

سورة القلم

The Pen

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The trial produces the best and the worst manners from the person. The trial for the people of the garden, أصحاب الجنة, was one of goodness. They felt they had the power to do anything because they owned the garden, so they wanted to keep all the

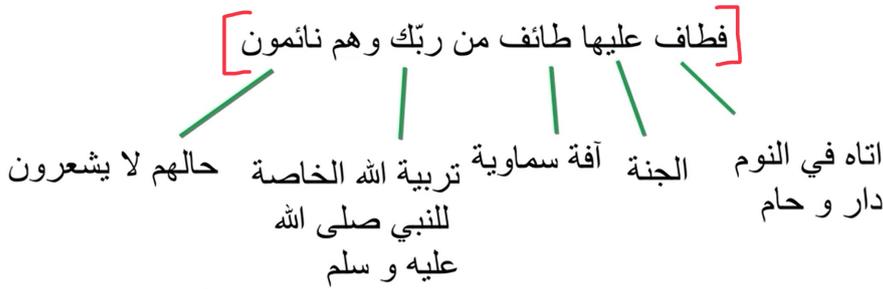
fruit for themselves. Their greed led to deprivation.

فَطَافَ عَلَيْهَا طَائِفٌ مِّن رَّبِّكَ وَهُمْ نَائِمُونَ

So there came upon the garden an affliction from your Lord while they were asleep
68:19

This was their bad intention upon which they slept. While they slept, in that

short time, everything was destroyed. Don't feel secure from the plans of Allah, to be so confident in your own power is a major sin.



The letter ف shows that it happened straight away. Their sin was in hidden in their hearts, they had not yet acted upon their intentions. This is worse than any physical actions. Allah tells us what happened step by step.

The verb طاف means to circumambulate. So while they slept, some natural calamity crossed over their garden, such as a fire, or a plague, destroying it. The name of Allah used here is Ar-Rabb, which shows that this is a special nurturing for the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Allah taught him the best characteristics, and showed him the worst, which is to have evil intentions hidden in the heart. So they slept, unknowing of what was happening.

In the morning, the destruction was complete. We are not told how it was destroyed. They had intended to harvest it in the morning, before the needy could appear, and that is what had happened, the fruit was gone. But they were not the doers. Their garden became an empty land, black and sandy.

فَأَصْبَحَتْ كَالصَّرِيمِ
And it became as though reaped
68:20



All the trees were also gone. They swore they would empty their garden of all the fruit, and that is exactly what happened.

A person can be deprived of his provision because of his sins and disobedience. The fruit was ripe, approachable, but it was all destroyed because of their sins.

Now we get a step by step account of what they did in the morning. Each step is distinguished. You must quickly repent if you sin. But they went deeper and deeper into their sins, making it worse. Allah tells us exactly what they intended to do. They slept with their evil intention, and woke up with it stronger and reinforced.

They spoke amongst themselves, and told each other what was in their hearts. They told each other to go to the garden and pluck the fruit. They were very determined, and cooperated with evil and sins.

Allah is the All-Aware. The result, the punishment, was carried out before they could carry out their evil plan. Allah knew that if they had

فَتَنَادَوْا مُصْبِحِينَ
And they called one another at morning
أَنْ أَعْدُوا عَلَيَّ حَرْثَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَارِمِينَ
[Saying] : Go early to your crop if you would cut the fruit
فَانْطَلِقُوا وَهُمْ يَتَخَفَتُونَ
So they set out, while lowering their voices
أَنْ لَا يَدْخُلْنَهَا الْيَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ مَسْكِينٌ
[Saying] : There will surely not enter it today upon you [any] poor person
وَعَدُوا عَلَى حَرْدٍ قَادِرِينَ
And they went early in determination, [assuming themselves] able
68:21-25

قول

فتنادوا مصبحين

ينادي بعضهم بعضا ليذهبوا للجنة و يصرمونها

قول

إن اغدوا على حرثكم إن كنتم صارمين

صارم قاطع لا يحيد عنه
قاسيا شديدا

غدا بكرة ما بين الفجر و طلوع الشمس

فعل

فانطلقوا وهم يتخافتون

تكلف في التناجي

اندفع مسرعا

قول

أن لا يدخلنها اليوم عليكم مسكين

يمنعون حق الله و هم قاصدين لا تمكنوا فقيرا من الدخول

قوة و شدة على منع الفقراء

فعل

و غدوا على حرد قادرين

حرد انفراد اعتزل و قصد

الحالة الشنيعة و القسوة و عدم الرحمة

been given a chance, they would have done exactly that.

They wanted to reach before sunrise, before the needy could gather.

They called their garden حرثكم, because they were so confident in their ownership. They were determined to harvest the garden.

This shows their harsh and hard hearts. They were speaking in low voices, being so secretive. They didn't want anyone else to know. But Allah knew what was in their hearts. They were really underestimating Allah.

They made their plan

and their intention very clear. They wanted to harvest the fruit before morning, so that they wouldn't have to share it with anyone else. They actually put their evil plan into words. They confirmed what they intended. This is *فتنة المال*, the trail of wealth.

They carried out their plan. They went to the garden early in the morning. They had no mercy in their hearts. They felt really powerful, that they would be able to close the gate and prevent the needy from entering. When someone feels they have the power over what they own, this is a disaster. We don't own anything, everything belongs to Allah. The end of their evil began with this feeling of being able to everything.