

ALI 096: Themes from Sura al-Jumuah Session Three

Verse 2 - Questions for Tadabbur

1. What are the roles of the Holy Prophet (s) in this verse. How do these roles differ from each other.
2. Refer to verses 2:127-129. Nabi Ibrahim (a) prays for a Prophet for his people. How do the roles of that Prophet differ from the ones in the verse in Sura al Jumuah?
3. What methods did the Holy Prophet (s) use to carry out these different roles?
4. What does wisdom mean and how does it differ from knowledge?

Cross references from other verses

(1) لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَؤُوفٌ
رَّحِيمٌ

Certainly an Apostle has come to you from among yourselves; grievous to him is your falling into distress, excessively solicitous respecting you; to the believers (he is) compassionate, (9:128)

(2) لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ
وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

Certainly Allah conferred a benefit upon the believers when He raised among them an Apostle from among themselves, reciting to them His communications and purifying them, and teaching them the Book and the wisdom, although before that they were surely in manifest error (3:164)

(3) وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ آتَيْنَاهُ حُكْمًا وَعِلْمًا وَكَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ

And when he had attained his maturity, We gave him wisdom and knowledge: and thus do We reward those who do good. (12:22)

(4) يُؤْتِي الْحِكْمَةَ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُؤْتَ الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ أُوتِيَ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

He grants wisdom to whom He pleases, and whoever is granted wisdom, he indeed is given a great good and none but men of understanding mind. (2:269)

(5) رَبِّ هَبْ لِي حُكْمًا وَالْحَقِّنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ

O my Lord! bestow wisdom on me, and join me with the righteous; (26: 83)

(6) وَنَفْسٍ وَمَا سَوَّاهَا فَأَلْهَمَهَا فُجُورَهَا وَتَقْوَاهَا

قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهَا

And the soul and Him Who made it perfect, Then He inspired it to understand what is right and wrong for it; He will indeed be successful who purifies it, And he will indeed fail who corrupts it. (91:7-10)

Hadith

1. Wisdom is a tree that takes root in the heart and shows its fruits on the tongue.

Imam Ali (a)

2. The wise ones are the most noble of people, the most patient, the most quick to forgive, and the best in manners.

Imam Ali (a)

3. When a servant (of Allah) keeps his stomach hungry and guards his tongue, I teach him wisdom. If he is a disbeliever his wisdom is a proof against him and a curse. If he is a believer his wisdom is a light, a proof, a cure, and a mercy. Through it he learns what he did not know, and sees what he had not seen before. So the first thing which I show him is his faults so that he is occupied with them, rather than with the faults of others, and I show him the depths of knowledge so Shaytan is not able to affect him.

Hadith al Qudsi