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Surat al-'Ankabūt (29)

The Spider

COMMENTARY OF THE QUR'AN

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Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Review for Today



Session 16
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Āyah 40



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Introduction

God’s precedence in testing humans’ faith

Testing people’s faith at all times. (Verses 1-4)

4 Verses



Different groups going through Divine Trials. (Verses 5-13)

9 Verses



Consequences of disbelieving in Prophets sent by God. (Verses 14-44)

31 Verses

The trials which those who opposed the Prophets went through. (Verses 45-68)

24 Verses

Achievements of those who struggle in the way of God – Divine Mercy and Guidance. (Verse 69)

1 Verse



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Introduction

- Prophet Nuh ﷺ
- Prophet Ibrahim ﷺ
- Prophet Lut ﷺ
- Prophet Shuayb ﷺ
- Prophet Hud ﷺ
- Prophet Salih ﷺ
- Prophet Musa ﷺ



Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verse 40

فَكُلًّا أَخَذْنَا بِذَنبِهِ فَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِ حَاصِبًا وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ
أَخَذْتُهُ الصَّيْحَةُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ خَسَفْنَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَغْرَقْنَا
وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُظْلِمَهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾

In short We took each one of them, *the past communities*, to task for their sins. Against some of them We sent a violent storm of sand and stones while others were overtaken by a roaring blast and some others We made extinct in the earth, and yet others We drowned. It was far from Allah to have done injustice to them. Rather they were doing wrong to themselves. (40)



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Violent storm of sand and stones

Community of Ad



Roaring blast

Community of Thamud or Prophet Shuayb



Made extinct in the bowels of the earth

Such as Qarun



Drowning

Community of Prophet Nuh and Fir'awn



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وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُظْلِمَهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ

يُظْلِمُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾

It was far from Allah to have done injustice to them. Rather they were doing wrong to themselves. (40)



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With all of the sins, evil and corruption happening on Earth today, **WHY** does Allah not sent down a punishment like He did to the previous nations!?



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قُلْ هُوَ الْقَادِرُ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَبْعَثَ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابًا مِّنْ فَوْقِكُمْ أَوْ مِنْ تَحْتِ
أَرْجُلِكُمْ أَوْ يَلْبَسَكُمْ شِيْعًا وَيُذِيقَ بَعْضَكُمْ بَأْسَ بَعْضٍ انظُرْ كَيْفَ
نُصِّرُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

Say, "God has the power to send torment on you from above or below your feet, or to divide you into different groups quite hostile to one another, and make you suffer from each other's animosity." Consider how plainly We show them a variety of evidence (of the Truth) so that they may have understanding. (6:65)



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The Prophet ﷺ was ordered to tell the Muslims to be aware of three forms of punishment from Allah:

1. Punishments from above our heads;

1. Physical torments from the sky like storms;
2. Wars – with bombs falling on our heads;
3. Non-physical torments from our rulers and those “above” us in society;

2. Punishments from below our feet;

1. Physical torments like earthquakes;

3. Punishments from within us

1. Differences and divisions in the community and society.



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...أَوْ يَلْبِسَكُمْ شِيْعًا وَيُذِيقَ بَعْضَكُمْ بَأْسَ بَعْضٍ...

...or to divide you into different groups quite hostile to one another, and make you suffer from each other's animosity... (6:65)



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TYPES OF PUNISHMENT FROM ALLAH ﷻ



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1. Punishment that destroys all members of a group like what happened to the community of Prophet Nuh ﷺ.
2. Punishment that do not lead to the death of all the people of a nation, such as wars.



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3. Punishments related to the spiritual dimension and the human soul, such as losing the special Divine mercy, the stamp of deviation on the human heart, and losing the blessing of performing acts of worship.
4. Punishments which afflict the person in the Hereafter.



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عَنِ الْعَبَّاسِ بْنِ هِلَالِ الشَّامِيِّ مَوْلَى لِأَبِي الْحَسَنِ مُوسَى عليه السلام قَالَ سَمِعْتُ الرَّضَا عليه السلام
يَقُولُ كُلَّمَا أَحْدَثَ الْعِبَادُ مِنَ الذُّنُوبِ مَا لَمْ يَكُونُوا يَعْمَلُونَ أَحْدَثَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ مِنَ
الْبَلَاءِ مَا لَمْ يَكُونُوا يَعْرِفُونَ.

It has been narrated from Al-Abbas Bin Hilal Al-Shamy, a slave of Abu Al-Hassan Musa عليه السلام who said, 'I heard [Imam] Al-Reza عليه السلام saying: "Every time the servants innovate a sin what did not happened to be performed beforehand, Allah, innovates for them, from the afflictions, what they did not happened to recognize – *a new type of affliction.*" Al-Kafi, Volume 2, Page 275, Hadith 29



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WHAT PREVENTS THE PUNISHMENT FROM
ALLAH ﷻ?



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1. Presence and existence of the Prophet of Islam ﷺ among the people
2. People asking true forgiveness for their sins and turning back to Allah ﷻ in repentance.
3. Supplications and prayers to Allah ﷻ to remove trials and tribulations.



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Points for Reflection

1. Those who sin and are not “immediately” punished should not think that they are free from Divine retribution.
2. The retributions of Allah are based on His justice – not vengeance – and are a part of the *Sunnatullah*.

