

# 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

أَضَالُونَ - 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

**Nahjul Balagha Sermon 16**

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)