

لقد قصَّ اللهُ علينا في كتابه الكريم سيرَ بعضِ أنبيائه الكرامِ عليهم الصلاة والسلام، فقصَّصَ الأنبياءِ والمرسلين هي مَوْعِظَةٌ لِكُلِّ مُؤْمِنٍ لِيَقْتَدِيَ بِهِمْ وَيَتَرَبَّى عَلَى مَنَهِجِهِمْ.....

ونحن اليوم - أيها الإخوة في الله - مع رسول من رسل الله الكرام، مع نوح عليه الصلاة والسلام، فحياته حياة شاققة مريرة، ومحنته مع قومه محنة شديدة أليمة، فقد أقام بينهم قروناً طويلة، فلم ير إلا أذانا صمًا وقلوباً غلغلاً وعقولاً متحجرة، لقد كانت نفوسهم أبيض من الصخر، وأفئدتهم أقسى من الحديد، لم ينفعهم نصح أو تذكير، كلما ازداد لهم نصحاً ازدادوا له عناداً، وكلما ذكرهم بالله زادوا ضلالاً وفساداً، لا يلتفتون إلى دعوة الناصح لهم ولا يباليون بتحذيره وإنذاره وقد مكث تسعمائة وخمسين عاماً داعياً ومذكراً وناصحاً، وسلك عليه الصلاة والسلام جميع الطرق الحكيمة معهم لإنقاذهم من الكفر والضلال، وإبعادهم عن عبادة الأصنام والأوثان، وكانت دعوته لهم ليلاً ونهاراً، سراً وجهرًا، ومع ذلك لم تلن قلوبهم، ولم تتأثر نفوسهم، ولم يقبلوا بالحق أو يؤمنوا بالله ورسوله....

ونوح عليه السلام هو أول رسول بعثه الله؛ لما روى البخاري في حديث الشفاعة من حديث أبي هريرة، أن النبي ﷺ قال: ((فيأتون نوحًا فيقولون: أنت أول الرسل إلى أهل الأرض، وسماك الله عبداً شكوراً، أما ترى إلى ما نحن فيه؟ ألا ترى ما بلغنا؟ ألا تشفع لنا إلى ربك؟...))؛ الحديث

وقد ذكر الله قصة نوح عليه السلام في عشر سور من سور القرآن، هي: الأعراف، يونس، هود، الأنبياء، المؤمنون، الشعراء، العنكبوت، الصافات، القمر، نوح، إلى كثير ممَّا ورد ذكره في بعض السور حتى بلغ ذكره في القرآن أكثر من أربعين مرَّة...

All praises and thanks are due to Allah, creator of the universe and all that exists. We praise you and thank you for guiding us and blessing us to be those who submit to you and worship you and follow your commandments. We also thank you O Allah for opening our hearts and minds to be from amongst those who love and respect all of your prophets and messengers, such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and especially Muhammad, who was Allah's final prophet and messenger sent to all of mankind.

We seek refuge in Allah from our evil deeds and evil thoughts. Whomever Allah guides to the truth, none can misguide him, and whomever is misguided, only Allah can open his heart and mind to guidance.

Brothers and sisters in Islam from the blessings that Allah has bestowed upon us as Muslims, is that He mentioned for us stories of the previous nations and narratives of the prophets and messengers who came before us, so that we can learn lessons from them and apply those lessons to our daily lives. Today we're going to talk

about one of Allah's greatest prophets and messengers, who Muslims, Christians and Jews all believe in...He lived a very long life, experienced many difficulties with his people, and was put through many difficult trials and tribulations...today we're going to talk about the great Prophet of Allah-Noah. Noah is the second father of all humanity, and the first messenger that Allah sent to mankind.....all of the human beings existing on the earth today, are descendants of Noah. Noah was born mentioned to have been born 126-146 years after the death of Adam. Noah invited his people to the worship of Allah alone for over 950 years of his life, and very few of his people followed him. Noah was very patient with his people, very wise and very caring and concerned about them. Allah says about him in the Quran:

وَاتْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ نَبَأَ نُوحٍ إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ يَا قَوْمِ إِن كَانَ كَبُرَ عَلَيْكُمْ مَقَامِي وَتَذِكْرِي بآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَعَلَى اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ فَأَجْمِعُوا أَمْرَكُمْ وَشُرَكَاءَكُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَكُنْ أَمْرُكُمْ عَلَيْكُمْ غُمَّةً ثُمَّ اقضُوا إِلَيَّ وَلَا تُنظِرُونِ - 10:71

"And recite to them the news of Noah, when he said to his people, "O my people, if my residence and my reminding of the signs of Allah has become burdensome upon you - then I have relied upon Allah . So resolve upon your plan and [call upon] your associates. Then let not your plan be obscure to you. Then carry it out upon me and do not give me respite."

And Allah tells us about Noah:

ذُرِّيَّةَ مَنْ حَمَلْنَا مَعَ نُوحٍ إِنَّهُ كَانَ عَبْدًا شَكُورًا - 17:3

"O descendants of Noah, whom we carried on the ship. Indeed Noah was a grateful servant"

And Allah tells us about prophet Noah in the Quran:

سَلَامٌ عَلَى نُوحٍ فِي الْعَالَمِينَ - إِنَّا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ - إِنَّهُ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ - 37:81

"Peace be upon Noah amongst the two worlds. Indeed, this is how we reward the good doers. Verily he was from our believing servants"

The Prophet Noah was one of Allah's righteous servants who worked hard day and night propagating Allah's message on earth. He patiently persevered in constantly conveying Allah's message while dealing with the ignorance, stubbornness and ridicule of his people. Indeed, he was a true example of a righteous servant and messenger of Allah.

Brothers and sisters in Islaam, our beloved prophet Noah was selected as a messenger and prophet to his people ten generations after Adam. The people who were living on the earth at that time had started straying away from Allah's commandments and they needed someone to remind them to be obedient to Allah and follow his commandments. As this is the duty of all of Allah's prophets, messengers and righteous servants...To remind their people to submit to Allah alone in worship and follow his commandments...

So Noah's nation had five righteous people who used to remind them of Allah and enjoin them with the good and forbid them from evil, their names were: Wadda, Suwa, Yagouth, Ya'ooq, and Nasra. After they passed away and died, Noah's people started to make sculptures and pictures of these five righteous men and placed them in the village gathering places, to remind themselves of how righteous they were...how they used to remind them to worship Allah and submit to him alone....then after some time passed, those who had made those sculptures and images died and passed away. Then their children, and eventually grandchildren came and they started to invent fake narratives and false stories about those sculptures and images and say that the sculptures and images had special powers, and describing them in ways that were untrue. So at this moment Shaytan, seized the opportunity to mislead them and misguide them, and he whispered to them and made them believe that those sculptures and images were gods to be worshipped and that they can remove harm and bring people lots of benefits and wealth by worshipping them. So then, those people and their offspring started to worship idols and images besides Allah the Most High.

The great companion, Abdullah ibn Abaas narrated:

All the idols which were worshiped by the people of Noah were worshiped by the Arabs later on. As for the idol Wadd, it was worshiped by the tribe of Kalb at Daumat-al-Jandal; Suwa` was the idol of (the tribe of) Hudhail; Yaghouth was worshiped by (the tribe of) Murad and then by Bani Ghutaif at Al-Jurf near Saba; Ya`uq was the idol of Hamdan, and Nasr was the idol of Himyar, the branch of Dhi-al-Kala`. The names (of the idols) formerly belonged to some pious men of the people of Noah, and when they died Satan inspired their people to (prepare and place idols at the places where they used to sit, and to call those idols by their names. The people did so, but the idols were not worshiped till those people (who initiated them) had died and the origin of the idols had become obscure, whereupon people began worshiping them.

Indeed the Prophet Noah was from those who remained upon the true religion of Allah and was a true believer in Allah, even before he was chosen as a prophet and messenger to his people.

Allah says about him:

لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ فَقَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنِّ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ -

7:59

“We had certainly sent Noah to his people saying: O My people, worship Allah, you have no deity other than him. Indeed I fear for you the punishment of a tremendous day.”

After Noah was inviting his people, who were engrossed in the worship of idols for generation after generation, for 950 years, dealing with their stubbornness and their ignorance...

Allah revealed to him that only a few of the people from his nation would truly follow him and be sincere believers and worshippers of Allah alone, as Allah said:

وَأَوْحِي إِلَى نُوحٍ أَنَّهُ لَنْ يُؤْمِنَ مِنْ قَوْمِكَ إِلَّا مَن قَدْ آمَنَ فَلَا تَبْتَئِسْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْعَلُونَ - 11:36

“Allah revealed to Noah, that no one will truly believe from your people except a few, so do not become depressed, distress, and do not despair because of what they do”

After this was revealed to the Prophet Noah, he immediately began to supplicate to Allah against those who were stubbornly and repeatedly rejecting the worship of Allah, those who were denying his message that he was bringing from Allah...He supplicated to Allah to chastise and punish those who were rejecting to follow Allah's commandments after patiently persevering with them and inviting them to worship Allah alone for over 950 years...Noah's patience reached its limit...He knew that they were never going to submit themselves and worship Allah...So Allah chose to answer prophet Noah's supplication and told Noah that he was going to destroy everyone on the face of the earth....they were reminded day and night to obey Allah, follow his commandments, and refrain from worshipping idols, but to no avail.....they continued to deny the creator who created them, and gave them food, and oxygen, and health, and provisions and air to breath...they denied giving Allah the basic right that he has over them which is----to worship him alone and not associate partners with him...so he decreed that since they were denying to give Allah this basic right that all human beings should give him, that they were not worthy of living and remaining upon the earth and that he was going to remove them from the earth and punish them....punish them in one of the most unsuspecting ways, punish them with one of the greatest blessings that Allah constantly bestows upon them and descends upon them, and provides for them all sustenance and provisions..... but they were ungrateful to even give thanks to him for that blessing and worship him alone... So Allah decreed to punish them with a great flood, he decided to chastise them and eliminate them with rain water from the heavens, from overflowing lakes and streams and geysers and oceans....he promised them that no living creature will survive. No human being, no animal, no

bird, no insect...nothing...remaining.....no one would be safe and no one could hide from Allah's wrath and punishment...no high mountain, no tall tree, no enormous tower...nothing would be able to save them...

Upon this, Allah revealed to Prophet Noah that him and his followers would be saved...and he commanded Noah to build an ark, an enormous boat so that him and his followers who worshipped Allah alone would be saved. But how could Noah make an ark when he wasn't trained in carpentry, or in the trade of boatmaking...How was he going to construct this massive ark without any knowledge or experience.....Upon this, Allah revealed to Noah how to make the ark, as Allah says:

وَاصْنَعِ الْفُلْكَ بِأَعْيُنِنَا وَوَحْيِنَا وَلَا تُخَاطِبْنِي فِي الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا إِنَّهُمْ مُغْرَقُونَ - 11:37

And construct the ship under Our observation and Our inspiration and do not address Me concerning those who have wronged; indeed, they are [to be] drowned."

So Prophet Noah began constructing the ark under Allah's supervision and guidance...and every time people walked by Noah and his helpers constructing the ark, they began to mock him and make fun of him...saying to him: Hey Noah, now you're a carpenter, what happened I thought you were a prophet and messenger of Allah? They would ask him: Hey Noah, what's the reason for building this great big ark, what's the purpose of building an ark in the middle of the desert? Where are you going? Why is it so big? Who's going to ride in it with you? They kept mocking Prophet Noah and laughing at him and making fun of him.

They were ridiculing Prophet Noah and asking him: Hey Noah, where's the water that is going to carry the ship from the land to the water? So Allah heard and saw the people's mockery of his prophet and revealed a response to Noah to tell those who were mocking him, as Allah mentions in the Quran:

وَيَصْنَعُ الْفُلْكَ وَكَلَّمَا مَرَّ عَلَيْهِ مَلَأَ مِنْ قَوْمِهِ سَخِرُوا مِنْهُ قَالَ إِنْ تَسْخَرُوا مِنَّا فَإِنَّا نَسْخَرُ مِنْكُمْ كَمَا تَسْخَرُونَ -

فَسَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ مَنْ يَأْتِيهِ عَذَابٌ يُخْزِيهِ وَيَحِلُّ عَلَيْهِ عَذَابٌ مُقِيمٌ - 11:39

And he constructed the ship, and whenever an assembly of the eminent of his people passed by him, they ridiculed him. He said, "If you ridicule us, then we will ridicule you just as you ridicule. And you are going to know who will get a punishment that will disgrace him [on earth] and upon whom will descend an enduring punishment [in the Hereafter]."

Noah was assured and certain that those who were mocking him and mocking the worship of Allah alone were going to taste a severe punishment, in this world as well as in the hereafter. Noah was certain that Allah was going to show them with their own eyes the water descending constantly from the skys, they were going to feel with their feet the water overflowing from the oceans and rivers and streams and lakes.....

Then the great flood began, Allah commanded the earth to pour fourth all of its water, and commanded the sky to send down all of its rain, as Allah said:

فَفَتَحْنَا أَبْوَابَ السَّمَاءِ بِمَاءٍ مُنْهَمِرٍ - وَفَجَّرْنَا الْأَرْضَ عُيُونًا فَالْتَقَى الْمَاءُ عَلَى أَمْرٍ قَدْ قُدِرَ

وَحَمَلْنَاهُ عَلَى ذَاتِ الْأَوَاحِ وَدُسُرٍ - تَجْرِي بِأَعْيُنِنَا جَزَاءَ لِمَنْ كَانَ كُفِرَ - 54:14

"Then we opened the gates of the heaven with rain pouring down, and caused the earth to burst with springs, and the waters met because of Allah's order that was predestined. And we carried Noah on an ark made of planks and nails. Sailing under our observation as reward for he how had been denied."

Then Noah and those who were true believers and worshippers of Allah alone boarded the boat, they were few in number, possibly no more than 40 men and women combined. Allah also ordered the Prophet Noah to take with him a male

and female of each type of animal, bird, and creature so that they wouldn't become extinct, as Allah says:

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَ أَمْرُنَا وَفَارَ التَّنُّورُ قُلْنَا احْمِلْ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجَيْنِ اثْنَيْنِ وَأَهْلَكَ إِلَّا مَن سَبَقَ عَلَيْهِ الْقَوْلُ وَمَنْ آمَنَ ۚ
وَمَا آمَنَ مَعَهُ إِلَّا قَلِيلٌ - 11:40

[So it was], until when Our command came and the oven overflowed, We said, "Load upon the ship of each [creature] two mates and your family, except those about whom the word has preceded, and [include] whoever has believed." But none had believed with him, except a few.

At this time, during this incredibly difficult weather, Prophet Noah was searching for his son, who had fled to one of the mountains and climbed to the highest parts, the crest of the mountain, he reached all the way to the mountaintop, that the water hadn't reached yet...So Noah called out to his son, inviting him to board the ship with the believers saying:

وَنَادَىٰ نُوحٌ ابْنَهُ وَكَانَ فِي مَعْزِلٍ يَا بُنَيَّ ارْكَب مَّعَنَا وَلَا تَكُن مَّعَ الْكَافِرِينَ - 11:42

"and Noah called to his son who was apart [from them], "O my son, come aboard with us and be not with the disbelievers."

However, Noah's beloved son, the son of a great prophet and messenger remained stubborn, naïve and ignorant, he rejected the warm truthful invitation of his father, he denied to be a believer and worshipper of Allah alone, he chose to board the ship of shaytaan and his followers, and be from amongst those who weren't ungrateful to Allah...He responded to his father Noah saying:

قَالَ سَآوِي إِلَىٰ جَبَلٍ يَعْصِمُنِي مِنَ الْمَاءِ ۚ

"I will take refuge on top of the mountain and it will protect me from the water"

Noah's son didn't know that this was no normal rainstorm or flood that the mountains could save him from, rather this was the decree and punishment of Allah that no one can flee from and no one can hide from except those whom Allah allows.

So Noah responded to him:

قَالَ لَا غَاصِمَ الْيَوْمَ مِنْ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا مَنْ رَحِمَ ۗ وَحَالَ بَيْنَهُمَا الْمَوْجُ فَكَانَ مِنَ الْمَغْرِقِينَ - 11:43

[Noah] said, "There is no protector today from the decree of Allah, except for whom He gives mercy." And the waves came between them, and he was among the drowned.

This was the fate of a disobedient son who denied to respond to the commands and advices of his father...destruction, punishment and torment...So the fact that his father was righteous and a prophet of Allah did not save him at all, did not save him from Allah's punishment. He rejected the worship of Allah and the following of Allah's Messenger who was his own father...

Brothers and sisters in Islam, our Prophet Noah was assured and certain of Allah's promise of success for him and his family and the believers who worshipped Allah alone. He was also certain and assured what Allah had promised those who rejected and denied to worship him alone. On one occasion, Noah was thinking about his son, and what Allah told him previously, that Allah would save him and his family. Prophet Noah thought that his son was from his family, that he was from amongst those who were promised success, but Noah had forgotten that the main condition and pre-requisite for success was true and sincere belief in Allah and the worship of him alone...So Noah called out to Allah saying:

وَنَادَى نُوحٌ رَبَّهُ فَقَالَ رَبِّ إِنَّ ابْنِي مِنْ أَهْلِي وَإِنَّ وَعْدَكَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنْتَ أَحْكَمُ الْحَاكِمِينَ - 11:45

And Noah called to his Lord and said, "My Lord, indeed my son is of my family; and indeed, Your promise is true; and You are the most just of judges!"

So after this Allah reprimanded his prophet and informed him that his son was not truly from his family and that he

قَالَ يَا نُوحُ إِنَّهُ لَيْسَ مِنْ أَهْلِكَ ۖ إِنَّهُ عَمَلٌ غَيْرُ صَالِحٍ ۖ فَلَا تَسْأَلْنِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ ۖ إِنِّي أَعْطُكَ أَنْ تَكُونَ مِنَ الْجَاهِلِينَ - 11:46

He said, "O Noah, indeed he is not of your family; indeed, he is [one whose] work was other than righteous, so don't ask me about that which you have no

knowledge. Indeed, I advise you, so that you may not be from amongst the ignorant."

So Noah, the obedient and grateful servant of Allah responded to Allah in supplication saying:

قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَسْأَلَكَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِهِ عِلْمٌ وَإِلَّا تَغْفِرْ لِي وَتَرْحَمْنِي أَكُنَ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ - 11:47

[Noah] said, "My Lord, I seek refuge in You from asking that of which I have no knowledge. And unless You forgive me and have mercy upon me, I will be among the losers."

May Allah make us from the righteous worshippers of him alone, and make us from the true and believing Muslims like our great prophets Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad...

Second khutbah

Brothers and sisters in Islam, today we're speaking about one of Allah's great prophets and messengers-Noah. As Muslims we are blessed by Allah to have a book of pure, preserved and clear revelation that conveys to us these great true and authentic stories of the great believers and Muslims of old. We are also blessed to follow a book that has been preserved, unchanged and unaltered since the time of its revelation. A book that praises, respects and honors all of Allah's prophets and messengers. One of the important pillars of faith for a Muslim is that he must believe in, respect, love and honor all of Allah's prophets and messengers...Starting from Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Soloman, Jacob, Jesus and the last Prophet, the prophet Muhammad...We know that the story of Noah has been mentioned in other holy books, but we are certain that the narrative that is mentioned in those books have been changed and altered and it speaks about the prophet Noah in a negative way. So feel honored dearly beloved believers to be of those who follow a clear, pure and preserved revelation from Allah...

So after the earth was completely covered with water and all of the creatures upon the earth were destroyed...humans, animals, birds and insects....and the only people who remained were those who boarded the ark with Noah, Allah ordered the sky to refrain from sending down rain and the earth to swallow up all of its water... and life would return to how it once was before people started to worship other than Allah. So the ark was sailing and sailing until it reached mount judy....as Allah says:

وَقِيلَ يَا أَرْضُ ابْلَعِي مَاءَكِ وَيَا سَمَاءُ أَفْلِعِي وَغِيضَ الْمَاءِ وَقُضِيَ الْأَمْرُ وَاسْتَوَتْ عَلَى الْجُودِيِّ وَقِيلَ بُعْدًا لِلْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ - 11:44

And it was said, "O earth, swallow your water, and O sky, withhold [your rain]." And the water subsided, and the matter was accomplished, and the ship came to rest on the [mountain of] Judiyy. And it was said, "Away with the wrongdoing people."

So once the ark stopped on the top of the mountain and the water receded...then Noah and those who were with him came out of the boat and populated the earth once again...So once again the earth was populated with only believers and worshippers of Allah at that time.

So this was the story of our great prophet Noah, the great prophet who invited his people to worship Allah alone for over 950 years....the great prophet who was building an ark in the middle of the desert and was being mocked and ridiculed by his people.....so what can we benefit from this beautiful story of patience, perseverance, sacrifice, obedience, and dependence upon Allah, and believing in his promises?

The first benefit: All humans are related and connected through Adam who was the father of all of humanity, then we are related and connected through Noah. Some are obedient servants of Allah and others are not. Some choose to submit to Allah and others do not...righteousness and obedience to Allah has no relationship to ethnicity, race, color or nationality....Don't think that because you are from a certain race or lineage that you are better than others...righteousness is determined by beliefs, actions and speech.

Second benefit: The one who is inviting people to worship Allah alone must be patient with those who he is inviting, and start with the most important issues first..knowledge of Allah, his rights over us, worshipping him alone, abandoning things that are worshipped other than Allah.

Third benefit: Prophet Noah was a righteous, grateful and obedient servant of Allah, not how the Old Testament or Bible described him. The Muslim believes 100% in the pure, unaltered revelation of Allah contained in the Quran and Sunnah. Not the narratives in the previous revelations that have been changed and altered.

Fourth benefit: Making idols, sculptures, images and pictures of people may lead someone to glorifying them and may eventually lead them to worshipping them besides Allah. Like we see many people worshipping the cross, graves with sculptures on them, the buddah statue, and other things that people believe in and think that they benefit them besides Allah.

Nowadays, people are worshipping different types of idols...an idol can be anything that you love, honor, glorify and give precedence to over Allah and his messenger and his commandments...some people worship money....they try to earn money in anyway, through lying, stealing, riba, conniving...disobeying Allah's commandments...some people worship fame, status and having hundreds and thousands of followers on social media...they will do anything and say anything to get more and more followers even if it is in disobedience to Allah...some will sit naked in front of their computers or cell phones for hours, some will broadcast themselves speaking about issues they have no knowledge about, in politics, religion, or any other issues, all to get followers and likes...Even now in America there have been places of worship where they openly worship Satan and Lucifer, they sacrifice little kids and animals and drink their blood and eat their feces, worshipping Satan and the images of Satan...Some worship the cross, or the cow, or the statue of Buddah...All of these things are things that are glorified and worshipped other than Allah.

Fifth benefit: the followers of the prophets and the righteous are few, while the stubborn, misguided, naïve and ignorant are many.

Sixth benefit: the righteous practicing Muslim will always be mocked at, ridiculed and laughed at...but this should not discourage one from being a proud, visible, confident Muslim...solely because we know the fate of those who mock and make fun of the righteous, as Allah told us in the Quran:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أَجْرَمُوا كَانُوا مِنَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يَضْحَكُونَ - وَإِذَا مَرُّوا بِهِمْ يَتَغَامَرُونَ - 83:3
وَإِذَا انْقَلَبُوا إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِمْ انْقَلَبُوا فَكِهِينَ - وَإِذَا رَأَوْهُمْ قَالُوا إِنَّ هَٰؤُلَاءِ لَضَالُّونَ - وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ حَافِظِينَ -
فَالْيَوْمَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنَ الْكُفَّارِ يَضْحَكُونَ - عَلَىٰ الْأَرَائِكِ يَنْظُرُونَ - هَلْ تُؤِيبُ الْكُفَّارُ مَا كَانُوا يَفْعَلُونَ -

“Indeed those who committed evil deeds and rejected the worship of Allah used to laugh at those who used to believe in Allah and worship him. And when they passed by the believers, they would ridicule them and mock them. And when they returned to their people and followers they would make jokes about the believers. And when they used to see the believers they would say: ‘Indeed those people are truly lost and misguided. But the rejecters and disbelievers were not sent as guardians over the believers. So today, on the day of resurrection the believers will be laughing at those who denied and disbelieved. They will be sitting on beautifully adorned couches in the paradise, observing the disbelievers in the hellfire because of their denial...”

So if you're experiencing discrimination, racism or evil comments directed towards you because of your faith, because of your hijab, because of your beard or thowb at the hands of the disbelievers...just be reminded that they can ridicule us in this life, make things difficult for us in this life, but those who don't submit themselves to Allah will find that that result of their disbelief will be far more humiliating for them in the hereafter, than the humiliation that they tried to direct towards the believers. Keep building, keep developing, keep progressing and moving forward, don't worry yourself with those who mock you, try to shoot you down, try to surround you with negativity, keep yourself obedient to Allah, imitating the

prophet Muhammad and don't let the dogs barking cease you from bettering yourself, your family and your community.

Seventh benefit: Believing in the oneness of Allah is the belief and creed of all of Allah's prophets and messengers...Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, Jesus, Muhammad and the rest of Allah's 124,000 prophets that he sent to mankind.

Eighth benefit: Guidance is from Allah and not inherited. Don't think that because you are righteous that your children will follow in your footsteps. Of course, that's what we all hope, but our children may reject our advices, or deny our reminders to be obedient to Allah...However, it is upon the parent, the educator, the guardian to constantly advise them and remind them to follow Allah's commandments and make constant supplication to Allah for them while putting one's trust in Allah to guide them and make them righteous. Also disobedience to the parents can lead one to being disobedient to Allah and eventually lead to one's destruction and loss.

Ninth benefit: No one can save themselves from Allah's punishment, if Allah decrees it for them. No matter how much money you have, how many followers you have, how much fame you have..the only thing that can save you after the mercy and forgiveness of Allah is righteous beliefs, actions and statements in accordance with the Quran and Sunnah.

Tenth benefit: When Allah finds a people who are ungrateful, stubborn, ignorant and do not want to worship him alone, he may choose to remove those people from the face of the earth and replace them with those who love him, honor him and his commandments and single him out in worship.

So be from amongst those who are grateful, patient and preserving in times of hardship like our great prophet and messenger Noah...

إن الله وملائكته يصلون على النبي....