



إِنَّ قُرْآنَ الْفَجْرِ كَانَ مَشْهُودًا

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Allah saved the believers, by commanding the sea to part, delivering them to safety. Firawn and his army were drowned. When he was sure he was going to die, Firawn declared the testimony of faith, but it was not accepted from him. His words of submission show his arrogance, as he didn't take the name of Allah, saying he believed in the إله whom Musa and Harun عليهما السلام worshipped.

Now? And you had disobeyed [Him] before and were of the corrupters?

﴿٩١﴾ أَلَمْ تَكُنْ وَقَدْ عَصَيْتَ قَبْلُ وَكُنْتَ مِنَ الْمُفْسِدِينَ

Firawn transgressed so much before he saw his end and the punishment, while earlier he had disbelieved. You must correct yourself before you see the unseen. When you see the unseen, the approaching death, the time is over, your faith will be of no avail. The test was over, and he had failed. This is the same as when the disbelievers will see the truth on the Day of Judgement, and will submit, but their belief then will not benefit them. You must believe in the mercy of Allah, in His provision, His nurturing, etc, before you see it, while it is still unseen.

Faith is to believe in the غيب. Increase your faith before death approaches you, and the time is over. The Qura'an, righteous good deeds, learning the names of Allah, all increase your faith.

So today We will save you in body that you may be to those who succeed you a sign. And indeed, many among the people, of Our signs, are heedless

﴿٩٢﴾ فَالْيَوْمَ نُنَجِّيكَ بَدَنِكَ لَتَكُونَ لِمَنْ خَلْفَكَ آيَةً وَإِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِنَ النَّاسِ عَنْ آيَاتِنَا لَغَافِلُونَ

Allah saved the body of Firawn, and his soul was sent to the punishment. The person comprises of the body and the soul. His testimony of faith didn't save his soul, but it saved his body. So many thousands of the Egyptians drowned, and anyway its difficult to retrieve a body from the sea, but Allah made it apparent, by commanding the sea to throw his body ashore, atop a hill. This was so that everyone would be able to see the end of the tyrant. Allah makes the end of all the tyrants in dunya very apparent, not hidden, very obvious.

All the Bani Israeel saw the body of Firawn. His body is a sign of the ability of Allah, for the generations which come afterwards. Firawn who was so powerful, saying ➤ أَنَا رَبُّكُمْ الْأَعْلَى ➤ I am your most exalted lord ➤ (سورة النازعات 79:24) ➤ Allah saved his body as a lesson.

The majority of the people remain heedless to the signs of Allah. When you receive a sign from Allah, your duty is to accept and admit. The signs tell you about لا إله إلا الله, and are so clear, no one can realistically deny them. Whether they are signs in the universe, or from the Qura'an, there are so many signs around us, but people interpret them scientifically. This destroys the belief. So many ayaat come and are repeated endlessly, but they don't benefit the people, because the people are heedless to them.

Don't be heedless to the signs of Allah, everything around you points to لا إله إلا الله. Don't judge the ayaat by your mind. The one who uses his heart and mind together will have the correct balance to benefit from the signs. Don't follow your desires with your heart, don't fog your mind with scientific aspects. Keep both heart

and mind alert to benefit from the signs. The mind shows right and wrong, and the heart controls the emotions and understanding. If you judge solely by your mind, you will judge with logic only, and if you use only your heart, you will have only the emotional aspect. The believer will use both, and will be guided, you will see and understand and ponder. This is the balance that is needed when dealing with the decree.

The mummified remains of Firawn, Ramses II, lies in the Cairo Egyptian Museum, visited by countless tourists, most of whom are amazed by it, without realizing the lesson that Allah wants them to understand. If they only use their hearts when they see the embalmed body of Firawn, they will be sad and feel bad for him. If they look at it only with their minds, they will only see the scientific aspect. But the believer, using the balance of heart and mind, will see لا إله إلا الله.

And We had certainty settled the Children of Israel in an agreeable settlement and provided them with good things. And they did not differ until [after] knowledge had come to them. Indeed, your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that over which they used to differ

وَلَقَدْ بَوَّأْنَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ مُبَوَّأً صِدْقٍ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِّنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ فَمَا
 اختلفوا حتى جاءهم العلم إن ربك يقضى بينهم يوم القيمة فيما كانوا
 فيه يختلفون ﴿٩٣﴾

When Firawn and his army were drowned, their towns were left empty. So Allah made the Bani Israeel inhabit their residences and palaces. This fact is relatively new for us, mentioned in this ayah. Allah made them inherit their lands and wealth. For a time, they lived in Egypt, then Allah commanded them to travel from Egypt to Ash-Shaam, which is the present-day area of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Palestine.

Allah provided them with pure and halal provision, from food and drink, houses, fields, all lawful for them. They were slaves previously, and now they were free, owners of the lands they previously toiled in, for Firawn and the other Egyptians. Previously, they had been told they should stay in their homes, now, Allah gave them palaces.

What was their action? We must highlight this. The Bani Israeel were on the truth, so Allah saved them, and gave them the best dwelling places and provision. When a group is on the truth, they are united. They were worshippers, focusing on their worship. After they were saved, Allah gave them the knowledge. This should have made the truth more firm in their hearts, and unite them more. But for the Bani Israeel, it worked to the contrary. They made dispute with the truth.

Knowledge can sometimes separate rather than unite, making the people more rebellious and arrogant. When you have knowledge, the shaitan will try to cause a separation. There are challenges; knowledge makes the person more humble, but people may deviate after knowledge, when they follow their desires. Before the knowledge came, they were looking and supporting each other, but afterwards, they caused dispute, with Musa عليه السلام. They were always arguing with him, being disrespectful, rejecting him and his knowledge, trying to harm him. They looked down upon their messenger. He taught them, and they thought themselves higher than him. They underestimated their messenger.

With knowledge, the Bani Israeel became arrogant. One group followed the truth and were connected with each other. The other disputed and separated. On the Day of Judgement, they will also be divided, and Allah will judge between them. All disputes will be resolved on the Day of Judgement.

Don't make dispute, it will weaken you, and the enemy will find you an easy prey. Always obey your leader, or there will be dispute. By His perfect knowledge and complete wisdom, Allah will judge between them on the Day of Judgement. Those who weren't on the right religion, they were wrong anyway, they deviated and worshipped other than Allah. But amongst the people with the correct aqeedah, there is sickness of the heart which separates. When the shaitan loses hope with changing their aqeedah, creates hatred and enmity,

وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا
 فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ وَأَصْبِرُوا إِنَّ
 اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ
 And obey Allah and His
 Messenger, and do not dispute
 and [thus] lose courage and
 [then] your strength would depart;
 and be patient. Indeed, Allah is
 with the patient.
 سورة الأنفال
 8:46

making them dispute, and causing separation. They will mislead each other, making the shaitan happy. If your Rabb is One, your messenger is the same, your deen is the same, why are you making differences??

If you are grateful, Allah will increase for you, regardless of the environment around you. We don't want to acquire knowledge to fight with each other, we don't want to taste the bitterness. So we must believe and heed the warning. Support and help each other, be united.