

# Ramadan Immersion



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## Ayah 12

كَذَّبَتْ قَبْلَهُمْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ وَأَصْحَابُ الرَّسِّ وَثَمُودُ

The people of Noah denied before them, and the companions of the well and Thamud

- Allah gives us examples of nations that came prior to the mushrikun of Makkah.
- Those who deny Allah from the previous nations – He begins with the nation of Nuh.
- He reminds the Quraysh as He reminds us, the people of Nuh denied his message and He drowned every single one of them through the rain that He sent down.

## Ayah 13

وَعَادٌ وَفِرْعَوْنُ وَإِخْوَانُ لُوطَ

And 'Aad and Pharaoh and the brothers of Lot

- Allah gives examples one after another. The people Aad, Firawn and Lut had all suffered His punishment and they were all destroyed.

**Ayah #14**

وَأَصْحَابُ الْأَيْكَةِ وَقَوْمُ تُبَّعٍ كُلٌّ كَذَّبَ الرُّسُلَ فَحَقَّ وَعِيدِ

And the companions of the thicket and the people of Tubba'. All denied the messengers, so My threat was justly fulfilled.

- The Ashabul-aykah were the people in the time of Prophet Shuayb.
- The people of Tubba, was the King of Yemen from the people of Musa.
  - They were warned that the people of Madinah cannot be conquered because there will be a prophet that will come to those lands.
  - He was told that Makkah was a sacred house built by Ibrahim AS.
  - They were destroyed because they denied the people that came before them who warned them of Allah.
- Everyone of them denied their messengers and were destroyed.
- This is an indication to the Quraysh that while the ummah of the Prophet (ﷺ) will not be destroyed, the destruction in the past meant that they will suffer a similar outcome in the Hereafter.
- As believers we believe in all of the prophets and messengers that came before the Prophet (ﷺ). These are chosen people from Allah to guide mankind to what is right.
- Allah indicated there are 25 prophets in the Qur'an and in a hadith narrated by Abu Dhar al-Ghifari:

قلت: يا رسول الله ، كم الأنبياء ؟ قال: مائة ألف وأربعة وعشرون ألفاً ، قلت: يا رسول الله ، كم الرسل منهم؟ قال: ثلاثمائة وثلاثة عشر جم غفير

I asked the Prophet PBUH: "What is the number of the anbiya'?", he answered: "124,000 numbers of people". I then asked, "How much of them is the Rasul?", then he answered, "313, and that is already more than a few". (Sahih Ibn Hibban)

- Part of our shariah and our deen in the Qur'an, and as the Prophet (ﷺ) indicated in the hadith of Jibril, we not only have to worship only Allah, we also have to believe in the angels, His Messengers as well as the books and scriptures of the past.

- Part of belief is that we believe in the messengers that came and they fulfilled their mission, they conveyed their message and we believe it. We are not allowed to deny or disobey this.
- What Allah reveals to us, we should not find out more or justify it. Instead, we should leave it to Allah.
- The prophets did not claim to be God, they claimed to be servants of Allah and they submitted to Him as the one and only God to be worshiped.
- We should not deny it because we will deny the truth that was revealed by Allah.
- Allah warns the Quraysh as well as every human being until the end of time that they need to submit and follow the ways that He has set for us by the example of the Prophet (ﷺ).

## Ayah #15

أَفَعَيِينَا بِالْخَلْقِ الْأَوَّلِ بَلْ هُمْ فِي لَبْسٍ مِّنْ خَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ

Did We fail in the first creation? But they are in confusion over a new creation.

- It was not difficult for Allah to create us from nothing, and it did not tire Allah. Therefore, for Him to repeat it, it is even easier.
- The One who created all of us and gave life to us is The One that will bring us back later on.
- He is the All-Knower of all creation and He has the power and strength to replicate something He already did.
  - Ibn Abbas reported: The Prophet (ﷺ) said,

اللَّهُ كَذَّبَنِي ابْنُ آدَمَ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ ذَلِكَ وَشَتَمَنِي وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ ذَلِكَ فَأَمَّا تَكْذِيبُهُ إِيَّايَ فَرَعَمَ أَنِّي لَا أَقْدِرُ أَنْ أُعِيدَهُ كَمَا كَانَ وَأَمَّا شَتْمُهُ إِيَّايَ فَقَوْلُهُ لِي وَلَدٌ فَسُبْحَانِي أَنْ أَتَّخِذَ صَاحِبَةً أَوْ وَلَدًا

“Allah Almighty said: The son of Adam has lied against me and he has no right to do so, he has insulted me and he has no right to do so. As for his lie, it is his saying that I cannot recreate him as I did before. As for his insult, it is his saying that I have a son; I am glorified above taking a wife or a son.” (Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī)

## Ayah #16

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ وَنَعْلَمُ مَا تُوَسْوِسُ بِهِ نَفْسُهُ وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ

And We have already created man and know what his soul whispers to him, and We are closer to him than [his] jugular vein

- The 'We' used here is known as the royal we – it is used for honor, status and respect. Allah uses this as a method of speech.
- Allah knows what our souls' whispers to ourselves; which means He knows the thoughts in our mind. This shows us that He is in charge of us because He created us.
- How do we stop our thoughts? We increase in our knowledge of the deen, implement what is true and be busy in the remembrance of Allah
  - It was narrated that Abu Hurairah said: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

"إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ تَجَاوَزَ لِأُمَّتِي مَا وَسْوَسَتْ بِهِ وَحَدَّثَتْ بِهِ أَنْفُسَهَا مَا لَمْ تَعْمَلْ أَوْ تَتَكَلَّمْ بِهِ".

'Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, has forgiven my Ummah for what is whispered to them or what enters their minds, so long as they do not act upon it or speak of it.'  
(Sunan an-Nasa'i)

- Our jugular vein is a part of us that is very close to us. If it is cut, we can bleed rapidly and it can lead to instant death.
- This indicates that Allah is closer to us and He is fully aware of the depths of what we think and how we feel. He is more aware of ourselves than we are.

## Ayah #17

إِذْ يَتَلَقَّى الْمُتَلَقِّيَانِ عَنِ الْيَمِينِ وَعَنِ الشِّمَالِ قَعِيدٌ

When the two receivers receive, seated on the right and on the left.

- This talks about the angels recording every single thing – Kiraman Katibin; one sitting on our right and the other on the left.

## Ayah #18

مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ

Man does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared [to record].

- Whatever a person utters, any statement they make, there is a watcher ready to write everything down.
- The angels are waiting and watching us, and they know all that we do. Allah tells us:

وَإِنَّ عَلَيْكُمْ لَحَافِظِينَ ﴿١٠﴾ كِرَامًا كَاتِبِينَ ﴿١١﴾ يَعْلَمُونَ مَا تَفْعَلُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

And indeed, [appointed] over you are keepers, Noble and recording; They know whatever you do. (Surah Al-Infitar, Verse 10-12)

## Ayah #19

وَجَاءَتْ سَكْرَةُ الْمَوْتِ بِالْحَقِّ ذَلِكَ مَا كُنْتَ مِنْهُ تَحِيدُ

And the intoxication of death will bring the truth; that is what you were trying to avoid.

- Here, Allah shifts the conversation. He talks about death, the blowing of the trumpet and the day we will all be gathered.

- There are two things to look at here:
  - A person who is trying to avoid death outright.
  - A person has no way to escape death. It will come and one cannot avoid it.
- Everyone will experience death and we will all have a different ending.
- Death is going to be difficult. Everyone will go through some sort of challenge than the other.
- Even the Prophet (ﷺ) suffered hardship in the moments of his death. He glorified Allah and said: "Inna lil-Mauti La-Sakaraat" (Indeed, death has got some agony).

## Ayah #20

وَنُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ ذَلِكَ يَوْمُ الْوَعِيدِ

And the Horn will be blown. That is the Day of [carrying out] the threat.

- This is the day every one of us has been warned of. It is a promise of Allah that the day will come and we will see it as chaos.
- The angel responsible for the trumpet has placed it in his mouth and is waiting for Allah's command to blow it.
- It shows us that it is only a matter of time that Allah will give the command. Hence, we should ask ourselves if we have done enough to please Allah before we return to Him.
  - Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri reported: Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said,

كيف أنعم وصاحب القرن قد التقم ، واستمع الإذن متى يؤمر بالنفخ فينفخ  
فكان ذلك ثقل على أصحاب رسول الله ، صلى الله عليه وسلم فقال  
لهم: "قولوا: حسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل"

How can I feel at ease when the Angel of the Trumpet, (Israfil) has put his lips to" perceived as if this (ﷺ) the Trumpet and is waiting for the order to blow it". He told them to seek comfort through (ﷺ) had shocked his Companions, so he reciting: 'Hasbunallah wa ni'mal-Wakil [Allah (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is (the Best Disposer of affairs (for us))]'". (At-Tirmidhi

## Ayah #21

وَجَاءَتْ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّعَهَا سَائِقٌ وَشَهِيدٌ

And every soul will come, with it a driver and a witness.

- Every person will come with a driver and there will be an angel that will guide each one of them to come forth. The angel will be our witness.
- Everyone will be brought in front of Allah to be questioned.

## Ayah #22

لَقَدْ كُنْتَ فِي غَفْلَةٍ مِّنْ هَذَا فَكَشَفْنَا عَنْكَ غِطَاءَكَ فَبَصَرُكَ الْيَوْمَ حَدِيدٌ

[It will be said], "You were certainly in unmindfulness of this, and We have removed from you your cover, so your sight, this Day, is sharp."

- Allah shows those who were heedless on the Day of Judgment by removing the covering from the deceit of the dunya. Everyone will have a clear sight on that day.
- They thought they would not be returned to Allah and they were in denial of the truth. But on that day, they will see the reality of what is actually happening right in front of their eyes.