

# سورة المؤمنون

## The Believers

### A Visionary Journey to Al-Firdaus Al-A'la

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The flashpoint was that they wanted a messenger who was extraordinary. But the test is that the messenger will be an ordinary human being, eating and drinking like them, and they still must follow them.

Now the chiefs bring the fear factor in the situation, saying its very risky to

follow the messenger, and if they followed a human like them, they would be the losers.

To believe that the messengers were sent by Allah was a challenge, because the people could see that they were normal humans. Only the believers followed them. It is a natural human instinct to follow someone who has an extra angle; to bring the message of Allah is a great privilege and honour, but the people looked at things from the dunya perspective. So the chiefs told their people that they would regret it if they obeyed the messengers. The real regret will be on the Day of Judgement, for those who didn't follow the messengers, that is the real loss. To have a manual is not enough, we need someone to demonstrate to us how to apply the concepts practically.

The believer is focused completely on what Allah commands; he is moderate, full of feelings, he eats and drinks, lives his life, while focusing on his goal. His eyes are trained on Al-Firdaus.

The disbeliever is completely out of focus. He is being advised to believe in Allah, and worship Him alone, but instead of giving this a thought, he is trying to making the messenger, and he doubts the resurrection. This distracts them.

The believer focuses in the message, while the disbeliever will focus on petty details. The believer will not gauge the message according to whom the messenger is, so they will take everything that the messenger brings. But the disbeliever wants to reject the message, so they bring different points of contention. So they say how can we be brought back to life when we are dust and bones. They look at it as impossible and unimportant, they have a very narrow outlook. They estimate the ability of the Creator by their logic. The One who created can surely recreate. The believer will not rationalize the ability of Allah.

The disbelievers look at the Day of Judgement as a very far-fetched notion. They don't want to complicate their lives, so they take it in a matter of fact manner, that they will live and die. They didn't want to admit that there is accountability, so they manipulate the minds of people, explaining away the concept of the Day of Judgement as illogical. This makes their disbelief easier to accept, and they don't want to change their ways. So they plant the question in the minds of people : is he saying the truth when what he says is so illogical? Is he really a messenger when he's so ordinary?

The right questions give clarity and make you focus and set goals and priorities, while the wrong ones will create more confusion and a blurry vision.

The messenger responded when all hope of their betterment was lost, invoking Allah against the disbelievers. He says ربي, focusing on his own nurturing. The growth and reform is with faith. The messenger makes du'a, not for himself, not to prove himself right. The messengers directed all their feelings towards Allah. They did not care what the people thought or said about them. The messenger asked for victory against their denials of the truth. Allah assured him that in a short time, the disbelievers would regret their behaviour and blame themselves for their predicament.

Even if victory comes after 100 years, it is still a short time, because the hardship is temporary. When the early

وَلَنْ أَطَعْتُمْ بَشَرًا مِّثْلَكُمْ إِنَّكُمْ إِذَا  
لَخَاسِرُونَ

And if you should obey a man like yourselves, indeed, you would then be losers. أَيْعِدْكُمْ أَنْكُمْ إِذَا مِنْكُمْ وَكُنْتُمْ تُرَابًا وَعِظَامًا أَنْكُمْ مَخْرُجُونَ

Does he promise you that when you have died and become dust and bones that you will be brought forth [once more]?

هَيْهَاتَ هَيْهَاتَ لِمَا تُوعَدُونَ  
How far, how far, is that which you are promised  
إِنْ هِيَ إِلَّا حَيَاتُنَا الدُّنْيَا نَمُوتُ وَنَحْيَا وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمَبْعُوثِينَ

Life is not but our worldly life - we die and live, but we will not be resurrected

23:34-37

Muslims faced torture at the hands of the Quraysh, they asked the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم when the relief would come, at which he reprimanded them and said that the believers in the times before them lived and suffered for many years with patience and forbearance. The belief is belief, unaffected by praise or dispraise.

Allah dealt with them for their rejection of the mission of the messenger. What was the end of their belying? They were destroyed with one single shriek from Jibreel. Their destruction was according to their actions. One single shout, then a gale force wind, and their whole town was destroyed. They heard the shout and became like the foam of the sea.

Generations upon generations passed.....