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All praises are due to Allah. Anything good is from Allah and any mistakes are from ourselves and the shaitan. May Allah forgive us.



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

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INTRODUCTION

- Here we have an example of people whom the reminders and messenger came to them, but they disregarded their messenger and did not worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) – so they became blocked. And what blocked them off? Surely there is sickness in the heart, and that is by placing themselves in the wrong position.
- The messengers remind us of our position because if we forget that, then our words and actions will be off.

- The more we find someone rejecting, the more Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will elaborate, and if there is still rejection, then there is a warning.
- The problem with the people is they do not want a human messenger; they want an angel. As if a messenger is not up to their position, and this happens when a person places himself above his position.
- The messengers remind the people of Allah's position and that is our Ilah is One.

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TAFSIR AND TADDABUR

- This ayah is about the people of 'Aad, their statement and then their punishment. When a person commits a crime, he is not immediately punished, but he says what he has to say, and

then the judgement takes place. And this is what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) teaches us this in ayah.

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فَأَمَّا عَادٌ فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَقَالُوا مَنْ أَشَدُّ مِنَّا قُوَّةً أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُمْ هُوَ أَشَدُّ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةً وَكَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يَجْحَدُونَ

As for 'Aad, they were arrogant upon the earth without right and said, "Who is greater than us in strength?" Did they not consider that Allah who created them was greater than them in strength? But they were rejecting Our signs.

- The people of 'Aad exceeded their boundaries, how?
- (فَأَمَّا عَادٌ فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ) (As for 'Aad, they were arrogant upon the earth without right): they were arrogant on the earth. Arrogance is not suitable for the dwellers of the

earth, nor for the dwellers of the heavens. Only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Muttakabir (The Supreme).

ONE ATOM OF ARROGANCE WILL NOT ENTER PARADISE

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " لَا يَدْخُلُ
الْجَنَّةَ مَنْ كَانَ فِي قَلْبِهِ مِثْقَالُ ذَرَّةٍ مِنْ كِبَرٍ "

It is narrated on the authority of 'Abdullah that the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) observed: He who has in his heart the weight of a mustard seed of pride shall not enter Paradise.¹

○ And imagine they are not showing an atom, but constant arrogance in their speech and actions. Arrogance is not about wearing good clothes, but arrogance is when a person underestimates people and when he sees himself as above the truth.

¹ Sahih Muslim 91

WHAT IS ARROGANCE?

وعن عبد الله بن مسعود رضي الله عنه عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: "لا يدخل الجنة من كان في قلبه مثقال ذرة من كبر" فقال رجل "إن الرجل يحب أن يكون ثوبه حسناً ونعله حسناً؟ قال: "إن الله جميل يحب الجمال الكبر بطر الحق وغمط الناس

'Abdullah bin Mas'ud (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "He who has, in his heart, an ant's weight of arrogance will not enter Jannah." Someone said: "A man likes to wear beautiful clothes and shoes?" Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "Allah is Beautiful, He loves beauty. Arrogance means ridiculing and rejecting the Truth and despising people."²

- Their arrogance on this earth without right was due to:
 - Denying Allah's ayat

² Muslim Book 1, Hadith 612

- Rejecting and underestimating the messenger
- Oppressing others
- (وَقَالُوا مَنْ أَشَدُّ مِنَّا قُوَّةً) (and said, "Who is greater than us in strength?"): they said, "who is more intense than us in strength?". They were very confident in their strength and said it as a challenge.
- When a person is very intelligent, talented or when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has made him distinct, he will see himself as better and that no one can be like him, and this is arrogance.
- Their question is not because they want an answer. The question itself is already their answer – that it is only them.
- Someone may think the punishment would come by saying something like this, but let us

see what happens first? We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to protect us from arrogance. Ameen

○ (أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُمْ هُوَ أَشَدُّ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةً) (Did

they not consider that Allah who created them was greater than them in strength?): do they not see that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) created them. So Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) takes them back to their position. Do they not see they are created by Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)? So why are they arrogant with the talent Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has given them? Do they not see Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is greater in strength than them?

○ The elaboration of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is truth and it connects, unlike the elaboration of the disbelief which is falsehood and disconnection.

And what make them arrogant in the first place?

◉ (وَكَاْنُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يَجْحَدُوْنَ) (But they were rejecting Our

signs.): if a person does not take Allah's ayat and rejects it, then it shows ingratitude, and this will lead a person to arrogance and to say words that are out of place. We do not want to disbelieve in Allah's ayat because every ayah is mercy and nurturing.

◉ Anyone who rejects Allah's ayat will only feed his ego and he will become worse and more arrogant.

BENEFITS FROM THE AYAH

- It is important to know our position and the position of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) – Our Ilah is One.
- To respect the messengers because they are inspired by Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- To attribute all blessings to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not be impressed with ourselves.
- To accept all the ayat because it builds our connection to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

MAY ALLAH PROTECT US FROM ARROGANCE AND FROM
REJECTING HIS AYAT. AMEEN.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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