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Allah teaches us how to deal with difficult decrees, through the Qura'an.

Musa عليه السلام advised the Bani Israeel to deal with the oppression of Firawn peacefully, by not reacting to his evil by rebelling, although he was a tyrant. He was inspired by Allah to tell them to stay home, because they were afraid of Firawn, and your home is the safest place during periods of fitnah.

He also advised them to pray, because that is the connection with Allah, but establish prayer at home, in private, so they are not apparent to Firawn.

And Musa said : Our Rabb, indeed You have given Firawn and his establishment splendor and wealth in the worldly life, our Rabb, that they may lead [men] astray from Your way. Our Rabb, obliterate their wealth and harden their hearts so that they will not believe until they see the painful punishment.

وَقَالَكَ مُوسَىٰ رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ آتَيْتَ فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَأَهُ زِينَةً وَأَمْوَالًا فِي
الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا رَبَّنَا لِيُضِلُّوا عَنْ سَبِيلِكَ رَبَّنَا اطْمِسْ عَلَىٰ أَمْوَالِهِمْ
وَأَشُدِّدْ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِهِمْ فَلَا يُؤْمِنُوا حَتَّىٰ يَرُوا الْعَذَابَ الْأَلِيمَ ﴿٨٨﴾

The nation of Bani Israeel were focusing on prayer and dua. Musa عليه السلام was the messenger, and getting inspiration from Allah, about what people should do. Musa begins his own dua with the actions of Allah. Whatever people have is from Allah. He gave Firawn and his leaders all sorts of adornment, from wealth and children, to clothes, jewellery, servants. They were the first ones to invent chariots for riding. Makeup was used by men and women alike. They had special hairstyles and head dresses. They had boats and ships. They had so much adornments and luxuries in their lives. These were all the actions of Allah. They had all the pleasures of dunya at their disposal. When you have so many possessions, you should give thanks and increase in good deeds. But they did the opposite.

This dua of Musa عليه السلام was private, with only Harun عليه السلام present. Musa didn't start his dua with angry words and curses, but with peaceful words, stating facts, and gradually building up his momentum. The rich Egyptians used their wealth to misguide themselves and mislead others. These were facts which he connected with the nurturing of Allah, using the name of Allah Ar-Rabb.

The actions of Allah upon them were so full of ihsan, and their actions were so evil and oppressive. Musa makes dua to Allah to destroy their wealth, or make it of no value. The wealth was their power, so if they didn't have power, they would be helpless.

Musa also asked Allah to tie their hearts, making them tight. This is the worst punishment. The heart is the place of guidance, and if that is tied, no guidance will sink in. They knew the truth, and they denied it, so Musa عليه السلام asked Allah to seal their hearts.

Musa had a greater responsibility. He guided his people to make dua for freedom, but he himself had to make a stronger dua. This was his dua against Firawn and his people, that they would never believe. The Egyptians were so rebellious and cruel, and Musa knew the سنة الله, that the tyrant has a painful end. The actions of Allah are stable and unchanging, so anyone spreading mischief will face destruction. His dua is based on his knowledge. The messengers knew Allah and the consequences of the actions of Allah in response to those of people.

This teaches us how to deal with oppression. Musa عليه السلام was a messenger, but he did not try to establish his own rule within the rule of Firawn. He was calm and peaceful, and did not try to incite the anger of the people. This was not the way of the messengers, so why are people trying to do this now? This is not the way of Islam.

[Allah] said : The supplication of both of you has been answered. So remain on a right course and follow not the way of those who do not know.

قَالَ قَدْ أُجِيبَت دَعْوَتُكُمَا فَاسْتَقِيمَا وَلَا تَتَّبِعَانِ سَبِيلَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨٩﴾

Allah uses the dual term when He says دَعْوَتُكُمَا, showing that Harun was also present, saying aameen to the dua of Musa, so he was sharing this dua with him. Musa made this dua private, because the people would get angry and rebellious if they heard it. This was a time of difficulty, and they were not in a peaceful country. They could have been killed, and both the messengers knew this.

Their dua was answered. When you make a dua, it is responded to by Allah, at the same time, as long as there is nothing evil in the dua. Don't worry about when you will see the result, or how, just focus on yourself. When you are going through oppression, you can't focus on yourself, so Allah says فاستقيما, continue your path on deen, don't stop, don't be discouraged.

And We took the Children of Israel across the sea, and Pharaoh and his soldiers pursued them in tyranny and enmity until, when drowning overtook him, he said : I believe that there is no deity except that in whom the Children of Israel believe, and I am of the Muslims.

﴿٩٠﴾ وَجَوَّزْنَا بِبَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ الْبَحْرَ فَأَتْبَعَهُمْ فِرْعَوْنُ وَجُنُودُهُ، بَغِيًّا وَعَدُوًّا حَتَّى إِذَا أَدْرَكَهُ الْغَرَقُ قَالَ ءَأَمِنْتُ أَنَّهُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا الَّذِي ءَأَمَنْتُ بِهِ، بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ وَأَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٩٠﴾

The Bani Israeel made dua, and so did Musa and Harun. The response came with the drowning of Firawn and his army, and the salvation of Musa and Bani Israeel. Allah chooses the right time to destroy the tyrant. What you have in life is the best Qadr for you. Allah is the All Knowing, the Most Wise.

Allah inspired Musa to leave with the Bani Israeel in the night. When they reached the sea, it was morning, they were being pursued by Firawn and his army, and their way was blocked by the Red Sea. They were all in a panic, but Musa knew Allah had a plan. Their salvation was not something normal, they would see miracle after miracle; the sea would split into 12 paths!

They crossed the sea safely, each tribe following its path. Firawn saw the sea split, but he didn't believe, because his heart was sealed. He actually followed the Bani Israeel into the sea, stepping into his Qadr, to his destruction, with his own feet. When Firawn and his army reached the middle of the sea, and as soon as the last person from Bani Israeel was safely across, Allah commanded the sea to go back to its natural form. The sea is a slave of Allah, and it obeyed Him. Firawn and his army were drowned. This is the ability of Allah. To save the believer, Allah is able to change the nature of the elements. The fire cooled for Ibraheem, the sea split for Musa. All you have to do is believe in Allah and rely upon Him.

Allah describes the drowning of Firawn, and his words. He tried to save himself, he must surely have been a strong swimmer, but he was not successful. When he saw his end was near, and he was about to drown, he declared his belief. But now there was no benefit of his testimony. Allah didn't accept it from him. Even his declaration shows his arrogance, because he didn't take the name of Allah.