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لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

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INTRODUCTION

- When we feel shaky, we go back to gratitude.
- This final Juz of the Qur'an is not only a summary of the whole Qur'an, but also of all the lessons and nurturing.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) did not bring us in life without giving us means to believe. He grants us knowledge and tells us two final choices. We make the choice and face the good or evil consequences of our choices. No one can deny this.

SURAH AZ ZALZALAH



- The meaning of zalzalah is shaking. Even phonetically we feel it when we say the word.
- This such refers to the final shaking on the Day of Judgment.

- The word (يرى) meaning to see is the most repeated word in the surah. This surah is very visual so a lot of feelings come out with it.
- The Name of Allah Ar Rabb is mentioned.

SURAH AZ ZALZALAH 1

إِذَا زُلْزِلَتِ الْأَرْضُ زِلْزَالَهَا

When the earth is shaken with its [final] earthquake

- The verse didn't stop at the earth is shaking but the word (زُلْزَالَهَا) shows the severity of the shaking on that Day.
- Now we live there are earthquakes in certain places at certain times but not all together at once.
- When Nuh (عليه السلام) embarked on the ship there was an earthquake in sea which led to the whole world to be flooded.

- What will happen then?

SURAH AZ ZALZALAH 2

وَأَخْرَجَتِ الْأَرْضُ أَثْقَالَهَا

And the earth discharges its burdens

- The earth will take out (أَثْقَالَهَا) which is what weighed it down.
- Everything will come out from the earth from its treasures and even the dead bodies. In life people fight for treasures, but what will happen in the end? Do we focus on the treasures of this life now or focus on when we will be brought back to life?
- Sometimes we reach a 'boiling point' when all the feelings and words burst out from us.

SURAH AZ ZALZALAH 3

وَقَالَ الْإِنْسَانُ مَا لَهَا

And man says, "What is [wrong] with it?" -

- Who says this? The insan. The one who did not take guidance and belief. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) showed him but he remained in the state of heedlessness and not taking the truth in.
- When situations happen we don't look at it only from outside, but we ask ourselves 'how does it move my heart?'
- The one who did not take the truth says 'what is the issue with earth?', when in reality the greater concern is what will happen to us. The concern is us and our relation with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not about what happened.
- What will the earth do?

SURAH AZ ZALZALAH 4

يَوْمَئِذٍ تُحَدِّثُ أَخْبَارَهَا

That Day, it will report its news

- On that day the earth will talk about its news.
- News medium in this world may not include everything and can also only focus on 'exposing' news.
- Imagine the news gathered by the earth. It knows everything, through all the generations and all moments. Who was in which plot of land, who was praised in which place, who sinned, who plotted, who gathered where - the earth knows all the news from all times.
- It is also from Allah's mercy to tell us this.
- We may be heedless of our actions and when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us this fact about the earth, it brings cautiousness in us. This earth will talk about every step we took and everything we did on it.

- There are unsolved mysteries in this life now but on that Day everything will come out and there will be no secrets.

SURAH AZ ZALZALAH 5

بِأَنَّ رَبَّكَ أَوْحَىٰ لَهَا

Because your Lord has commanded it.

- This ayah did not say her Lord referring to the earth but it mentioned your Lord. This is because this is nurturing for us.
- Sometimes matters have to be subdued and shaken for things to come out. There will be an eternal life after.

SURAH AZ ZALZALAH 6

يَوْمَئِذٍ يَصْدُرُ النَّاسُ أَشْتَاتًا لِّيُرَوْا أَعْمَالَهُمْ

That Day, the people will depart separated [into categories] to be shown [the result of] their deeds.

- The people will all come out and it will look like chaos. Now in life we are still in a test and we do not know where we stand.
- On that Day, the people will be separated and this is justice of Allah.
- Each side has to see what the other side did.
- Belief cannot be the same as disbelief. Obedience cannot be the same as disobedience. Showing kindness cannot be the same as showing harshness.

SURAH AZ ZALZALAH 7, 8

7.

فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ

So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it,

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وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ

And whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it.

- The focus is not only on the bigger picture, but even everything needs to be seen - even if it is the weight of an atom.
- We may see some water on the floor and ignore it. But then we see someone else went forward and cleaned it up and this makes us more cautious to not miss out even small opportunities.
- We may tell children we will take them out or buy them something but later disregard it because we underestimate it.
- We never underestimate any good or bad and this is not because of the deed itself but because of the for Whom we are doing the deed.

- In the end we want to do everything for Him. He does not disregard anything.
- We do not know what deed will determine our path later.
- There was a lady who built a spring from Baghdad to Mecca to give water to those going for hajj. After she passed away, they saw her in a good state in their dream. They asked her what made her go to paradise and whether it was the well. She said, no, it was the two units of prayer that she prayed in the night.
- This shows us that we do not attach to deeds.
- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) opens something for us, it is not random that the feelings came to us. What matters is the choices we make in these moments.

- Those who know cannot be equal to those who do not know. This is a big favor that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes us understand His Actions.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) help us be conscious of Him.
- We do not want to live a heedless life or face 'shaking' moments to understand the way.
- 'Shaking' moments are to bring out treasures from us. From faith, tawakkul (reliance) or taqwa (piety). We take everything we face as an opportunity to bring out the best from us.

MAY ALLAH MAKE TREASURES COME OUT FROM OUR TONGUE, FEELINGS AND ACTIONS. AMEEN.

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