

## Surah Saad (سورة ص) – Ayat 17 to 20

Ayah 17 – اصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا يَقُولُونَ وَاذْكُرْ عَبْدَنَا دَاوُودَ ذَا الْأَيْدِ إِنَّهُ أَوَّابٌ

Be patient (O Muhammad ﷺ) of what they say, and remember Our slave Dawud (David), ended with power. Verily, he was ever oft-returning in all matters and in repentance (toward Allah).

- The human being is an expert in justifying himself, but the Quran will remind us to return back to Allah (ﷻ). The Quran is Kalam Allah (ﷻ), and it doesn't go according to our desires, so it's our best friend.
- When a person sins and returns back to Allah (ﷻ), then his position is better than before because he's returning back as a humble slave before Allah (ﷻ). Unlike the one who justifies himself and says everyone is bad and they're good, this is false pride and rejection of the truth.
- Anyone taking the way of the truth then he should expect falsehood attacking the truth. A person is peacefully telling the truth but for the people of falsehood they want them to stop him. How do they try to stop it? By harming the person, whether it's verbal or physical harm until the person of truth quits. The harm that's done is by accusing and criticizing Allah (ﷻ), the angels, the messengers, the creation, even a person's family and friends. What is the Prophet (ﷺ) supposed to do?
- (اصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا يَقُولُونَ): be patient on what they're saying. Notice it didn't mention 'doing' but 'saying' because the effect of words are longer-lasting. And no matter what they say, it won't change the truth. The only harm they're causing is harm to themselves. What helps for patience?
- (وَاذْكُرْ عَبْدَنَا دَاوُودَ ذَا الْأَيْدِ إِنَّهُ أَوَّابٌ): remember the story of Allah's slave – Dawud (عليه السلام). He was known for his worship and he defeated Jalut. He would fast alternate days and he would pray in the middle night with sleep before and after. People would also come to Dawud (عليه السلام) to judge between them.
- Allah (ﷻ) is praising Dawud (عليه السلام) by calling him 'Our slave' and he's described as (ذَا الْأَيْدِ) – one who is strong in worship. He is strong physically and strong in the heart. Sometimes we want to worship, but we don't have the energy for it. May Allah (ﷻ) strengthen us. Ameen.
- Dawud (عليه السلام) is also (أَوَّابٌ) – he's oft-returning to Allah (ﷻ). A person does a mistake and realizes it was wrong, so he returns back to Allah (ﷻ). No matter how obedient a person may be, his strength is to return back to Allah (ﷻ). If a person truly returns back to Him then He will give him support. What support did Allah (ﷻ) give Dawud (عليه السلام)?

Ayah 18 – إِنَّا سَخَّرْنَا الْجِبَالَ مَعَهُ يُسَبِّحْنَ بِالْعِشِيِّ وَالْإِشْرَاقِ

Verily, We made the mountains to glorify Our Praises with him [Dawud (David)] in the 'Ashi and Ishraq.

- He subjected the mountains and birds for him, subhan Allah. What do the mountains do with him? They glorify with him at night and after sunrise.
- Dawud (عليه السلام) was known to have a beautiful voice which would even attract the mountains and birds to glorify with him, subhan Allah. Imagine the sound of a human, mountains and birds, what a beautiful harmony.
- The Zaboor, which is the book given to Dawud (عليه السلام) is full of glorification.

Ayah 19 – وَالطَّيْرَ مَحْشُورَةً كُلٌّ لَهُ أَوَّابٌ

And (so did) the birds assembled: all with him [Dawud (David)] did turn (to Allah i.e. glorified His Praises).

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- Also the birds will assemble together and glorify with him. The sound of the disbelievers is discord and too much arguing, and instead of listening to that, listen to the Quran, listen to the birds, listen to the waves. When a person goes to nature, he feels good because it's their sound of glorification.
- When a person is always returning to Allah (ﷻ), then He will subject the creation for him.
- (كُلُّ لَّهُ أَوَّابٌ): All of the mountains and birds return to Dawud (عليه السلام). This means they will repeat what Dawud (عليه السلام) is saying but in their own way, subhan Allah.

**آيَة 20 – وَشَدَدْنَا مُلْكَهُ وَأَتَيْنَاهُ الْحِكْمَةَ وَفَصَّلَ الْخِطَابِ**

We made his kingdom strong and gave him Al-Hikmah (Prophethood, etc.) and sound judgement in speech and decision.

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- Despite Dawud (عليه السلام) worshipping and glorifying, his kingdom was still strong. There's no gap in his kingdom meaning there are rules, legislations, decisions – the system is set in place. Imagine a lady just praying and fasting but she neglects her home, what will happen? Each one in the house will take charge instead of her.
- How does Allah (ﷻ) strengthen a kingdom? By giving him different means of knowledge, experience, numbers, strength, and armies. A person can have a system but it can fail. Only Allah (ﷻ) can make a dominion firm and strong and that's by worshipping Him and returning back to Him. What else did Allah (ﷻ) give him?
- (وَآتَيْنَاهُ الْحِكْمَةَ وَفَصَّلَ الْخِطَابِ): Allah (ﷻ) also made him 'gap free'. He gave him wisdom. Whoever returns back to Allah (ﷻ) then surely he will be given wisdom. What else was he given? (وَفَصَّلَ الْخِطَابِ): from the speech of people, he can distinguish who's right and who's wrong. May Allah (ﷻ) grant us these qualities. Ameen.

*May Allah (ﷻ) make us among those who always return back to Him. Ameen.*