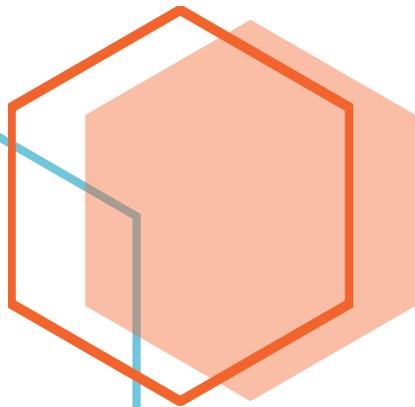




The Lit Cave from Surah Al Kahf

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We appreciate the faith in the time of trial. We appreciate the word of Allah and the hadith. It is a favour from Allah that He gave us the knowledge. Only by remembering Allah our hearts find consolation.

Ayah 35

وَدَخَلَ جَنَّتَهُ وَهُوَ ظَالِمٌ لِّنَفْسِهِ قَالَ مَا أَظُنُّ أَن تَبِيدَ هَذِهِ
أَبَدًا

And he entered his garden while he was unjust to himself. He said, "I do not think that this will perish - ever.."

We are studying the trial of the duniya which can be a big fitna and deception. The duniya is a big attraction for a person to slip. When people see their achievement and success they will be easily deceived. He forgets to thank Allah for his blessings.

We will see in Ayah 35 that the companion of the garden increases in transgression. After speaking and comparing himself to his friend, he entered in his garden. He is having a disease of feeling secure from Allah's plan. He is giving himself self security. We need to seek security from the one who owns the real security. When he sees his garden flourished and green and bearing fruit, his disease of arrogance increased and he thinks nothing bad can happen to his garden. He says that I don't think that this will perish forever. He is very content and at rest by himself.

Ayah 36

وَمَا أَظُنُّ السَّاعَةَ قَائِمَةً وَلَئِن رُّدِدْتُ إِلَىٰ رَبِّي لَأَجِدَنَّ خَيْرًا
مِّنْهَا مُنْقَلَبًا

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And I do not think the Hour will occur. And even if I should be brought back to my Lord, I will surely find better than this as a return."

In this Ayah we are told he goes to the next level by saying that he does not think the day of judgment will come. When a person is attached too much to the worldly life and he feels nothing bad will happen to him then his believe in the Akhirah will decrease.

Lastly the companion says if I will return back to my lord then Allah will give me goodness better than this garden. He feels too much over confident that since Allah gave him in this worldly life so he will also give him in the hereafter.

In reality there is no connection between the provision of the Duniya and the provision of the Hereafter. Allah gives the duniya to whomever He loves and does not love, but He only gives the deen to whomever He loves.

We need to be grateful for the blessing that Allah gave us but we should not let the Duniya enter in our hearts.

When we see anyone in affliction we must say the following supplication:

لِحَمْدِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي عَافَانِي مِمَّا ابْتَلَاكَ بِهِ، وَفَضَّلَنِي عَلَى كَثِيرٍ مِمَّنْ خَلَقَ تَفْضِيلًا

Translation

The messenger of Allah (may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: Whoever sees an afflicted person and says: "Praise be to Allah who had saved me from what He had afflicted you with, and for honouring me over many of his creations." ...He (or she) will never be afflicted by it (this particular affliction)