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سورة الحجرات



Indeed, We are sufficient for you against the mockers



إِنَّا كَفِينَاكَ الْمُسْتَهْزِئِينَ

Allah gives the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم console and then the solution. The firmness that the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم was commanded to show when delivering the message, made the mockers surface, those who made jokes to make the matter lighter. This made the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم sad, so Allah tells him that He is enough for these mockers, He will deal with them. Don't give any importance to someone who mocks you and makes fun of you when you are following the truth. You cannot stop them, but you must be sure that they cannot harm you, because Allah will handle them.

We find these people in life, criticizing and mocking you. Their only harm is their tongue. You cannot avoid it, just as you cannot avoid the heat of the sun in the summer. But Allah is Sufficient for you.

The deen must be taken seriously, not lightly. The disbelievers opposes the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم

يَا يَحْيَىٰ خُذِ الْكِتَابَ بِقُوَّةٍ

[Allah] said, "O John, take the Scripture with determination

سورة مريم
19:12

إِنَّ شَانِكَ هُوَ الْأَبْتَرُ
Indeed, your enemy is the one cut off.
سورة الكوثر
108:3

وسلم, by mocking at him, laughing and joking, throwing stones, insulting him. Some of them even cursed him and his family. But whoever tortured the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم met with a terrible end.

Mockery is a characteristic of the hypocrites. On the Day of Judgement, Allah will mock at them. They will be

given water, a light, and then it will be taken away from them. They will be shown Jannah, and then thrown into the hellfire. Their mockery in dunya is evil. All the actions of Allah are perfect, so His mockery is also perfect. When

يَا أَيُّهَا الرَّسُولُ بَلِّغْ مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ وَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلْ فَمَا يَلْبِغْ رِسَالَتَهُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْصِمُكَ مِنَ النَّاسِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْكَافِرِينَ

O Messenger, announce that which has been revealed to you from your Lord, and if you do not, then you have not conveyed His message. And Allah will protect you from the people. Indeed, Allah does not guide the disbelieving people.

سورة ألمائدة
5:67

you hear them making fun of you, leave them, don't bother with them.

Allah protected the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم from all harm, from their evil plots. They were waiting for the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم to be lenient with them, they were watching him, so Allah tells him to deliver the message firmly.

وَإِذَا لَقُوا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قَالُوا آمَنَّا وَإِذَا خَلَوْا إِلَىٰ شِيَاطِينِهِمْ قَالُوا إِنَّا مَعَكُمْ إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُسْتَهْزِئُونَ

And when they meet those who believe, they say, "We believe"; but when they are alone with their evil ones, they say, "Indeed, we are with you; we were only mockers."

اللَّهُ يَسْتَهْزِئُ بِهِمْ وَيَمْدَهُمْ فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ [But] Allah mocks them and prolongs them in their transgression [while] they wander blindly.

سورة البقرة
2:14-15

Who make [equal] with Allah another deity. But they are going to know.



الَّذِينَ يَجْعَلُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ

These people who were insulting the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, were the ones who making shirk with Allah. But this didn't affect Allah. They are insulting Allah by ascribing partners to Him. This is also a

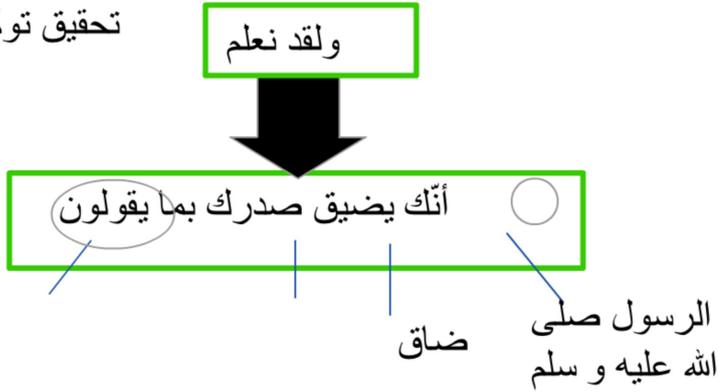
consolation for the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم. These mushrikeen will find out the evil consequences of their actions soon enough. If you dwell on their behaviour, you will not be able to move forward. When the time is right, Allah will deal with them, and show them the truth. So don't bother yourself with them.

And We already know that your breast is constrained by what they say.

وَلَقَدْ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ يَضِيقُ صَدْرُكَ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ ﴿٩٧﴾

When you follow the commands of Allah, one by one, you are protected. When you are going through a problem, you want someone to know and sympathize with you. So Allah says even if no one else knows, Allah knows what you are going through.

تحقيق توكيد



Allah knows that His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم is feeling tightness in his chest because of the words of the disbelievers. When your chest is tight, you cannot focus on worship, you don't even want to interact with people. This is why Musa عليه السلام made du'a to Allah to make his chest vast, when he was commanded by Allah to go to Firawn. He knew he wouldn't be able to speak to Firawn if his chest was so tight.

قَالَ رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي
[Moses] said, "My Lord,
expand for me my breast [with
assurance]
سورة طه
20:25

Words can wound deeply, cutting into your heart, you can't brush them off, they

constrict your chest, making you cry, not letting you do anything constructive. The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم was human, and was affected by the words of the disbelievers.

A'ishah رضي الله عنها narrated that she asked the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم :
هَلْ أَتَىٰ عَلَيْكَ يَوْمٌ كَانَ أَشَدَّ مِنْ يَوْمِ أُحُدٍ

Have you encountered a day harder than the battle of Uhud?

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said :
لَقَدْ لَقِيتُ مِنْ قَوْمِكَ مَا لَقِيتُ مَا كَانَ أَشَدَّ مَا لَقِيتُ مِنْهُمْ يَوْمَ الْعَقَبَةِ إِذْ عَرَضْتُ نَفْسِي عَلَىٰ ابْنِ عَبْدِ يَالِيلِ بْنِ عَبْدِ كَالِيلِ، فَلَمْ يُجِيبْنِي إِلَّا مَا أَرَدْتُ

Your tribes have troubled very much, and the worst was the day of Aqaba when I presented myself to Ibn Abd Yalail ibn Abd Kulal and he did not respond to what I intended.

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(Part of a longer hadith)

We cannot ever imagine what our beloved Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم went through in his intense struggle to convey the truth to us, with the insults and mockery and physical torture, the Year of Grief, in which both his pillars of support, his uncle Abu Talib, and His wife Khadijah رضي الله عنها passed away, his journey to Taif in his quest to search for a safe place for the believers, where he was ridiculed and stoned by the children, and countless other such incidents. The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم stated the incident of Ta'if as the worst, even more than the Battle of Uhud, when the believers disobeyed his commands, and this resulted in so many of the Sahabah being martyred.

All these tribulations were much more than what the other messengers faced with the nations which were destroyed; they reached their maximum in corruption, and were annihilated. The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم had to live with his opposers, until his death. This is why his position is the highest among all the others. Allah is Able to destroy them, but He gives them time.

So exalt [Allah] with praise of your Lord and be of those who prostrate [to Him]

فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَكُنْ مِنَ السَّاجِدِينَ ﴿٩٨﴾

What is the solution? Tasbeeh! Until you die. This is the eternal protection. It will make your chest vast, bringing peace and tranquility. Increase in the remembrance of Allah, particularly with tasbeeh and hamd. Negate all faults and imperfections from Allah, while praising Him. The word تسبيح comes from the verb سَبَّحَ, to swim. The one doing tasbeeh is like a swimmer, moving continuously. Just as the swimmer cleaves the water away to move forward, the one doing tasbeeh pushes the negativity away with the praises of Allah. Change all the negativity around you into positivity with tasbeeh.

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ

The one who has stronger belief will face more trials, so that he can be elevated. How will you deal with these trails? Swim forward, push away the hurtful words and insults, they can make you drown. Take a deep breath, expand your chest, push away and move forward. This is a struggle.

Everything is good, even if you perceive it as bad. Don't let your feet touch the ground, glide forward smoothly, don't stop, or you will sink. The planets move continuously and smoothly in orbit, making tasbeeh. What is your fuel to move forward? Praise your Rabb. This is nurturing. Your Rabb is Praiseworthy in His nurturing. All the decree is nurturing.

Don't remain alone, you need support; be among those who make sujood. Submit to the decree and command of Allah, like the angels, and whoever submits like the angels. The angels obey Allah unquestioningly, and submit completely to His will.

And worship your Lord until there comes to you the certainty (death).

Worship Allah in every moment and situation in life. Worship can be actions of the heart, tongue, limbs. You will be nurtured if you worship Allah. Keep doing this until you die; this is certainty. This is protection specifically for the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, and generally for the believers. الحجر is from your own actions.

The first and the last ayah of the Surah are connected. What is the biggest means for protection and firmness until death? The Qura'an. It makes you focus.

Allah protects the Qura'an, so be among the companions of the Qura'an.

فسبح بحمد ربك ١

وكن من الساجدين ٢

ملائكة

واعبد ربك حتى يأتيك اليقين الموت ٣

وَأَعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ ٩٩

القرآن أعظم وسائل حفظ العبد والثبات على العبادة حتى الموت

تم بحمد الله