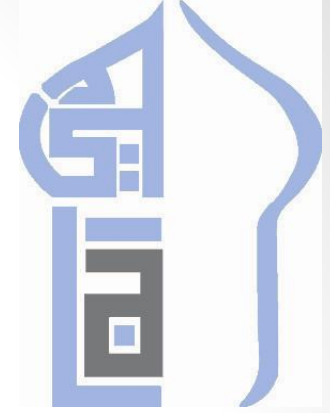


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*ALI 226: Du'as 19 and 23 Sahifa Sajjadiyyah*

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وَكَانَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ عِنْدَ الْإِسْتِسْقَاءِ بَعْدَ الْجَدْبِ

His supplication in Asking for water during a  
Drought

# Questions for Reflection

- Have you ever attended Prayers (*salat* or *Du'a*) for seeking water (*istisqaa*)?
- Do you know of an incident when someone prayed for seeking rain or water?
- Does the Holy Qur'an talk about water? If not, why has this been missed out? If yes, how often? Are aware of any *ayat* on water?
- Have you experienced drought in your life?
- Do you know of occasions where others have suffered drought?

# Some verses on water

• وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ إِذِ اسْتَسْقَاهُ قَوْمُهُ أَنِ اضْرِبْ بِعَصَاكَ الْحَجَرَ  
فَانْبَجَسَتْ مِنْهُ اثْنَا عَشْرَةَ عَيْنًا قَدْ عَلِمَ كُلُّ أُنَاسٍ مَّشْرَبَهُمْ وَظَلَّلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ  
الْغَمَامَ

- 7:160 and We revealed to Moses, when his people asked him for water, [saying], ‘Strike the rock with your staff,’ whereat twelve fountains gushed forth from it. Every tribe came to know its drinking-place. And We shaded them with clouds

• وَاللَّهُ أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَحْيَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا

- 16:65 Allah sends down water from sky with which He revives the earth after its death.

• وَأَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً طَهُورًا

- 25:48 And we send down from the sky purifying water

# ‘Water’ in the Holy Qur’an

- More than 60 times the word ‘water’ occurs in the Qur’an
- Supplication for (*istisqaa*) 2:60; 7:160
- Source of living things 16:65; 21:30; 25:48 -49; 29:63; 30:34, 48-50; 35:9; 41:39; 45:5
- Agreeable & sweet water 25:53; 35:12; 77:27
- Bitter water 35:12; 56:70; Blessed water 50:10
- Boiling water (*hameem*) 6:70; 10:4; 18:29; 22:19; 37:67; etc.
- Hot water 6:70; 10:4; 18:29; 22:19; 37:67; 38:57; etc.
- Pouring waters 54:11; Purifying water 25:48
- Revival of the earth with water 29:63; 30:24; 43:11; 50:12
- Running water 23:50; 67:30
- (Index of Subjects, Names & Terms, *The Qur’an*, tr. AQ Qarai)
- Read the article ‘Water in the Qur’an: Symbolism & Culture,’ at [www.institut.veolia.org/en/cahiers/water-symbolism/water-symbolism/](http://www.institut.veolia.org/en/cahiers/water-symbolism/water-symbolism/)

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# Sahifa Du'a 19: Passage 1

اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا الْغَيْثَ، وَأَنْشُرْ عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ بِغَيْثِكَ الْمَغْدِقِ  
مِنَ السَّحَابِ الْمُنْسَاقِ لِنَبَاتِ أَرْضِكَ الْمُؤْنِقِ فِي جَمِيعِ  
الْأَفَاقِ

O Allah, water us with rain, unfold upon us  
Your mercy through Your plentiful rain from  
the driven clouds, so that Your goodly earth  
may grow on all horizons!

# Notes on Passage 1

(From Riyad al-Salikeen, v. pp.124 onwards)

- Allah is the source of the rain & He can send it down
- Many verses in the Qur'an says that Allah sends down rain

– إِنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ عِلْمُ السَّاعَةِ وَيُنزِلُ الْغَيْثَ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْأَرْحَامِ

31:34 *Surley the knowledge of the Hour is with Allah (alone). It is He who sends down the rain and He knows what is in the wombs*

- Rain is the unfolding of Divine mercy. Hadith: Prayers are accepted when rain is falling down.
- Plentiful and abundant rain is sign of Divine mercy which come when clouds are laden and moving
- Pray for the good of the vegetation of Divine earth
- May all horizons receive the rain. Why horizon & lands?

# Sahifa Du'a 19: Passage 2

وَأَمِّنْ عَلَى عِبَادِكَ بَيْنَاعِ الثَّمَرَةِ، وَأَحْيِ بِلَادَكَ بِبُلُوغِ الزَّهْرَةِ،  
وَأَشْهَدْ مَلَائِكَتَكَ الْكِرَامَ السَّفَرَةَ بِسَقْيِ مِنْكَ نَافِعٍ، دَائِمٍ غُزْرُهُ،  
وَأَسِعِ دِرْرُهُ، وَأَبِلِ سَرِيعٍ عَاجِلٍ.

Show kindness to Your servants through the ripening of the fruit, revive Your land through the blossoming of the flowers, and let Your angels - the noble scribes - be witness to a beneficial watering from You, lasting in its abundance, plenty in its flow, heavy, quick, soon



# Notes on Passage 2

- Prayers for the benefit Allah's servants
- Allah shows His mercy to His servants. He says
- لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ
- *3:164 Allah did confer a great favour on the believers when He sent among them a messenger from among themselves*
- Ask Allah for big (rain) and small things (fruits, revive land, flowers)
- Angles to witness what? Perhaps our usage
- Beneficial watering and not harmful
- Lot of rain, quick and soon

# Sahifa Du'a 19: Passage 3

تُحْيِي بِهِ مَا قَدْ مَاتَ، وَتَرُدُّ بِهِ مَا قَدْ فَاتَ وَتُخْرِجُ بِهِ مَا  
هُوَ آتٍ، وَتُوسِّعُ بِهِ فِي الْأَقْوَاتِ، سَحَابًا مُتْرَاكِمًا هَنِيئًا  
مَرِيئًا طَبَقًا مُجَلَجَلًا، غَيْرَ مِلْثٍ وَدُقَّةٍ، وَلَا خُلْبٍ بَرَقَّةٍ.

Through which You revive what has vanished, bring forth what is coming, and provide plentiful foods, through heaped up, wholesome, productive clouds, in reverberating/ resounding layers, the rain's downpour not without cease, the lightning's flashes not without fruit!

# Notes on Passage 3

- Function of rain to review & enliven. Refer to several verses in the Holy Qur'an which points to this fact.
- Bring forward what You have planned to send
- Abundance of food for all which is wholesome
- *Kuloo min tayyibaati maa razqnaakum* (2:172) – ‘Allama Majisi in *Hilyautl Muttaqeen* says that ‘tayyibat’ = wholesome
- Clouds that are beneficial & in resounding layers
- Continuous downpour of rain
- Lightening flashes that are useful

# Sahifa Du'a 19: Passage 4

اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا غَيْثًا مُغِيثًا مَرِيحًا مُمْرَعًا عَرِيضًا وَاسِعًا غَزِيرًا،  
تَرُدُّ بِهِ النَّهِيضَ، وَتَجْبُرُ بِهِ الْمَهِيضَ.

O God, give us water through rain, helping,  
productive, fertilizing, widespread, plentiful, abundant,  
bringing back the risen, restoring the broken!

# Notes on Passage 4

- Invoking *allahumma* as asking again for rain
- Rain is one of the sources of water
- Rain that is helping, productive & fertilizing
- Rain that is widespread, plentiful & abundant
- Other functions of rain:
  - -bringing back the risen
  - -restoring the broken
- Question: Why repeat the request?
- Any difference from previous passages?