

## Surah Maryam (سورة مريم) – Ayat 78 to 80

### Ayah 78 – (أَطَّلَعَ الْغَيْبَ أَمْ آتَّخَذَ عِنْدَ الرَّحْمَنِ عَهْدًا) (Has he known the unseen or has he taken a covenant from the Most Gracious (Allâh)?)

- (أَطَّلَعَ الْغَيْبَ) (Has he known the unseen): notice from ayat 77 to 80 the most repeated word is (قال) – it's just talk with no action. The one who's busy talking is not being productive. He's denying Allah's ayat and deceiving himself. Paradise is mentioned in the Quran, though he's denying the Quran, but at the same time he says he'll enter paradise –totally contradicting himself, subhan Allah. It's like someone who says 'Allah loves me' but he doesn't believe in Allah (swt), subhan Allah. You will find anyone who disbelieves telling you something different every time, but the believer believes in one thing.
- This is Allah's answer to those who are denying and deceiving themselves, this is in order to extract the doubt. Allah (swt) is saying 'have you seen the unseen?' Paradise is unseen, so have you already seen paradise? No. That's why we can't judge because we don't know the future.
- (أَمْ آتَّخَذَ عِنْدَ الرَّحْمَنِ عَهْدًا) (or has he taken a covenant from the Most Gracious (Allâh)?): or do you have a guarantee from Ar Rahman that you're going to paradise? No. Look at the ones who were given glad tidings of paradise, they are promised paradise, but did this make them sit and stop acting? No, they were still fearful and doing good deeds. They have a guarantee but they didn't rely on it, subhan Allah. Notice that Allah (swt) replied to the doubts with questions – have you seen the unseen, do you have a covenant that you're going to paradise? – What does Allah (swt) then reply?

### Ayah 79 – (كَلَّا سَنَكْتُبُ مَا يَقُولُ وَنَمُدُّ لَهُ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ مَدًّا) (Nay! We shall record what he says, and We shall increase his torment (in the Hell);)

- (كَلَّا سَنَكْتُبُ مَا يَقُولُ) (Nay! We shall record what he says,): no, it's not what they claim. Their denial and pride made them disbelieve. Anyone who disbelieves in Allah (swt), then you can expect anything after that because they have committed the greatest thing which is disbelief. There is no boundary to what they will say and that's why in Islam it stretches to guard the tongue. The more you believe, the more you will be cautious about your tongue. When your tongue is good, then your heart is good. Allah (swt) through the angels will write what he has said. We need to believe that from the time of being accountable every word we say is being recorded until we die. And it's the angels who are recording it, it's not some recorder that can break down, subhan Allah. **Surah Qaf 18** (مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ) (Not a word does he (or she) utter, but there is a watcher by him ready (to record it).). Does Allah (swt) need this writing? No, it's for us to show us on the Day of Judgement these are angels who have witnessed and recorded all that you have said, may Allah (swt) forgive us. Ameen.
- (وَنَمُدُّ لَهُ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ مَدًّا) (and We shall increase his torment (in the Hell);): this is his recompense and he will go from one torment to another in the hereafter. May Allah (swt) protect us. Ameen. Why is there increment in the torment? Because of the increase in misguidance and this is the justice of Allah (swt) because it's all recorded. It's like getting a speeding ticket and when it flashes it's you who's pictured, not the driver or spouse. When a person sins for the first time, he feels fearful and

guilty, but when he doesn't repent and stop himself, then the more he sins, the less feelings he has, so the more he will do. Someone says why does someone remain in the hellfire forever? Because Allah (swt) knows he will remain on this path forever. Similarly for the believer, why are they in paradise forever though there were on this duniya temporarily? Because Allah (swt) knows if they lived forever they would remain on the same path. That's why it's a mercy that our test is not forever. May Allah (swt) grant us paradise and protect us from the hellfire. Ameen.

**Ayah 80 – (وَنَرِثُهُ ۖ مَا يَقُولُ وَيَأْتِينَا فَرْدًا) (And We shall inherit from him (at his death) all that he talks of (i.e. wealth and children which We have bestowed upon him in this world), and he shall come to Us alone)**

- (وَنَرِثُهُ ۖ مَا يَقُولُ) (And We shall inherit from him (at his death) all that he talks of (i.e. wealth and children which We have bestowed upon him in this world)): Allah (swt) will inherit all that this person talked about – from money, children, etc. But for the believer, (الباقيات الصالحات) – his righteous good deeds remain to support him, but how will the disbeliever come?
- (وَيَأْتِينَا فَرْدًا) (and he shall come to Us alone): he will come alone, but the believer will come with (الباقيات الصالحات) and when the believers enter paradise, they will enter in groups. Even at the time of death, the angels come one after the other to the believer consoling him to not be sad or fearful because he will have something better.
- So the third doubt was about denial and deception, and to do the opposite is to believe in ayat Allah (swt).

*May Allah (swt) not make us have any doubts. Ameen.*