

ALI 347: Sura Shu'ara, verses 10-33

Session Two

Please have a copy of the Quran with English translation

Read and reflect on verses 14-17

What does Allah tell Nabi Musa in answer to his fears?

Agenda

- The fears of Nabi Musa (a)
- Allah's reply
- Some Points

The fears of Nabi Musa (a)

- that they will reject him and thereby reject the mission of God
- his chest becomes straitened
- his speech does not flow
- people hold him responsible for the death of the Egyptian

Allah's reply

- Reassurance: Certainly not
- Firmness: Go to Firaun with Our signs
- Support: We are with you
- Instructions;
 - i) Go to Firaun
 - ii) Introduce yourselves
 - iii) Tell him your objective

Some Points

■ Baggage from the past

Nabi Musa is afraid of his past. The people think of him as a murderer although his aim was to help the oppressed. The past has an effect on the present.

We are responsible for our past but Islam discourages from carrying baggage of the past into the present. When we carry heavy remnants of our past life in our minds it becomes a poison that infects the present and acts as an impediment to our emotional and spiritual progress.

Islam encourages us to make the most of the present. A Hadith of the Holy Prophet (s) says: *No day passes except that it calls out to the human being: I am a new day and yesterday is a witness over you.*

■ Requirements for Tabligh

1) Individual

- a) spiritual connection
- b) tolerance and a big heart
- c) good speech; fluent, reasonable, to the point

2) Social

- a) knowing society
- b) respect and good reputation

■ Support of Allah

Allah is with those who work in His way

Nabi Musa (a)

قَالَ لَا تَخَافَا إِنِّي مَعَكُمَا أَسْمَعُ وَأَرَى

He said do not fear surely I am with you [two] I hear and I see (20:46)

Nabi Nuh (a)

وَاصْنَعِ الْفُلْكَ بِأَعْيُنِنَا

and build the ark in front of our eyes (11:37)

Holy Prophet (s)

فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَيْهِ وَأَيَّدَهُ بِجُنُودٍ لَمْ تَرَوْهَا

Then Allah sent down His tranquility on him and helped with forces you could not see (9:40)

Other Points

- To reassure and calm down the fears of others is the Akhlaq of Allah. Even though Nabi Musa (a) is honored through this responsibility he is apprehensive about it and Allah allays his fears.
- God answers the request of Nabi Musa to send his brother Harun along with him. He does not mention it specifically in this passage but the sentences convey the meaning that his wish has been accepted. When someone gives a suggestion accept it if it is good and helpful, even if it was not in your own plan.
- The mission of all the Prophets was one. The word 'Messenger' is singular in this passage although two were sent. But it is to show that both brought only one mission.

Other references from Quran

The incident when Nabi Musa (a) helps a man from the Banu Israel who is fighting.

Sura Qasas, verse 15

Nabi Musa tells his people; *Certainly not, surely my Lord is with me. He will guide me.*

Sura Shu'ara, verse 62