

Lesson 6 - Surat al Muzzammil (The Wrapped Up)

SURAT AL MUZZAMMIL – VERSES 13-16

(13) وَطَعَامًا ذَا غُصَّةٍ وَعَذَابًا أَلِيمًا

and a food that chokes [those who gulp it], and a painful punishment [prepared for]

(14) يَوْمَ تَرْجُفُ الْأَرْضُ وَالْجِبَالُ وَكَانَتِ الْجِبَالُ كَثِيبًا مَّهِيلًا

the day when the earth and the mountains will quake, and the mountains will be like dunes of shifting sand.

(15) إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ رَسُولًا شَاهِدًا عَلَيْكُمْ كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ رَسُولًا

Indeed We have sent to you an apostle, to be a witness to you, just as We sent an apostle to Pharaoh

(16) فَعَصَىٰ فِرْعَوْنُ الرَّسُولَ فَأَخَذْنَاهُ أَخْذًا وَبِيًّا

But Pharaoh disobeyed the apostle; so we seized him with a terrible seizing

LEARNING OBJECTIVES



To reflect on

1. Why is the punishment of hell created?
2. Is this world going to last forever? Yes or No? What are the signs for it?
3. What are the aims of the messengers of Allah (swt)?

TAFSIR

Verse 13

This verse talks about the painful punishment on the day of judgement for the disbelievers. The verse describes the food which will choke them and a painful punishment that is prepared for them. These disbelievers had food that was pleasant to taste in this world and they indulged in the pleasure of flesh. In the day of judgement they will have food that will choke and painful torments will be in store for them in the day of Judgement.

Verse 14

This verse talks about the day of judgement that would cause a violent commotion that it would change the appearance of the physical world and it would violently affect the laws of nature. The word كَثِيْبًا represents “Dune and sand hill’. The word مَّوْبِلٍ implies pouring something soft like sand and flour on something else. The verse reflects that the mountains shall disintegrate on the Day of Resurrection.

Verse 15

Verse 15 talks about the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) that he witnesses the deeds in this world and bear witness to the same on the Day of Resurrection. The verse compares the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) to Prophet Musa (as). Fulfilment of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) call requires supervision and the Holy Prophet (pbuh) supervises all the deeds of his community.

Verse 16

This verse mentions that Pharaoh rose against the Messenger of Allah (as) and Allah (swt) inflicted severe torments on him. History shows us that neither his enormous army, his vast monarchy, his power, the possession of his people could not obstruct the Divine torments; in fact they were all drowned in the raging waves of the Nile in which they took pride. The word وَبَيْلًا represents heavy shower but it connotes any heavy and severe thing – particularly

torments. In this verse it implies that severity of the torment that it showers upon the sinners like heavy downpour of rain and disobedience to the commands of Allah (swt) Messenger entails torments and entanglements.

RELEVANT VERSES

Surat al Ghashiyah – Verse 6 – 7 – *“They will have no food except cactus, neither nourishing, nor availing against hunger”*. This verse talks about the food the disbelievers will have will be of no help to them.

Surat al A’raf – Verse 158 – *“Say, ‘O! Mankind! I am the apostle of Allah to you all, [of Him] to whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. There is no god except Him. He gives life and brings death’. So have faith in Allah and His Apostle, the uninstructed prophet, who has faith in Allah and His words, and follow him so that you may be guided.* This verse instructs mankind to have faith in Allah and His Apostle (Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)) so that we are guided.

RELEVANT AHADITH

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, *“Indeed the example of my household among you is like that of Noah’s ark; whosoever embarked it was saved and whosoever chose to remain behind it was drowned”*

Bihaar al-Anwaar, page 105, no. 3

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, *“Increase the remembrance of the demolisher of desires.’ He was asked, ‘O Messenger of Allah, what is the demolisher of desires?’ He said, ‘Death, for the most sagacious believers are those who remember death the most and are the most prepared for it”*.

Bihaar al-Anwaar, v 82, page. 167, no. 3

IMPORTANT LESSONS

1. Punishments that are mentioned in the Qur'an are a reminder to us about those who commit evil sins. Before we commit any sins, we have to think of the consequences it is going to have on us.
2. Whenever we are overcome with desires which causes us to sin, we should think of the temporary nature of this world. This world will perish one day!
3. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) came to guide mankind. We have to follow the instructions of the Holy prophet Muhammad (pbuh) because these instructions are the instructions of Allah (swt). If we disobey the apostle then our state would be similar to Pharaoh.

ACTIVITY

- Take an A4/A3 sheet of paper
- Draw Noah's ark and draw 14 flags on the ark.
- These 14 flags represent our 14 ma'soomen (as).
- What lessons can you take from each ma'soom (as) and implement in your lives? Write them down on each flag.

