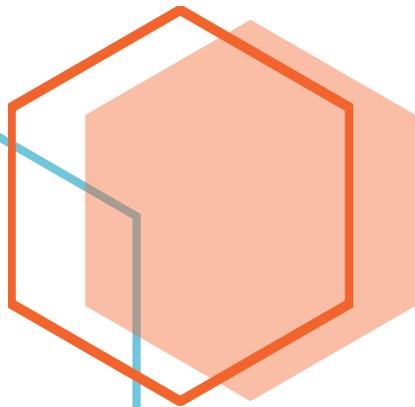




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Today we will study about the trial of the Duniya. The trial of the duniya is mentioned as an example because the situation can be repeated to anyone.

Ayah 32

وَأَضْرِبْ لَهُم مَّثَلًا رَّجُلَيْنِ جَعَلْنَا لِأَحَدِهِمَا جَنَّتَيْنِ مِنْ أَعْنَابٍ
وَحَفَفْتَهُمَا بِنَخْلٍ وَجَعَلْنَا بَيْنَهُمَا زُرْعًا

And present to them an example of two men: We granted to one of them two gardens of grapevines, and We bordered them with palm trees and placed between them [fields of] crops.

Allah tells the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم to present an example between two people. This is an example so this situation can happen to any two people in this life e.g. colleagues, spouses etc. The nurturing between 2 people is more concentrated. Here the story is about two friends and their nurturing for the religion. Even though the trial mentioned here is about the life but it effects their religion. The wordily life can deceive a person and effect one's religion.

The story mentioned here is about two companions, one is a believer and the other is not. You can find both these type of people in life. One who is grateful and the other who is not. The one who is grateful believes in Allah and does good deeds. The one who is ungrateful attributes all his success in life to himself. The one who is grateful in the story narrated has less blessings than the one who is ungrateful. Allah granted two gardens to one of the companions and the other companion does not have any garden. Allah grants blessing to check if the person is thankful or is deceived by the blessing. The wordily life is always a trial; for the person who has the blessing as well as for the person who does not have it.

In the ayah the gardens are symmetrical. They are described to have grapevines in the middle and it is surrounded by date palm trees on the side. The date palm trees protect the grapevines. Between the two garden. Is greenery and plants. This was a blessing of Allah.



Ayah 33

كَلَّمَا الْجَنَّتَيْنِ ءَأَنْتَ أَكُلَهَا وَلَمْ تَظْلِمِ مِنْهُ شَيْئًا وَفَجَّرْنَا خِلَالَهُمَا

نَهْرًا ٣٣

Each of the two gardens produced its fruit and did not fall short thereof in anything. And We caused to gush forth within them a river.

In this Ayah we are told both the gardens produced fruits from all the trees. There was no tree that did not have product. There is emphasis here on the produce from the gardens,

Further we are told In between the two gardens there is a river that provides water to the plants.

Ayah 34

وَكَانَ لَهُ ثَمْرٌ فَقَالَ لِصَاحِبِهِ وَهُوَ يُحَاوِرُهُ أَنَا أَكْثَرُ مِنْكَ مَالًا وَأَعَزُّ

نَفَرًا ٣٤

And he had fruit, so he said to his companion while he was conversing with him, "I am greater than you in wealth and mightier in [numbers of] men."

In this Ayah we are told about the start of the problem. The companion with two gardens has a lot of fruit and there is no disturbance for him. At the time of harvest the companion is deceived. Anything tangible is the glamor of the life and it can be a deception. His sickness of arrogance and pride was revealed from his utterances and actions. This companion of the gardens spoke to his believer friend and said I am greater than you in money and people . He is proud because he has money and many children and workers who help him. This pride and arrogance has no virtue because you are praising yourself for something that is not connected with you. The human being loves the money but he forgets that it is Allah who gave him the money. This is a

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perfect parable that you can apply in life and it can be applied to any companion. The trial of the worldly life can deceive anyone. The blessing of the Duniya is already shown so we do not need to talk about it to hurt people and compare ourselves with others. We need to be grateful and attribute the blessings to Allah.

The worldly life is external and is not worth anything but what is important is internal e.g. good character, good behaviour, faith etc,

اللهم لا تجعل الدنيا أكبر همنا، ولا مبلغ علمنا،
ولا تسلط علينا من لا يرحمنا.

O Allah, do not make the world our biggest concern, or the amount of our knowledge, and shed those who don't forgive us.

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اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَجْعَلِ
الدُّنْيَا أَكْبَرَ هَمِّنَا

Oh Allah, don't make this
world our biggest concern.