

Story of the People of the Garden

Verses 26-33

Questions for Reflection

- 1) Analyze the reaction of the brothers to the burnt garden. What stages do they go through?
- 2) What is the link between *Tasbeeh* and *Dhulm*?
- 3) What do these verses reveal about the concept of God that these brothers had?

Words to Notice

أَضَالُّونَ - gone astray

مَحْرُومُونَ - deprived

ظَالِمِينَ - unjust

طَاغِينَ - inordinate

رَاغِبُونَ - hopeful

Listening to Advice - موعظة

Ahadith from Imam Ali (a)

- 1) Advice gives life to the hearts.
- 2) Through advice inattention is cleared
- 3) The best gift is advice
- 4) When Allah loves someone He advises him through examples
- 5) He whose inner self is an adviser to him has been granted a protector by Allah over him.
- 6) Between you and advice there is a curtain of heedlessness

Tasbeeh

Two types of Tasbeeh

- 1) Remembrance of Allah
(Tasbeehe Zahra (a), Tasbeehate Arba')
- 2) Glorification of Allah

Prayer of Nabi Yusuf (a)

There is no god but You, glory be to You
Surely I am from the unjust (21:87)

Blaming Others

Shaytan's speech on the Day of Judgment:

I had no authority over you except that I called you and you responded to me. So don't blame me but blame yourselves.

(14:22)

One should praise only Allah and blame only his own self

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Do you blame others on assumptions, and do not blame yourselves on conviction? **Nabi Isa (a)**

Excessive blaming (and scolding) creates stubbornness.

Imam Ali (a)

Hope in Allah

Thinking good (*Husnudh dhan*) of Allah means you hope from no-one except Allah, and you fear nothing except your sins. **Imam as-Sadiq (a)**

Husnudh dhan is to make your deeds sincere and hope that Allah will forgive your mistakes. **Imam Ali (a)**

Dua of the Prophet (s) at the time of tragedy

اللَّهُمَّ أَجْرْنَا فِي مُصِيبَتِنَا وَأَبْدِلْنَا خَيْرًا مِنْهَا

O Allah, reward us for this tragedy

And grant us in its place better than it

Related Passage

Surely man is created covetous

Being greatly grieved when evil afflicts him

And grudging when good befalls him

Except those who pray . . .

(Sura al-Maarij, 70:19-22)