

## Life Rules from the Quran (قواعد ربانية من القرآن) – Class #22

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### Rule #32: Surah Al Hajj 47: (وَلَنْ يُخْلِفَ اللَّهُ وَعْدَهُ) (And Allâh fails not His Promise)

Surah Al Hajj 45-47:

فَكَأَيِّن مِّن قَرْيَةٍ أَهْلَكْنَاهَا وَهِيَ ظَالِمَةٌ فِيهَا خَاوِيَةٌ عَلَى عُرُوشِهَا وَبِئْسَ مُعْتَلَّةً وَفَصْرٍ مَّشِيدٍ (٤٥) أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَتَكُونَ لَهُمْ قُلُوبٌ يَعْقِلُونَ بِهَا أَوْ آذَانٌ يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا فَإِنَّهَا لَا تَعْمَى الْأَبْصَارُ وَلَكِن تَعْمَى الْقُلُوبُ الَّتِي فِي الصُّدُورِ (٤٦) وَيَسْتَعْجِلُونَكَ بِالْعَذَابِ وَلَنْ يُخْلِفَ اللَّهُ وَعْدَهُ وَإِنَّ يَوْمًا عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ كَأَلْفِ سَنَةٍ مِّمَّا تَعُدُّونَ (٤٧)

And many a township did We destroy while it was given to wrong-doing, so that it lies in ruins (up to this day), and (many) a deserted well and lofty castle! (45) Have they not travelled through the land, and have they hearts wherewith to understand and ears wherewith to hear? Verily, it is not the eyes that grow blind, but it is the hearts which are in the breasts that grow blind. (46) And they ask you to hasten on the torment! And Allâh fails not His Promise. And verily, a day with your Lord is as a thousand years of what you reckon. (47)

- This ayah came after the people belied their messengers so Allah (ﷻ) destroyed them. The towns were silent and this is a lesson for the disbelievers of Quraish to see what happened to the past nations. The disbelievers said if the Prophet (ﷺ) is truthful then the punishment would come, so they're asking for the punishment to be hastened. Victory will come to the believers, but everything takes time and means.
- The promises of Allah (ﷻ) are not absolute but connected to some mean, for example, whoever has taqwa Allah then Allah will make a way out for him.
- We need to believe Allah (ﷻ) will fulfill His promise, sooner or later. Sometimes we're taking the means such as making dua but still we don't see the response, we need to believe Allah (ﷻ) will fulfill His promise and He will respond.

1. This rule is based on faith and can be applied all the time.
2. As we come closer to the Day of Judgement, more incidents and changes happen around us. For example, ten years was quieter in changes than now. As if it's a farewell from the world, subhan Allah. And with these quick changes it can make people doubt the Promises of Allah (ﷻ), astghfar Allah. People might think what's happening is random and outside of Allah's way, astaghfar Allah. As we come close to the fitna of the Dajjal, we will go through different trials of religion, wealth, knowledge and authority. When we're inside a fitna, most of those with knowledge and the scholars are aware they're in a fitna, but the majority of people will not realize they're inside a fitna until they come out of it, subhan Allah. Though what's important is to know it's a fitna while it's happening and not after because that's like knowing the answer after taking the exam.
3. This rule is a warning to the disbelievers who deny or mock the deen to know whatever Allah (ﷻ) has promised for the believers and whatever He's promised the disbelievers will happen.

4. This rule gives certainty and rest in the hearts of the believers. For example, make dua to Allah and He will respond to you, you believe this even if you don't see the result yet.
5. The promises of Allah (ﷻ) are linked to means. If you take these means then Allah (ﷻ) will fulfill His promise. So you don't need to have any doubts in Allah's actions, but you need to worry about your actions. If a person is not taking the mean which Allah (ﷻ) has mentioned so where will the fulfillment of the promise come from? Subhan Allah.
6. When a person is attached to the duniya then it becomes a reason for his weak certainty in Allah's promises. This person only wants tangible. The reason for this weakness in Allah's promises is lack of knowledge and being heedless of the akhira. Surah Ar Room 6-7:  
وَعَدَ اللَّهُ لَا يُخْلِفُ اللَّهُ وَعْدَهُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ (٦) يَعْلَمُونَ ظَاهِرًا مِّنَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ عَنِ الْآخِرَةِ هُمْ غَافِلُونَ (٧)  
(It is) a Promise of Allâh, and Allâh fails not in His Promise, but most of men know not. (6) They know only the outside appearance of the life of the world (i.e. the matters of their livelihood, like irrigating or sowing or reaping, etc.), and they are heedless of the Hereafter. (7)
7. People of the duniya are weakest in belief in Allah's promises. People of the akhira are strongest in belief in Allah's promises.
8. When you believe then don't be hasty in Allah's promises. If you're taking the means of making dua or the means for victory then be certain Allah (ﷻ) will fulfill His promise, sooner or later.
9. It's not up to us to suggest a time when the promise needs to be fulfilled, astaghfar Allah. This is misbehaving with Allah (ﷻ), our job is to believe and take the means.
10. Sometimes a person goes through a phase of hastiness such as saying 'when is the victory?' after going through so much difficulties and pressure, then the promise is fulfilled. A believer believes in Allah's promises, though he could end up losing it when he reaches the bottleneck moment, but he shouldn't lose it because the relief will come soon. Surah Al Baqarah 214: حَتَّى يَقُولَ الرَّسُولُ وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا ( ) (مَعَهُ مَتَى نَصْرُ اللَّهِ أَلَا إِنَّ نَصْرَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ) (They were afflicted with severe poverty and ailments and were so shaken that even the Messenger and those who believed along with him said, "When (will come) the Help of Allâh?" Yes! Certainly, the Help of Allâh is near!)
11. The promise of Allah (ﷻ) is true while the promise of the shaitan is false.

**May Allah (ﷻ) keep us firm in the belief of Allah's promises. Ameen.**