



Quranic & Prophetic Nurturing Program

Spring of the Heart: Surah Al Furqan (سورة الفرقان) – Class 12

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Introduction

- Our furqan is to make dua in every situation otherwise Allah (ﷻ) will not care for us. We need furqan when we're dealing with people because people are different. Ibad Ar Rahman seem like they're perfect as humans because they are so peaceful and deal with others gently but people can idolize them, subhan Allah. And this is a problem, they do not accept people to idolize them.
- People idolize angels, Eisa (عليه السلام) and Mohammed (ﷺ) but they do not want to be idolized not do they want people who follow their desires to follow them; they want muttaqeen. They make dua to Allah (ﷻ) saying: **(وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا) (And those who say: "Our Lord! Bestow on us from our wives and our offspring the comfort of our eyes, and make us leaders of the Muttaqun")**.
- Surah Al Furqan is not about analyzing the people but our reaction to different types of people. It tells us what can be said and what can't be said, which questions to consider and which questions to not consider, and what to ask Allah (ﷻ) and what not to ask Him, subhan Allah.
- In ayah 16, Allah (ﷻ) tells us to ask Him about paradise. We might think, 'how can we ask Allah (ﷻ) to fulfill His promise to us?', but He says ask, subhan Allah.
- When the ignorant people, not the bad people, speak to Ibad Ar Rahman, they say 'salam' to them; they speak to them without hurting the hearts of others, not even a scratch.
- In the upcoming ayat, it speaks of those who follow and idolize the good creation but this good creation didn't tell others to idolize them. The people idolized are angels, Eisa (عليه السلام), Uzair, Mohammed (ﷺ) and righteous people. They are not gods, but they are normal people. That's why Allah (ﷻ) mentions they eat food and walk in the markets.
- When the messengers are sent, there are those who put them down and say, 'how come they eat and go to the markets?'. And there are those who see the good people as so perfect and kind so people commit shirk and idolize them. Allah (ﷻ) says in one statement that they eat and go the markets and it is an answer to those who idolize others that they are only creations.

- A person cannot be responsible for the sins of others, if people commit shirk by invoking angels or messengers then a person is not responsible for them but makes dua to make his followers muttqaen just as Ibad Ar Rahman. And on the Day of Judgement Allah (ﷻ) will ask those who were followed, 'why did people follow you?'. Then they will answer.

Ayah 17

وَيَوْمَ يُحْشِرُهُمْ وَمَا يَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَيَقُولُ أَأَنْتُمْ أَضَلَلْتُمْ عِبَادِي هَؤُلَاءِ أَمْ هُمْ ضَلُّوا السَّبِيلَ

And on the Day when He will gather them together and that which they worship besides Allah [idols, angels, pious men, saints] . He will say: "Was it you who misled these My slaves or did they (themselves) stray from the (Right) Path?"

| Word | Meaning |
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| وَيَوْمَ يُحْشِرُهُمْ | and the Day He will gather them |
| وَمَا يَعْبُدُونَ | and what they worship |
| مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ | from below Allah |
| فَيَقُولُ أَأَنْتُمْ أَضَلَلْتُمْ | so He will say, 'did you misguide |
| عِبَادِي هَؤُلَاءِ | these slaves of Mine |
| أَمْ هُمْ ضَلُّوا السَّبِيلَ | or did they mislead the way |

- (وَيَوْمَ يُحْشِرُهُمْ وَمَا يَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ) (And on the Day when He will gather them together and that which they worship besides Allah [idols, angels, pious men, saints].): on the Day of Judgement, Allah (ﷻ) will gather the followers and those who were idolized because it's about shirk and the hearts. We cannot tell if someone fears Allah (ﷻ), loves Him, puts His trust in Him or commits shirk with Him, unless it's something that comes out. One of the objectives of the Day of Judgement is to clarify all the hidden mysteries.



- (فَيَقُولُ) (He will say): Allah (ﷻ) will ask the truthful ones first (those being worshiped) before those who were idolizing them. These teaches us those above are asked first. He will ask:
- (أَأَنْتُمْ أَضَلَلْتُمْ عِبَادِي هَؤُلَاءِ أَمْ هُمْ ضَلُّوا السَّبِيلَ) ("Was it you who misled these My slaves or did they (themselves) stray from the (Right) Path?"): Allah (ﷻ) is teaching us furqan in how to ask though Allah (ﷻ) is All-Knowing. He knows they are tested with people who idolize them. Notice Allah (ﷻ) poses it as a question and not as a direct statement and two options are presented to them to make it clear.
- Allah (ﷻ) will ask them, 'did you mislead My slaves?' referring to those who worshipped others besides Him. Notice how Allah (ﷻ) called them 'My slaves' because the judgement has still not come down upon them. This teaches us we cannot give titles to others without a ruling first.
- The other option is 'or did they mislead themselves?', 'did they choose this path for themselves?'. Furqan is not about judging people or giving titles to them. In Surah Furqan the word (سيلا) – way – is mentioned many times. We need to know our way in order to have furqan.

Ayah 18

قَالُوا سُبْحَانَكَ مَا كَانَ يَنْبَغِي لَنَا أَنْ نَتَّخِذَ مِنْ دُونِكَ مِنْ أَوْلِيَاءَ وَلَكِنْ مَتَّعْتَهُمْ وَأَبَاءَهُمْ حَتَّى نَسُوا الذِّكْرَ وَكَانُوا قَوْمًا بُورًا

They will say: "Glorified be You! It was not for us to take any Auliya' (Protectors, Helpers) besides You, but You gave them and their fathers comfort till they forgot the warning, and became a lost people (doomed to total loss).

Word

Meaning

قَالُوا سُبْحَانَكَ

they said, 'Glory be to You'

مَا كَانَ يَنْبَغِي لَنَا

it is not for us

أَنْ نَتَّخِذَ مِنْ دُونِكَ

to take from below you

مِنْ أَوْلِيَاءَ

from awliya

وَلَكِنْ مَتَّعْتَهُمْ وَآبَاءَهُمْ but You made them to enjoy and their forefathers

حَتَّىٰ نَسُوا الذِّكْرَ until they forgot

وَكَانُوا قَوْمًا بُورًا and became a ruined people

- Ibad Ar Rahman can be a trial for people, either people put them down or others idolize them subhan Allah.
- (قَالُوا سُبْحَانَكَ) (They will say: "Glorified be You!): Allah (ﷻ) will ask them because to be worshipped is His right and no one else. They will first say (سُبْحَانَكَ) – Glory be to You. It's important for us to do tasbeeh because this will keep us going. How many times have we stopped in our life because we're just watching others and not ourselves. Everything does tasbeeh but those idolizing get stuck with the fitna of the people. Furqan is not about who's right or wrong but to make tasbeeh and move on. What else do they say?
- (مَا كَانَ يَنْبَغِي لَنَا أَنْ نَتَّخِذَ مِنْ دُونِكَ مِنْ أَوْلِيَاءَ) (It was not for us to take any Auliya' (Protectors, Helpers) besides You,): they say, 'it's not for us to take awliya besides You' and their statement shows furqan because they say about themselves that we don't accept to do shirk ourselves, so how can we accept others to take us as idols and commit shirk? Subhan Allah. Notice how they don't accuse others of committing shirk. They don't speak about the actions of people, but about their actions, and this shows their utmost respect to Allah (ﷻ). What else do they say?
- (وَلَكِنْ مَتَّعْتَهُمْ وَآبَاءَهُمْ حَتَّىٰ نَسُوا الذِّكْرَ وَكَانُوا قَوْمًا بُورًا) (but You gave them and their fathers comfort till they forgot the warning, and became a lost people (doomed to total loss).): what makes people to commit shirk? When they forget the reminders. What causes someone to forget the reminders? Enjoying the duniya. And Who made them enjoy the duniya? Allah (ﷻ). They understand the sequence of what leads to shirk and the actions of Allah (ﷻ). Allah (ﷻ) made them enjoy their life, but their indulgence in the duniya made them distracted from remembering Allah (ﷻ) so they became heedless. And their heedlessness led them to commit shirk.
- Allah (ﷻ) brought many reminders to them but they enjoyed the duniya. They indulged in the duniya until they became a ruined people.



- If someone says, 'you're enjoying life, you're eating, drinking, shopping', we need to have furqan and know the measure – is it reminding us of Allah (ﷻ) or not? What makes a person to go to shirk and idolize others? When they forget the remembrance as a result of the duniya. And notice they didn't speak of these matters until the Day of Judgement so they had so much patience in the duniya.

How can we change ourselves for the better?

- Make dua to Allah (ﷻ) in this life
- Ask Allah (ﷻ) to be protected from shirk: We seek refuge with Allah to associate with Him while we know and seek His forgiveness while we do not know.
- Do not judge others and leave the judgement to Allah (ﷻ)

May Allah (ﷻ) protect us from the hellfire and shirk. Ameen.