit a greater reward. And ask God forgiveness;
for God is ready to forgive, and merciful. (Sale, 1881:
LXXXIII)

2- Thy Lord doth know that thou standest forth (to pray) nigh
two- thirds of the night, or half the night, or a third of the
night, and so doth a party of those with thee. But Allah
doeth appoint night and day in due measure. He knoweth
that ye are unable to keep count thereof. So He hath turned
to you (in mercy) Read ye, therefore, of the Qurãn as much
as may be easy for you……. Read ye, therefore, of the
Qurãn as much as may be easy {for you}, and establish
regular prayer and give regular charity, and loan to Allah a
beautiful loan …..And seek ye the grace of Allah: for Allah
is oft-forgiving, most merciful. … (Ali, 1991: 1554-5)

5- Verily, your Lord knows that you do stand (to pray at
night) a little less than two-thirds of the night, or half
the night, or a third of the night, and so do a party of
those with you, And Allah measures the night and the
day. He knows that you are unable to pray the whole
night, so He has turned to you (in mercy)…..So, recite
you of the Qurãn as much as may be easy for you…. So, recite
you of the Qurãn as much as may be easy {for
you) and perform *As-Salāt* (iqāmat-as-Salāt) and give *Zakāt* And lend to Allāh a goodly loan ..... And seek forgiveness of Allāh. Verily, Allāh is oft-forgiving, most merciful (Hilali& Khan, 1996: 735)

6- Lo! thy Lord knoweth how thou keepest vigil sometimes nearly two thirds of the night, or (sometimes) half or a third thereof, as do a party of those with thee. Allah measureth the night and the day. He knoweth that ye count it not, and turneth unto you in mercy. *Recite*, then, of the Qur’an that which is easy for you. He knoweth that there are sick folk among you, while others travel in the land in search of Allah’s bounty, and others (still) are fighting for the cause of Allah. So *recite* of it that which is easy (for you), and *establish* worship and *pay* the poor due and (so) lend unto Allaha goodly loan. Whatsoever good ye send before you far your souls, ye will surely find it with Allah, better and greater in the recompense. And *seek* forgiveness of Allah. Lo! Allah is Forgiving, Merciful (Pickthall, 1996: 574)

7- Your Lord knows that you rise a little less than two thirds of the night, and half of it, and one third of it, as well as a group of those who are with you. And God measures the night and the day. He knows that you will not be able to keep-up, so He pardons you. So *study* what is made easy of the Quran. He knows that there will be sick among you, and others that venture out in the land seeking from God’s bounty, and others who are fighting in the cause of God, so *study* what you can of it. And *hold* the contact-method and *contribute* towards betterment and *give* God a loan of righteousness. And whatever you put forth yourselves, you will find it with God, for it is better and a greater reward. And *seek* God’s forgiveness, for God is Forgiving, Merciful (Progressive Muslims, 2004)
Translational Analysis of verse (20):

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Discussion:

In this aya the imperative mood is expressed by six imperative verb forms. The first verb "فأقرأوا" is rendered into (recite, read, read, read, and study). This means that the imperative verb has been replaced by its wquivalent imperative...
verbs. The only difference is in the choice of lexicons which are (recite, read, and study) respectively. The second verb "اقرأوا" has been also replaced by the imperative verb forms (recite, read, read, read and study). The third imperative mood in "أقيموا" has been replaced by the imperative verb forms (establish, observe, establish, keep up and hold) respectively. The only difference between them is in the choice of the lexicons.

As for the fourth imperative verb form "أتوا" is realized by the imperative verbs (pay, give, pay and contribute) respectively. The difference in the choice of lexicons is apparent. The fifth mood of "أقيموا" is realized by the imperative verb forms (lend, lend, give loan, offer and give). It also seems that the difference is in the choice of lexicons.

As for the sixth imperative mood of "استغفروا", it is noted that it has been translated into (seek, ask, seek, ask and seek) respectively. It is apparent that the difference is in the choice of the lexicon.

To avoid the problem of variations of lexicality, translators must resort to different interpretations of these verses in the Glorious Qur'ān.

**Conclusions**

The main conclusions the study arrived at are the following:

1- The imperative for "command" is formed in Arabic from jussive by removing the initial prefix. If this leaves a "sukuun" over the first radical, an "alif" is added at the beginning.

2- Comparison of imperative mood in Arabic and English has mainly a formal basis, i.e. it is based on the syntactic structure. One point should be taken into consideration about the imperative mood in Arabic; the Arabic imperative verbs are affected by "gender", "number" and "person".
3- Semantically and pragmatically speaking, the imperative in both English and Arabic means to let somebody do something, but in negation it means prohibiting somebody from doing something.

4- Meaning and equivalence in translation should not be considered as total, but only partial due to the fact that equivalents in Arabic and English do not always cover all the aspects of the terms in the SL when translated into the TL. Translators should acknowledge the fact that each term in Arabic or English covers a reality and aspects that cannot be transferred into another language as meaning in any language is based on the culture of the language in question. This is apparent in this paper since the imperative verbs in the Glorious Qur'ān are realized by different imperative lexical verbs.

5- The translators in most cases have used semantic translation since they resorted to the forms of the imperative mood verbs which have been found to be equivalent in the surah analyzed.

6- In certain cases, the translators used communicative translation since they resorted to the meaning of the imperative verbs. In fact, they based their translations on different interpretations of the Glorious Qur'ān hence the variation in the choice of lexicons.

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المستخلص
تناول الكثير من الباحثين فعل الأمر في اللغتين العربية والإنكليزية درسا وتحقيقا، إلا أن فعل الأمر في سورة المزمل وترجمته إلى اللغة الإنجليزية - على حد علم الباحث - لم يتم تناوله ودارسته. لذا فأن بحثنا الحالي يتناول دراسة فعل الأمر في سورة المزمل ومقارنته بما يكافيه في اللغة الإنجليزية.


يفترض البحث وجود تكافؤ شكلي في معظم الحالات بين لغة الأصل ولغة الهدف.

أما أهم الاستنتاجات التي توصل إليها البحث فهي:

1 - أن بعض المترجمين اتبع اسلوب الترجمة الدلالية حيث أنهم ترجموا صيغة الأمر في اللغة العربية بصيغة الأمر في اللغة الإنجليزية بينما اتبع البعض الآخر اسلوب الترجمة التواصلية إذ أنهم ترجموا صيغ الأمر الواردة في السورة بعبارات اسمية.

2 - أن الترجمة الدلالية هي انجع طريقة لادراك المعنى القرآني الذي ترمي إليه الآيات الكريم.

3 - أن الفرق بين الفتيين هو في اختيار الفرآوات الفعلية وقد يعزى ذلك إلى الاختلاف في التفاسير.