



Quranic & Prophetic Nurturing Program

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Introduction

Surah Al Baqarah 20: (يَكَادُ الْبَرْقُ يَخْطَفُ أَبْصَارَهُمْ كُلَّمَا أَضَاءَ لَهُمْ مَشَوْا فِيهِ وَإِذَا أَظْلَمَ عَلَيْهِمْ قَامُوا وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَذَهَبَ بِسَمْعِهِمْ وَأَبْصَارِهِمْ ؕ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ) (The lightning almost snatches away their sight, whenever it flashes for them, they walk therein, and when darkness covers them, they stand still. And if Allah willed, He could have taken away their hearing and their sight. Certainly, Allah has power over all things.)

- In Surah Al Baqarah, Allah (ﷻ) describes the hypocrites of the times when they walk or stand still. When ayat or decrees take place which are in line with what they want then they will 'walk' but when it's against them, they stand still and do not want walk.

Ayah 50

أَفِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ أَمْ ارْتَابُوا أَمْ يَخَافُونَ أَن يَحِيفَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَرَسُولُهُ ؕ بَلْ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ

Is there a disease in their hearts? Or do they doubt or fear lest Allah and His Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) should wrong them in judgement. Nay, it is they themselves who are the Zalimun (polytheists, hypocrites and wrong-doers).

- The hypocrites are the worst type of liars and they are in the lowest level of the hellfire. What is the reason for their hypocrisy and why do attract what's bad from speech, actions and beliefs?

1. (أَفِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ) (Is there a disease in their hearts?): is there a sickness in their heart? This is referring to the sickness of desires (مرض الشهوة). When we're sick, our senses change. For example, someone who's sick will feel it's extra cold or will not be able to taste properly. A person cannot ask someone who's sick 'does this food taste good?'. Surely he will not give a right answer, and similarly is the one with a sickness in his heart. Sicknesses of the heart are more severe than sicknesses of the body. An example of a sickness in the heart is jealousy where the person will feel everyone is against him. A sickness in the heart will affect all others parts of the body, so this person loves to hear what's sick, see what's sick, and do what's sick, astaghfar Allah. If he's plotting, he thinks everyone is plotting and if he's jealous, he thinks everyone is jealous.

He will see things only according to how he sees it, and the one who's sick doesn't want to take his 'medicine'. So how will that medicine come? If he's arrogant then someone will come and put him down. He doesn't see this is his 'medicine' from Allah (ﷻ). If he's jealous then his medicine will come in the form of others praising the one whom he's jealous. The hypocrites don't like to face their sicknesses nor do they like to face themselves. When a person detects a sickness in his heart then its important to repent and seek forgiveness from Allah (ﷻ).

2. (أَمْ اِرْتَابُوا) (**Or do they doubt**): or they're doubtful so they don't clarify their doubts. This is similar to Iblis who didn't clarify the doubts he had unlike the angels. The hypocrites feel if they were to ask then 'what will others think?'. This is sickness of doubts (مرض الشبهة).
 3. (أَمْ يَخَافُونَ أَنْ يَحِيفَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ وَرَسُولَهُ) (**or fear lest Allah and His Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) should wrong them in judgement.**): or they think bad of Allah (ﷻ). And they especially think bad of Allah's judgement, justice and decree. This type of thinking leads to hypocrisy. They're afraid of being treated unfairly in the future and this leads a person to change his face with others. When a person thinks like this then he will attract it and see it happening to him because he's setting himself up for it. A person should think good of Allah (ﷻ) in order to overcome this sickness.
- (بَلْ أَوْلَانِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ) (**Nay, it is they themselves who are the Zalimun (polytheists, hypocrites and wrong-doers).**): Allah (ﷻ) says surely they're the wrongdoers; they're the ones drowning in their wrong. We find much insight in this ayah of what are the steps to hypocrisy. May Allah (ﷻ) protect us from hypocrisy. Ameen. Next we will see the description of the believer.

Ayah 51

إِنَّمَا كَانَ قَوْلَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذَا دُعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَهُمْ أَنْ يَقُولُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

The only saying of the faithful believers, when they are called to Allah (His Words, the Qur'an) and His Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم), to judge between them, is that they say: "We hear and we obey." And such are the successful (who will live forever in Paradise).

- The description of the believer is easy while hypocrisy and lying are difficult and complicated. It takes up too much energy in order to lie.



- (إِنَّمَا كَانَ قَوْلَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ) **(The only saying of the faithful believers,)**: when do the believers speak?
- (إِذَا دُعُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَهُمْ) **(when they are called to Allah (His Words, the Qur'an) and His Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم), to judge between them,)**: when they're called by the Quran and Sunnah to settle a matter. When there's conflict and confusion, then they will speak. Unlike the hypocrites who are speaking about their hearts without being asked. What will the believers say, regardless of whether the truth is for or against them?
- (أَنْ يَقُولُوا سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا) **(is that they say: "We hear and we obey.")**: we hear and we obey. When the hypocrite is in a desperate situation, he will not say, 'we listen and obey' rather he will turn away.
- (وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ) **(And such are the successful (who will live forever in Paradise).)**: verily they are the successful ones.

How do we apply what we learned and change for the better?

- Seek forgiveness from Allah (ﷻ) for any sickness
- Clarify any doubts
- Accept Allah's decree

May Allah (ﷻ) make us among the successful ones. Ameen.