

Sūrat al-Mu'min Verses 32-33

وَيَا قَوْمِ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ يَوْمَ التَّنَادِ

Q 40:32 *O my people! I fear for you a day of mutual distress calls*

يَوْمَ تُؤَلُّونَ مُدْبِرِينَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ عَاصِمٍ ۗ وَمَنْ يُضِلِلِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ هَادٍ

Q 40:33 *A day when you will turn back retreating, not having anyone to protect you from Allah, and whomever Allah leads astray has no guide.*

Questions for Reflection

- 1) What picture can you form in your mind about what might happen to these people?
- 2) How does Allah's quality of being a Guide also make Him a Protector?
- 3) Why would people not take Allah *subhānahu wata'ālā* as a Guide or Protector? Who would they turn to?

Commentary

Hizqil warns his people about the day when they will be helpless and will ask each other for assistance. The word التَّنَادِ comes from the word نَادَا meaning 'to call out'. This refers to the Day of Judgment when people will call out for help to each other. They will also call out to the angels. The people of Hell will call out to the people in Heaven. All these calls have been mentioned in the Quran.

Verse 33 describes the scene at that time of distress. When they will be brought to the punishment of Allah, they will try to turn away from it. They will flee in all directions but there will be nowhere to seek refuge. Protection comes only from Allah.

The phrase 'Whomever Allah leads astray' means those who made the choice – a free will given to them by Allah – to turn away from God have chosen to reject the guidance of Allah. Allah does not lead astray one who chooses guidance and strives for it. He gives guidance. Not taking it is misguidance. This part of the verse is also in answer to Fir'aun who claimed he wanted to guide the people.

Connecting verses

Day of Judgement;

- 1) Calling of people to read their books – Q 69:19
- 2) People of Heaven calling out to the people in Hell – Q 7:44
- 3) People in Hell calling out to the people in heaven – Q 7:50

Connecting topics

- 1) Meaning of God guides, and God leads astray

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