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Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Review for Today



Session 22
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وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا أُنزِلَ عَلَيْهِ آيَاتٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِ قُلْ إِنَّمَا الْآيَاتُ
عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٥٠﴾

They – *the disbelievers* – say: “Why have no *miraculous* signs been sent down on him, *Muhammad*, from his Lord?” Say O *Muhammad* to these people: “Without a doubt, the *miraculous* signs are but at the *will and in the power of only* God to bring forth. Indeed, I am but a plain warner *with no ability to do whatever I wish.*” (50)



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A Million and One Excuses!

1. If Muhammad ﷺ is a prophet, why does he not have:
 1. A miraculous staff or light-emanating hand like Musa ﷺ did?
 2. The ability to give life to the dead and heal the sick like Isa ﷺ did?
 3. The ability to destroy his enemies like what happened to the opponents of Prophets Nuh ﷺ, Ibrahim ﷺ, Lut ﷺ, Musa ﷺ, Shu‘ayb ﷺ, Hud ﷺ, Salih ﷺ and others?



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They say: "We will not believe in you *O Muhammad*, until you cause a spring to gush forth for us from this land *which is short of water.*" (17:90)



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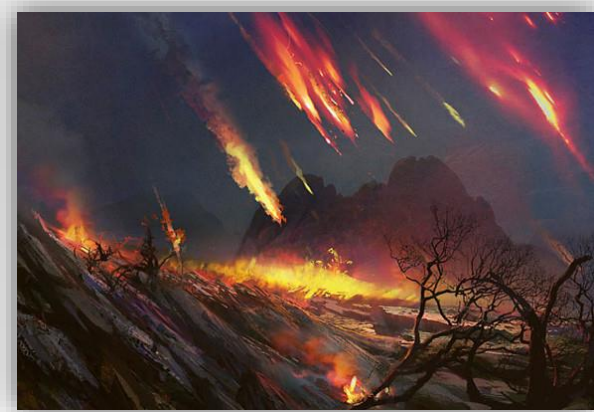


"And we will not believe in you O Muhammad, or unless you have a garden of date-palms and grapes, and cause rivers to gush forth in their midst abundantly." (17:90)



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"And we will not believe in you O Muhammad, Or unless you cause the heaven to fall upon us in pieces, as you have claimed could happen and you say has happened in the past, or that you bring God and the angels as a warrant before our eyes proving the truth of your message." (17:92)



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"And we will not believe in you O Muhammad, Or unless you have a house made of gold, or you ascend to the heaven. But even if you do that then we will even still then not believe in your ascension until you bring down upon us from heaven a book that we can physically hold and read." Say, O Muhammad: "All-Glorified is my Lord in that He is absolutely above what you conceive of Him! Am I anything but a mortal sent as a Messenger?" (17:93)



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The Response of the Prophet ﷺ

قُلْ إِنَّمَا الْآيَاتُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ

Say O Muhammad to these people: “Without a doubt, the miraculous signs are but at the will and in the power of only God to bring forth. Indeed, I am but a plain warner with no freedom and power to be able to do whatever I wish.” (50)



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أَوَلَمْ يَكْفِهِمْ أَنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ يُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ فِي
ذَلِكَ لَرَحْمَةً وَذِكْرَىٰ لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

Is it not enough for them, *the disbelievers and those skeptical about your as a miraculous sign* that We have sent down to you the Book, *the Quran*, which is recited to them? Surely in it that, *the Quran*, is great mercy and *instructive* reminder for a people who believe. (51)



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أَوَلَمْ يَكْفِهِمْ...

Is it not enough for them, *the disbelievers...*

“It should be noted that this phrase is usually said in cases where a person has done something beyond the expectations of the receiving party, and that individual is ignorant of it, or they have fallen into forgetfulness about it.”

– *Tafsir Nemuneh*



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MIRACLE (Mu‘jiza - معجزة)

"Mu‘jiza comes from the root "a-j-z" (Arabic: (ع ج ن) meaning an action which disables others. A **miracle** is an extraordinary thing—contrary to the current laws of nature—done by prophets sent by God with the permission of God in order to prove their claim of prophethood, where ordinary people cannot do those things."



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**Permanent
Miracle**



**Temporary
Miracle**



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“A miracle **must** be in harmony with the conditions of the time, place, and manner of that specific Prophet’s invitation. A prophet whose religion is eternal **must** have an eternal miracle. A Prophet whose invitation is **universal**, and which should include the times to come, **must** have a clear spiritual and intellectual miracle which will attract the attention of all thinkers and sensible individuals. Certainly, for such a purpose, the Qur’an is the most appropriate miracle - not the staff or the shining hand of Prophet Musa ﷺ.” – *Tafseer Nemuneh*



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“The Qur'an is Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ everlasting miracle. The Qur'an is a miracle that involves superhuman features in different aspects (the word, the meaning, the structure, and the like) and ordinary people are not able to bring something like it. Thus, the Qur'an is not the word of a human being; rather it is the word of God. To prove that the Qur'an is a miracle, a number of Quranic verses have challenged the opponents. “Tahaddi” consists in God asking opponents to bring something like the Qur'an if they believe that it is not the word of God, and since nobody could bring anything like the Qur'an, the truth of the Divine word will be proved.” – *Tafseer Nemuneh*



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إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَرَحْمَةً وَذِكْرَىٰ لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

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“Perhaps the difference between “**mercy**” and “**remembrance**” is that the Qur'an is not only a miracle and a reminder, but it is also full of programs, rules, educational, humanizing [the tools to make us real humans] merciful instructions. If we reflect on the staff of Prophet Musa ﷺ, it was a miracle, but it had **NO** effect on people's daily lives! However the Qur'an is **both** a miracle and a complete plan for life and a source of mercy!” – *Tafseer Nemuneh*



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قُلْ كَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكُم شَهِيدًا يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ
وَالْأَرْضِ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِالْبَاطِلِ وَكَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ أُولِيكَ هُمُ
الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾

Say *O Muhammad to the people that: "Allah suffices as a witness between me and you. He, God, knows whatever is in the heavens and on the earth. As for those who believe in the falsehood and disbelieve in God by rejecting His Revelation and Messenger, they are the losers who have ruined themselves."* (52)



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Points for Reflection

1. People always want to make excuses for why they don't believe – or even why they don't fully follow the rules of religion.
2. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is a Mercy to the Universe (رحمة للعالمين), the Quran is a Universal Mercy (رحمة) and BOTH come from the Lord of Mercy – Allah (الرحمن الرحيم).
3. If you see that your discussions with others is leading nowhere, then end it and leave it up to Allah ﷻ to determine the outcome.

