

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَلَدِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

In The Name Of Allah The Most Compassionate Very Merciful
All Praise Due To Allah And Peace And Blessings Be Upon His Beloved Messenger

Riyadus Saliheen – Hadeeth No. 64

The Wrath of Allah Almighty upon the Acts of Disobedience

Allah Almighty states in the Holy Quran:

إِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَبِالْمِرْصَادِ ط

Indeed, nothing is hidden from the sight of your Lord.

(Al-Fajr 89, Verse 14)

Tafseer:

{ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَبِالْمِرْصَادِ } يَرُودُ أَعْمَالُ الْعِبَادِ فَلَا يَفُوتُهُ مِنْهَا شَيْءٌ لِيُجَازِيَهُمْ عَلَيْهَا

Assuredly your Lord is ever on the watch, watching over the deeds of servants, nothing of which escapes Him, that He may then requite them for these [deeds].

(Tafseer Jalalain)

Hadeeth:

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: 'إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى يَغَارُ، وَغَيْرَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى أَنْ يَأْتِيَ الْبَرُّ مَا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ۔‘

(بخاری، کتاب النکاح، باب الغيرة، ۴۶۹/۳، حدیث: ۵۲۲۳)

Sayyiduna Abu Hurairah – may Allah be pleased with him – reported: The Messenger of Allah – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – said, “Verily, 'Allah, the Exalted, becomes angry, and His Anger is provoked when a person does what Allah has declared unlawful".

(Sahih Bukhari)

Destruction of the Nation of ‘Aad:

The punishment of Allah that descended on the nation of ‘Aad is a famously known fact. It was the result of their wrongdoings. A horrifying windstorm came and swept away this, once a powerful nation, off their feet as if they were specs. Their tall and strong structures fell flat to the ground, shattered and turned into dust and were blown away by the wind.

Let us hear the story of their destruction from the Holy Quran as follows:

وَأَمَّا عَادُ فَاهْلِكُوا بِرِيحٍ صَرْصَرٍ عَاتِيَةٍ ۖ

And as for Aad, they were destroyed by a fierce roaring windstorm.

سَخَّرَهَا عَلَيْهِمْ سَبْعَ لَيَالٍ وَثَمَنِيَةَ أَيَّامٍ ۖ حُسُومًا ۖ فَفَرَى الْقَوْمُ فِيهَا

صَرْعَى ۖ كَانَهُمْ أَعْجَازُ نَخْلٍ خَاوِيَةٍ ۚ

Which He subjected them forcefully for seven nights and eight days consecutively, then see those people in it lying down, as though they were trunks of palm-trees lying down.

فَهَلْ تَرَى لَهُمْ مِّنْ بَاقِيَةٍ ﴿٦﴾

So, do you see any survivor among them?
(Al-Haaqqah 69, Verse 6-8)

Destruction of the Nation of Thamood:

Hazrat Saleh – peace be upon him – was sent as a Prophet towards the nation of Thamood. When he invited them to embrace Islam by delivering Allah’s commands to them, those nasty people demanded him to perform a miracle that he must take out a pregnant camel from the middle of mountains which must be healthy and free from all defects.

Hence, he pointed at a rock and it instantly burst and a beautiful, tall and healthy she-camel emerged from within and she was also pregnant. She bore her infant right after coming out of it and grazed in the field with her infant.

That town had only one pond that used to fill with the spring-water from mountains around it. He told them, “Look O people, it’s a miraculous camel and one day, she will drink all the water of the pond and then you will drink from it the next day.” They accepted it and then he delivered the following Quranic speech in front of them:

يَقَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُم مِّنْ إِلَهِ غَيْرُهُ ۖ قَدْ جَاءَتْكُم بَيِّنَةٌ مِّنْ

رَبِّكُمْ ۖ هَذِهِ نَاقَةُ اللَّهِ لَكُمْ آيَةٌ فَذَرُوهَا تَأْكُلْ فِي أَرْضِ اللَّهِ

وَلَا تَمَسُّوهَا بِسُوءٍ فَيَأْخُذَكُمْ عَذَابُ الْيَمِّ ﴿٧٣﴾

'O my people! worship Allah, you have no God other than He. Undoubtedly, there has come to you bright proof from your Lord, this is a she-camel of Allah a sign for you. So, leave her, that she may eat in Allah's earth and touch her not with evil, lest a painful torment will overtake you.

(Al-A'raaf 7, Verse 73)

They were patient on the hardship for few days due to not getting water for one day, for the camel used to drink all the water of the pond, therefore, they decided to kill the camel.

Qadaar Ibn Saalif:

This man was red in complexion with brown eyes. He was of short stature and the son of an adulteress woman. He came forward to kill the camel with the consensual agreement of all the people. Hazrat Saleh – peace be upon him – kept on trying to stop him but he did not listen. He firstly cut all four legs of the camel and then slaughtered it, and then he had a dialogue with Hazrat Saleh – peace be upon him – in a very indecent way. Allah Almighty states in the Holy Quran:

فَعَقَرُوا النَّاقَةَ وَعَتَوْا عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهِمْ وَقَالُوا يُصْلِحْ ائْتِنَا بِمَا تَعِدُنَا إِنْ
كُنْتَ مِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿٧٧﴾

Then they hamstrung the she-camel and rebelled against the command of their Lord and said, 'O Saleh, 'bring upon us that which you are promising for, if you are a Messenger.
(Al-A'raaf 7, Verse 77)

The Torment of Earthquake:

Allah's punishment descended on the nation of Thamood as a fierce roar, and then there were deadly earthquakes in which the entire town was turned upside down and everything was destroyed. All the buildings were demolished and every single member of the nation of Thamood fell on their knees and died.

The Holy Quran mentioned as follows:

فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الرَّجْفَةُ فَأَصْبَحُوا فِي دَارِهِمْ جِثْمِينَ ﴿٧٨﴾

Then the earthquake took them so in the morning they lay prostrate in their homes.
(Al-A'raaf 7, Verse 78)

When Hazrat Saleh – peace be upon him – saw that the whole town has been destroyed with severe earthquakes and became a dump-yard of bricks and stones,

and the entire nation has been killed, he became very sad. He hated the nation of Thamood and their town so much that he turned his face on them and while he was leaving, he told the dead corpse the following on his way:

فَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ وَقَالَ يٰ قَوْمٍ لَقَدْ اَبْلَغْتُكُمْ رِسَالَاتِ رَبِّي وَنَصَحْتُ لَكُمْ

وَلَكِنْ لَا تُحِبُّونَ النَّصِيحَ ﴿٧٩﴾

Then Saleh turned back his face from them and said, 'O my people! Undoubtedly, I did deliver to you the messages of my Lord, and wished your good, but you do not approve the well-wishers.
(Al-A'raaf 7, Verse 79)

As a conclusion, the whole nation of Thamood was destroyed and not even one of them remained alive. No descendant of their nation exists today on the earth's surface.

(Tafseer Saawi Vol. 2, p. 688)

Lesson:

- ✓ Commitment of the acts of disobedience calls for the displeasure and Wrath of Allah.