



# سُورَةُ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ

## Surat al-'Ankabūt (29)

# The Spider

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COMMENTARY OF THE QUR'AN  
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# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Review for Today...

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### Āyāt 12 & 13



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Introduction

## God’s precedence in testing humans’ faith

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

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

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

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

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



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Introduction

## **First Group: Verses 12-13**

Disbelievers and creating  
obstacles in the path of  
true faith



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 12 & 13

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّبِعُوا سَبِيلَنَا وَلنَحْمِلْ  
خَطَايَاكُمْ وَمَا هُمْ بِحَامِلِينَ مِنْ خَطَايَاهُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِنَّهُمْ  
لَكَاذِبُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

And those who disbelieve say to those who believe, "Follow our way and we will bear *the consequences of your sins at the time of judgment*," whereas they, *the disbelievers* can bear nothing whatsoever of their sins *of the believers*. They, *the disbelievers*, are, as a matter of fact, liars. (12)



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 12 & 13

وَلِيَحْمِلَنَّ أَثْقَالَهُمْ وَأَثْقَالًا مَعَ أَثْقَالِهِمْ وَلَيَسْأَلُنَّ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ  
عَمَّا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿١٣﴾

*On the other hand they, the disbelievers, will certainly have to bear the burdens of their own sins as well as all of the burdens of leading others astray over and above their own burdens. And they will be questioned by Allah on the Day of Resurrection about the lies that they used to fabricate against God, religion and that they felt they could take on the sins of others. (13)*



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 12 & 13

## AN APPARENT CONTRADICTION IN THE QURAN

### VERSE 12:

“A person cannot bear the sins of another person.”

### VERSE 13:

“A person **WILL** have to bear their own sins **AND** the sins of another person.”



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 12 & 13

ATTRACTING THE REWARDS AND  
PUNISHMENTS OF ALLAH BASED ON  
OUR ACTIONS IN SOCIETY





# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 12 & 13

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ): مَنْ سَنَّ سُنَّةً حَسَنَةً عُمِلَ بِهَا مِنْ  
بَعْدِهِ كَانَ لَهُ أَجْرُهُ وَمِثْلُ أَجْرِهُمْ مِنْ غَيْرِ أَنْ يَنْقُصَ مِنْ أَجْرِهِمْ شَيْئًا...

The Messenger of Allah (prayers of Allah be upon him and his family) said: "Whoever establishes a good habitual practice that people follow even after him, he will get his own reward for it as well as the like of their reward for performing it, without any decrease in their reward thereof.."



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...وَمَنْ سَنَّ سُنَّةً سَيِّئَةً فَعَمِلَ بِهَا بَعْدَهُ كَانَ عَلَيْهِ وِزْرُهُ وَمِثْلُ  
أَوْزَارِهِمْ مِنْ غَيْرِ أَنْ يَنْقُصَ مِنْ أَوْزَارِهِمْ شَيْئًا.

"...And whoever establishes an evil habitual practice that is followed by people after him, he will be responsible for the burden of his own sin as well as the burden of their sins, without any decrease in their burdens thereof."

(Reference: Mizan al-Hikmah, Hadith 1,591)



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 12 & 13

## Various Tests

**Session One:** General Tests

**Session Two:** The Believers and their Tests in the way of God

**Session Three:** The tests vis-à-vis parents

**Session Four:** The test vis-à-vis the hypocrites (munafiqeen)

**Session Five:** The tests vis-à-vis the disbelievers (kuffar)



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 12 & 13

## Points for Reflection

1. Not only have Muslims been at the receiving end of physical attacks due to their faith, but also the cultural invasion and psychological warfare have been waged against the early Muslim community in Mecca and continue to be prevalent even today at various levels.
2. In the world-view of Islam, no one can bear the sins of another person – neither a Prophet of God – like Prophet Jesus, peace be upon him; nor one’s friends, spouse, children, nor a mawlana, imam, priest, pastor or minister!

