

سورة الاعراف

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Surat AL-A'raf (96) سورة الاعراف (2) Part (2)

Today insha Allah, we will continue Surat AL-A'raf and we will start from V. 6.

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We learned from the first five verses of this sura that: It is Allah, who creates, teaches and bestows His abundant bounties on man. This implies that man should acknowledge Allah's blessings and be grateful for it. But what happens is something different.

So this part of the sura which is starting with Verses (6) . This part deals with man's transgression from (6) ^(6/7) ~~(6/8)~~ :-

It is Allah, who gives to man in abundance and makes him independent. He also creates and teaches him and extends to him generous treatment. But men in general are not thankful for their independence which is made possible by what

(2) They are given. They don't recognize the source of this grace. which is the same as the source of their creation, Knowledge and livelihood. They transgress all limits.

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In this verse, Allah is clarifying to that unthankful, a Fundamental rule of the Islamic ideological concept, that is: all must return to Allah in every matter, though on action. He is the only resort and refuge. The good and the bad, the obedient and the sinner, the righteous and the wrong-doer, the rich and the poor, will all return to him. Even the man

thus from (V₁ → V₂), it is the message of: creation and teaching belongs to Allah alone and Him all return.

V₉ → V₁₄

This is the scene of the tyranny ^{who is trying} to suppress the call of faith and obedience to Allah.

Let him remember that:

Allah sees everything the denial of the truth, the turning away from it, as well as the forbidding of the believers from offering their prayers.

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V₁₅ → V₁₉

In these verses, Allah is clarifying the punishment which is prepared for that oppressor tyrant.

Allah is warning him that: if he will not desist, he will be dragged by the forelock. The Arabic term used for (drag) has a marked tone of violent action. The dragging is by the forelock as it is the part of the head raised high by every tyrant. It deserves to be hit violently "His lying, & in the forelock" The tyrant may think of calling

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his clan and supporters to come to his aid. Then let him call his hehmen". On the other side, Allah is claying that he will call the guards of the Hell i.e the punishment will be so powerful

In the light of this frightening destiny of the believers, the surah concluded that: The obedient servants of Allah ^{must} preserve and follow the path of faith and not to obey this tyrant who tries to stop you from offering your devotion and conveying your message. Prostrate yourself to your lord and bring yourself closer to Him through worship and obedience. As for the tyrant, leave him to the guards of Hell, who are sure will make him to have what he deserves.

Some authentic reports say the surah, with the exception of the first part, refers to "Abu-Jahl" who once passed by the Prophet while he was

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praying at the Kaaba. He turned to him and said " Mohamed, have I not ordered you to stop these practices? . He also added some warnings to the Prophet who gave him a stern reply. This was possibly the time when the Prophet seized Abu-Jahl by the collar and warned him of his impending doom.

Abu-Jahl said: Mohamed, what do you threaten me with? I am sure, I have the largest following in this valley. Hence the revelation "let him call his henchmen." Ibn Abbas, the Prophet's companion said in comment " Had he called them, the angels charged with meting out punishment, would have taken him away.

The surah, however, is general in its significance. It refers to every obedient believer calling men to follow the path of Allah and to every tyrant who forbids prayer, threatens to punish the believers,

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