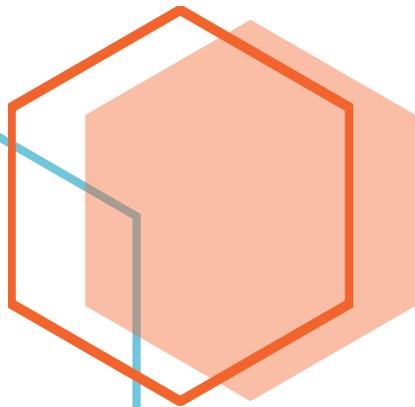




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We should never let anything to make us far away from Allah. Allah loves when we go back to him and enjoy his companionship and nearness. Allah told us the story of the companions of the cave so that we come closer to Him and this is good for us because He is the Most Rich. In the time of trial we need our connection with the Quran and the connection with the good companions. The Quran is the best refuge as no one else will accommodate us. Similarly if we find good companion then we do not need to look elsewhere. The human being gets bored with time and he wants to change because he is not satisfied with what he has and does not appreciate. He is not aware what Allah has blessed him is already the best e.g. a person who changes one place/companion to another to another will not progress because stability is needed to upgrade. Some people get bored or do not appreciate the companionships they have, but we have to realize that Allah is the one who will give us a good companion and this will keep us firm and then we will upgrade as our level will increase with time. This applies to marriage, job or even study circle. There is no perfection in life but there is upgrade and nurturing.

Ayah 29

وَقُلِ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ^{وَصَلِّ} فَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُؤْمِنْ وَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُكْفُرْ إِنَّآ
أَعْتَدْنَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ نَارًا أَحَاطَ بِهِمْ سُرَادِقُهَا وَإِنْ يَسْتَغِيثُوا يُغَاثُوا
بِمَاءٍ كَالْمُهْلِ يَشْوِي الْوُجُوهَ بِئْسَ الشَّرَابُ وَسَاءَتْ
مُرْتَفَقًا ﴿٢٩﴾

And say, "The truth is from your Lord, so whoever wills - let him believe; and whoever wills - let him disbelieve." Indeed, We have prepared for the wrongdoers a fire whose walls will surround them. And if they call for relief, they will be relieved with water like murky oil, which scalds [their] faces. Wretched is the drink, and evil is the resting place.

Allah tells the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم to say to the people that Allah is your nurturer and he will nurture you with the truth, The nurturing from Allah is telling us this is admonition from your lord who will nurture you to purify, upgrade you and protect you. The truth purifies you and upgrades you and safeguards you. The truth shows the guidance from the misguidance. It is clear what

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upgrades the person and what brings disgrace. Everything is clear from your lord. Now the choice is yours, if you want to believe it or not. There are people who believe and there are people who don't believe. There is no compulsion in religion. Everyone has a choice. Anyone who believes then let him believe and one who chooses to disbelief then that is his choice. This shows Allah gave the humans a free will. We are responsible for what we choose.

The choice is between belief and disbelief. Anyone who wants to believes then Allah will guide him to the consequence of faith i.e. righteous good deeds, good character etc. Anyone who wills to disbelief and deny then he will face the consequence of his disbelief.

The human will is connected to belief an disbelief which is in the heart. The one who believes in Allah will be secure. The People have to take the responsibility for belief and disbelief. Allah warns the disbelievers by telling them about their punishment / recompense which matches their deeds. Allah calls the disbelievers as Zalimeen as they do not put the things in the right place. These are people who disobeyed and did not care about the consequences. These people put themselves and others at harm. Allah tells in this Ayah that a fire is prepared for these people which will be surround by a wall so they cannot escape. There is no refuge from the fire. The one who chooses to disbelieve will be in locked up in the hellfire and he will not have the simplest of things e.g. water. Unlike the Companions of the Cave who did not ask for water when they woke up, but for the best food.

When the dwellers of the hellfire ask for water, they will be given molten copper/ oil in place of water. The dwellers of hellfire will drink this liquid which they received after begging for it as they are very thirsty. This molten liquid will melt their faces from its extreme heat. The most honourable place for a human is his face and the people of the hellfire will lose their faces

Their drink is evil punishment and the place is evil torment as there is no rest in the hellfire, it is complete punishment. The dwellers of hellfire will have nothing but despair and regret because the most merciful left them because of their disbelief.

In fitna deen the warning is for hellfire is mention and later on in the Surah we will study fitna of the Duniya where the warning is about the day of judgement is mentioned.

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اصْرِفْ عَنَّا عَذَابَ جَهَنَّمَ إِنَّ عَذَابَهَا

كَانَ غَرَامًا ﴿٦٥﴾

إِنَّهَا سَاءَتْ مُسْتَقَرًّا وَمُقَامًا ﴿٦٦﴾

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And those who say, "Our Lord, avert from us the punishment of Hell. Indeed, its punishment is ever adhering;

Indeed, it is evil as a settlement and residence."