

سورة الفرقان

The Criterion

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This ayah makes a division between the two parts of the Surah. Allah can make barriers and merge anything by His decree and power and commands, and we are compelled to obey.

The decree has stages,

starting from knowledge and ending with application.

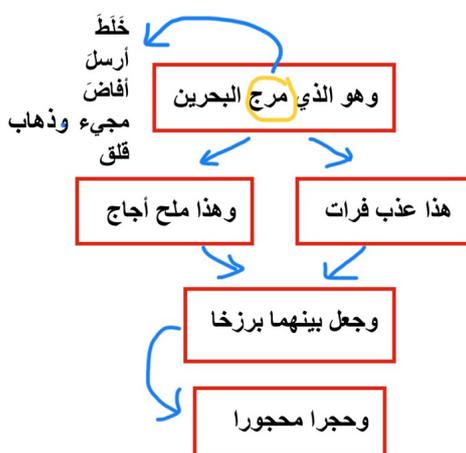
- ✦ العلم : *knowledge* - Allah knows what will happen.
- ✦ الكتابة : *writing* - Allah records it in the Preserved Tablets.
- ✦ المشيئة : *will* - Allah wills it to happen.
- ✦ الخلق : *creation* - Allah will create the means for it to happen.

The Qadr goes through stages before it comes from علم to خلق, it is a process. It is not random, it is very precise. It is perfect, whether in the bigger picture or in a specific way. It doesn't come from knowledge to implementation straight away. All the decrees are written in the Preserved Tablets, in the most minute and finest details. The will of Allah is the stage of our decision making. Whatever He wills will happen. Then Allah will create the means for the decree to occur.

The minimum action required from us is *sabr*, الصبر على الأقدار . We must be grateful to Allah, that He has made the best plans for us. He has already made the boundaries. So the decree comes, and you do the exact action recorded in the Preserved Tablets, Allah has made the decision for you. But whatever is related to the legislation is your choice, you need to decide. Whoever follows the legislation is rewarded. The rules are already in place, even your decision is recorded in the Preserved Tablets. All this is protection for you. Belief in the Qadr is something essential and very important.

Allah sends the signs, so that the people will remember, but the majority of the people will not take the nurturing and remember. The signs of Allah make the division between those who remember - sweet water, and those who don't - salty water. The reactions of the believers and the disbelievers are distinct.

Think of yourself before knowledge, you didn't know right and wrong. Then Allah brought the situations, and it was your turn to decide. Your decisions come after the signs, which give you the criterion, and all of this cannot be without nurturing. Then you need to decide whether to take the truth or the falsehood.



Strive with the ayaat of the Qura'an, this will help you stay within the boundaries, otherwise you will exceed them. You will be mixed with the people, and Allah will show you your reality. The two seas will meet, and this is also nurturing. There has to be differences between you and others, and there must be *sabr*. One is salty, and the other is sweet, so extra protection is needed.

Both waters have different benefits. The two seas are mentioned in Surah Ar-Rahman in a different way, working together as a team, despite their differences, so the برزخ is enough. This teamwork will result in them bringing forth pearls and coral.

وَهُوَ الَّذِي مَرَجَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ هَذَا عَذْبٌ
فَرَاتٌ وَهَذَا مِلْحٌ أَجَاجٌ وَجَعَلَ
بَيْنَهُمَا بَرْزَخًا وَحِجْرًا مَحْجُورًا

And it is He who has released [simultaneously] the two seas, one fresh and sweet and one salty and bitter, and He placed between them a barrier and prohibiting partition
25:53

مَرَجَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ يَلْتَقِيَانِ
He released the two seas,
meeting [side by side]
بَيْنَهُمَا بَرْزَخٌ لَا يَبْغِيَانِ
Between them is a barrier [so]
neither of them transgresses
فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ
So which of the favors of your
Lord would you deny?
يَخْرُجُ مِنْهُمَا اللُّؤْلُؤُ وَالْمَرْجَانُ
From both of them emerge pearl
and coral
سورة الرحمن
55:19-22

In Surah Al-Furqan, the two kinds of seas are mentioned as a way of survival in spite of their differences. The meeting of two diverse natures needs

barriers and sabr. One person is so sweet, everyone loves him, the other is harsh and unemotional. You can't remain separate, you have to mix together. This is the challenge. You have to overcome your sensitivity and reactions. Sweet and salty water are both needed. In one family, you will find all kinds of characters. The sweet water is flowing, and the salty can be bitter. The salty water is not without its benefit, it preserves the creations and the earth. Their meeting is an action of Allah, they are not on their own. In the same way, the you cannot remain secluded, this is the decree of Allah.

Opposite kinds of people can be mixed together in families, work places, even shops. The verb مَرَجَ has several meanings.

- Mixed - خَلَطَ
- Sent - أَرْسَلَ
- Flow - أَفَاضَ
- Coming and going like the tide - مَجِيءٌ وَذَهَابٌ
- Anxiety - قَلَقَ

Sometimes there is too much mixing, and this can be described in one word, قَلَقَ, anxiety. You are disturbed by all this movement and mixing. The shaitan has been described as being created from the disturbances of the fire : (55:15) - مِنْ مَّارِجٍ مِّنْ نَّارٍ . This is why he disturbs everyone.

This is the decree and you must accept it. When you eat salty food, you feel the need to eat something sweet, and when you eat sweet food, you appreciate something salty afterwards. So both tastes are needed. There can be no furqan without these movements and disturbances. This is the reality.

Water can change its shape easily and quickly, we are made of water, so we can change ourselves. Accept the differences of others, but put boundaries while applying the rules of Allah. This will help you to coexist peacefully. Acceptance is the first step. Allah made the boundaries between the two seas, without which there would be no harmony, the salty would overcome the sweet. You can't live in قَلَقَ all your life. You have to make decisions and place barriers. This will prevent overflow and merging. You must remain distinct, don't lose your characteristics.

The more you deal with opposites, the more protection you need. So the barrier must become immovable. The word حجر means stone, strong and solid like a wall. The برزخ can be compared with a rope placed to inform you that you cannot enter, and this is removable. The barrier is محجورا, placed by choice, abiding by the rules and legislations.

When there are boundaries, each is at rest, and can carry out their roles in peace.