

Surah Saad (سورة ص) – Ayat 21 to 22

وَهَلْ أَتَاكَ نَبَأُ الْخَصْمِ إِذْ تَسَوَّرُوا الْمِحْرَابَ – Ayah 21

And has the news of the litigants reached you? When they climbed over the wall into (his) Mihrab (a praying place or a private room,).

- Has the news come to you O Mohammed (ﷺ) of the conflict of two brothers who were in an urgent need to have their matter resolved. Anyone who's in an urgent need will be blind, he will not see any 'doors' or 'windows'; he will not have manners.
- Dawud (عليه السلام) was worshipping in his mihrab, which is a private prayer place. He closed the door to his mihrab so that he could focus on his worship. Though these two climbed over the wall into his place of worship. A person is supposed to enter homes from its proper doors. They exceeded their boundaries so they could have their matter settled between them.
- It's not appropriate behavior to jump over the walls but they were in desperate situation since they were two brothers who wanted the truth. Allah (ﷻ) also gave Dawud (عليه السلام) the responsibility to judge between people. This test came in a time when he was busy with worship.

Benefits:

- Enter the homes from their proper doors
- Dawud (عليه السلام) was worshipping alone or he had to judge between people. To judge between people is greater than worshipping alone. Any worship which benefits others is greater than to worship alone.

إِذْ دَخَلُوا عَلَى دَاوُودَ فَفَزِعَ مِنْهُمْ قَالُوا لَا تَخَفْ خَصْمَانِ بَغَى بَعْضُنَا عَلَى بَعْضٍ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا تُشْطِطْ وَاهْدِنَا إِلَى سَوَاءِ الصِّرَاطِ – Ayah 22

When they entered in upon Dawud (David), he was terrified of them, they said: "Fear not! (We are) two litigants, one of whom has wronged the other, therefore judge between us with truth, and treat us not with injustice, and guide us to the Right Way.

- They entered upon Dawud (عليه السلام) and naturally he was terrified of them since his mihrab was closed. He didn't expect anyone to enter his mihrab. From this we learn we should not frighten others, especially when the other party is not expecting it.
- They didn't have an intention to frighten to him so they told him 'do not fear'. A person's behavior changes when he's afraid of something causing him to be restless and imbalanced. We don't want to be a means to cause fear to others. May Allah (ﷻ) protect us from hypocrisy. Ameen. From the qualities of the hypocrites is to cause fear and insecurity. May Allah (ﷻ) make us a means to bring peace and security. Ameen.
- (خَصْمَانِ بَغَى بَعْضُنَا عَلَى بَعْضٍ): they said we have wronged one another.
- Here they exceeded the boundaries with Dawud (عليه السلام) indirectly by saying 'judge between us in truth'. Dawud (عليه السلام) will surely judge between them in truth, but it's improper to say something like this. They climbed the walls and are talking like this all for themselves. They even said (وَلَا تُشْطِطْ) 'don't be unfair and don't incline to one of us'. They further said, 'we want to be guided the right way'.
- Despite exceeding the boundaries with Dawud (عليه السلام), their motive was good in order to have justice between them. Their motive is not to harm.

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