

RAMADAN

IMMERSION



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Verse 53

الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ مَهْدًا وَسَلَكَ لَكُمْ فِيهَا سُبُلًا وَأَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ
مَاءً فَأَخْرَجْنَا بِهِ أَزْوَاجًا مِنْ نَبَاتٍ شَتَّى

[It is He] who has made for you the earth as a bed [spread out] and inserted therein for you roadways and sent down from the sky, rain and produced thereby categories of various plants.

- **مَهْدًا** literally means cradle
 - The earth is not a big place, it is like a cradle. We shouldn't give everything we have to this small and temporary place.
- Not only did Allah create the earth for us, but He also created in it pathways for us to travel upon.
- In Surat Mulk, Allah says:

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ مَاؤُكُمْ غَوْرًا فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِمَاءٍ مَعِينٍ

Say, "Have you considered? If your water drains away, who will bring you pure running water?" (Surah Al-Mulk, ayah 30)

- Everything receives life from water. It is the most pure element of this world, which is why Allah tells us to use it to purify ourselves.
- Imam Shafii says in a poem:

إِنِّي رَأَيْتُ وَقُوفَ الْمَاءِ يَفْسُدُهُ إِنْ سَالَ طَابَ وَإِنْ لَمْ يَجْرِ لَمْ يَطْب

I have seen that standing water stagnates
If it flows it nourishes, and if it doesn't run, it doesn't nourish,

- The same water that was once used to purify is no longer able to purify because it became stagnant.
- Similarly, if we do not continuously seek progression in the relationship we have with our religion, then our hearts will naturally take away the spiritual heartbeat of the entire body.
 - Our hearts require progression.
 - They need to constantly be spiritually driven for them to purify us internally.
- The verb **أَنْزَلَ** is only used for water and the Quran.
 - Just as water brings life to a dead piece of land, the Quran brings life to the heart.
 - Just as water brings different produce onto the land, the Quran enters into the heart and cultivates different qualities and characteristics.
 - In the absence of water, the earth will die and in the absence of the Quran, the heart will die.
- The Prophet SAW was asked about the signs of having a dead heart. He said that we need to test our heart and ask ourselves how we feel in 3 situations:
 - While listening to the Quran
 - While sitting in gatherings of the remembrance of Allah
 - While being alone
- We should recite often the dua: **رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا** - Our Lord, do not cause our hearts to swerve after You have guided us.
- In Shariah, it is a sin to deny someone water when you are able to give them it.
 - Water was one of the things that the Prophet SAW would never deny taking.

Verse 54

كُلُوا وَارْزَعُوا أَنْعَامَكُمْ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِأُولِي النُّهَىٰ

Eat [therefrom] and pasture your livestock. Indeed in that are signs for those of intelligence.

- **أَنْعَامَ** has similar root letters as the word **نِعْمَةٌ**, meaning blessing. Cattle is a great blessing from Allah which brings us many benefits.

Verse 55

مِنْهَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ وَفِيهَا نُعِيدُكُمْ وَمِنْهَا نُخْرِجُكُمْ تَارَةً أُخْرَىٰ

From it [i.e., the earth] We created you, and into it We will return you, and from it We will extract you another time.

- It doesn't matter how hard we work to get things of this dunya, we will all go back to where we started from.
- One of the sunnahs of when a person passes away is to recite this ayah when placing dirt upon their graves.

Verse 56

وَلَقَدْ أَرَيْنَاهُ آيَاتِنَا كُلَّهَا فَكَذَّبَ وَأَبَىٰ

And We certainly showed him [i.e., Pharaoh] Our signs - all of them - but he denied and refused.

- **وَلَقَدْ** is used for emphasis
- The word **أَبَىٰ** was also used to describe the behavior of Shaytan
- Allah gave him all of the signs to believe, but he could not believe because of his arrogance.

Verse 57

قَالَ أَجِئْتَنَا لِتُخْرِجَنَا مِنْ أَرْضِنَا بِسِحْرِكَ يَا مُوسَىٰ

He said, "Have you come to us to drive us out of our land with your magic, O Moses?"

- Musa had shown Firaun the miracle of his staff turning into a snake and his hand becoming white
- This statement of Firaun caught the attention of all of the people in his cabinet because they did not want to lose their positions of power.

Verse 58

فَلَنَأْتِيَنَّكَ بِسِحْرٍ مِثْلِهِ فَاجْعَلْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكَ مَوْعِدًا لَا نُخْلِفُهُ نَحْنُ وَلَا أَنْتَ
مَكَانًا سُوًى

Then we will surely bring you magic like it, so make between us and you an appointment, which we will not fail to keep and neither will you, in a place assigned."

- They wanted to set up a time and place in which neither of them could back down from.

Verse 59

قَالَ مَوْعِدُكُمْ يَوْمَ الزَّيْنَةِ وَأَنْ يُحْشَرَ النَّاسُ ضَحَىٰ

[Moses] said, "Your appointment is on the day of the festival when the people assemble at mid-morning."

- **يَوْمَ الزَّيْنَةِ** was like our Eid for the people of that time.
 - It was the busiest day of the entire year.
- Musa knew that Allah was helping him throughout this whole situation so he knew that he would win. Musa wanted as many people as possible to be there on that day so they could witness Firaun's defeat.
 - If we are serving the cause of deen, then Allah will help us.

Verse 60

فَتَوَلَّىٰ فِرْعَوْنُ فَجَمَعَ كَيْدَهُ ثُمَّ أَتَىٰ

So Pharaoh went away, put together his plan, and then came [to Moses].

- Firaun prepared and came with his magicians
- He brought magicians from every city that he ruled over

Verse 61

قَالَ لَهُمْ مُوسَىٰ وَيْلَكُمْ لَا تَفْتَرُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا فَيُسْحِتَكُمْ بِعَذَابٍ ۗ وَقَدْ
خَابَ مَنِ افْتَرَىٰ

Moses said to them [i.e., the magicians summoned by Pharaoh], "Woe to you! Do not invent a lie against Allah or He will exterminate you with a punishment; and he has failed who invents [such falsehood]."

- The magicians came and mocked the way that he was dressed because his clothes were disheveled. So, Musa reprimanded them with this statement.
- He gave dawah to the magicians.

Verse 62

فَتَنَازَعُوا أَمْرَهُمْ بَيْنَهُمْ وَأَسْرُوا النَّجْوَىٰ

So they disputed over their affair among themselves and concealed their private conversation.

- The magicians started arguing about whether they should still go against Musa.
- They had this conversation away from Firaun
- They were ready to face off with Musa, but when he gave them that dawah, they were still affected by it and considered changing their mind.

Verse 63

قَالُوا إِنَّ هَٰذَانِ لَسَاجِرَانِ يُرِيدَانِ أَنْ يُخْرِجَاكَ مِنْ أَرْضِكَ بِسِحْرِهِمَا وَيَذْهَبَا بِطَرِيقَتِكُمُ الْمُثَلَىٰ

They said, "Indeed, these are two magicians who want to drive you out of your land with their magic and do away with your most exemplary way [i.e., religion or tradition]."

- Some of the magicians said this to the others and they encouraged them to stand up against Musa.

Verse 64

فَأَجْمِعُوا كَيْدَكُمْ ثُمَّ آتُوا صَفًّا ۖ وَقَدْ أَفْلَحَ الْيَوْمَ مَنِ اسْتَعْلَىٰ

So resolve upon your plan and then come [forward] in line. And he has succeeded today who overcomes."

- Some people say that this person was Haman speaking.
- After this, they were convinced to fight against Musa