

Life Rules from the Quran (قواعد ربانية من القرآن) – Class #23

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Rule #33: Surah Al Qasas 77: (وَأَبْتَغِ فِيهَا مَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ وَلَا تَنْسَ نَصِيبَكَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا) (But seek, with that (wealth) which Allâh has bestowed on you, the home of the Hereafter, and forget not your portion of lawful enjoyment in this world,)

Surah Al Qasas 76-77:

إِنَّ قُرُونًا مِّن قَوْمِ مُوسَىٰ فَبَغَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ وَآتَيْنَاهُم مِّنَ الْكُنُوزِ مَا إِنَّ مَفَاتِحَهُ لَتَنُوتُوا بِالْعِصْبَةِ أُولَى الْقُوَّةِ إِذْ قَالَ لَهُ قَوْمُهُ لَا تَفْرَحْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفَرِحِينَ (٧٦) وَأَبْتَغِ فِيهَا مَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ وَلَا تَنْسَ نَصِيبَكَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَأَحْسِن كَمَا أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ وَلَا تَبْغِ الْفَسَادَ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْهِدِينَ (٧٧)

Verily, Qârûn (Korah) was of Mûsâ's people, but he behaved arrogantly towards them. And We gave him of the treasures, that of which the keys would have been a burden to a body of strong men. Remember when his people said to him: "Do not exult (with riches, being ungrateful to Allâh). Verily Allâh likes not those who exult (with riches, being ungrateful to Allâh). (76) But seek, with that (wealth) which Allâh has bestowed on you, the home of the Hereafter, and forget not your portion of lawful enjoyment in this world, and do good as Allâh has been good to you, and seek not mischief in the land. Verily, Allâh likes not the Mufsidûn (those who commit great crimes and sins, oppressors, tyrants, mischief-makers, corrupters). (77)

This rule appears in the ayah about Qaroon who is imbalanced because of his pride and joy for what he has. When someone is proud and rejoices for what he has then he needs to be brought down. How? To seek the akhira with everything Allah (ﷻ) has given him.

1. This is a Quranic principle which calls for balance in deen and duniya. Alhamdulillah the religion of Islam calls for balance in everything, balance in eating, balance in drinking, balance in relationships, balance in wealth, etc.
2. This rule solves shortages and faults in our lives. We are asking Allah (ﷻ) to guide us to the Straight Path.
3. This rule is a great measure in how we deal with wealth. We need to be balanced in everything, for example in relationships, we shouldn't be detached and not too attached either, and what will give us this balance? When we use everything we have for the akhira including our emotions.
4. We will be asked about our wealth on the Day of Judgment:
 - How was it earned
 - What was it spent on
5. Four instructions:

- Seek the akhira with everything Allah (ﷻ) has given you. Use your husband, children, wealth, and emotions for the akhira. What causes imbalance? When we use it for ourselves. Our home is in paradise, not here so we need to use everything we have in this life to go to the akhira.
- We shouldn't neglect ourselves either that we don't eat, drink, spend on ourselves, etc. A third should be for eating, a third for drink, a third for air, etc.
- Be good to others as Allah (ﷻ) has been good to you. When you enrich a child with love and care then he will be balanced and he will give. However if a child is not enriched with love and care then he will be imbalanced and he will be miserly. Look at how much Allah (ﷻ) has been good to us, look at how He has given us Ramadan, we should be good to others as Allah (ﷻ) has been good to us, this makes us productive. It needs to be a circle. When we're doing things for the duniya then we'll be imbalanced, when we find ourselves shouting and upset then it's because we're imbalanced.
- Don't seek mischief in the land. Don't do ihsan if you're going to follow it with corruption by reminding others of your favor. Why do we have problems? Because we're imbalanced so it's important to follow these four instructions. Despite people having different faults and sicknesses, when we follow these four instructions then there's harmony in society as well.

May Allah (ﷻ) help us apply these instructions. Ameen.