
Having taqwaa of Allaah

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Question: [Advice to the Muslims to fear Allaah when seeking provision, and during hardships and trials]

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ says:

“Our calamity today is that we have turned away from the main purpose for which we were created, which is: worshiping Allaah, *tabaarak wa ta’aala*. So most of us don’t worship Allaah, and the few who do worship Allaah don’t know how to worship Him. And from the things that we have forgotten – which are mentioned in the preserved Qur’aan that Allaah (عزوجل)² blessed upon us as He said: [Verily, it is We Who have sent down the Dhikr (i.e. the Qur’aan) and surely, We will guard it]³ – is: [And whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty). And He will provide for him from (sources) he never could imagine].⁴

This aayah has become as if it is abrogated from the Qur’aan, not written down which the Muslims recite day and night. **But what is the benefit if the Qur’aan is written down in pages and *mus_hafs*, and that which the walls are decorated with, but as for the hearts, then they are empty?** Was the Qur’aan revealed for us to decorate our houses with it, and recite it over our dead ones, and keep it away from our living ones in terms of applying it and acting by it? He (تعالى)⁵ said: [That it (the Qur’aan) may give warning to whoever is living (a healthy minded one – the believer), and that the Word (i.e. the torment) may be justified against the disbelievers.] So firstly, the Qur’aan was revealed for those alive, and not for those who are dead. Furthermore, it was revealed for those alive to act according to it, not to decorate their houses and walls with it.

So this aayah is from that which has been mentioned in the Qur’aan, but most of the Muslims – especially those whom Allaah has blessed with some wealth, who strive to preserve it and are afraid of it getting lost or being robbed from them – have forgotten this aayah: [And whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty). And He will provide for him from (sources) he never could imagine]. This aayah gives two very important things for the one who fears Allaah. First: if he falls into a hardship, He will make a way out for him; and (second :) if provision becomes straitened for him, He will provide for him from where he cannot imagine. Today, if we fall into a hardship, perhaps one of us will disbelieve in Allaah (عزوجل) and he

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

³ Soorah al-Hijr, [15:9]

⁴ Soorah at-Talaaq [65:2-3]

⁵ (تعالى) Ta’aala (He, The Most High)

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does not take refuge in Allaah, nor does he implore Him humbly, nor does he seek nearness to Him by that which He loves and is pleased with; (he does not react) the way it had happened to some people before us, whose story our Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)⁶ narrated to us. It is a story that happened to some people who came before the sending of Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم), and our Prophet narrated the story for us **so that we take it as a lesson and don't forget**, like the previous aayah: [And whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty)]. The Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said about these people:

[Here the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ) narrated the famous hadeeth of the three men who got trapped in a cave, each one of whom thereafter supplicated and made *tawassul* (sought nearness to Allaah) by means of their righteous deeds, upon which Allaah responded to them and removed the rock that was blocking the mouth of the cave, and thus relieved them.]

This is an authentic hadeeth, not just a story. It is a hadeeth of al-Bukhaaree and Muslim from the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم), not a story from the *Israaeeliyat*⁷ that you may hear for which Allaah did not send down any authority.”

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⁶ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

⁷ Narrations from the People of the Book