



Session 06 · The Deniers' Dialogue



Al-A'raf 7:37-39

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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7:37

فَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ افْتَرَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَوْ كَذَّبَ بِآيَاتِهِ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ يَنَالُهُم نَصِيبُهُم مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُنَا يَتَوَفَّوْنَهُمْ قَالُوا أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ تَدْعُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ قَالُوا ضَلُّوا عَنَّا وَشَهِدُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِم أَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا كَافِرِينَ

And who is more unjust than one who invents about Allah a lie or denies His verses? Those will attain their portion of the decree until when Our messengers come to them to take them in death, they will say, "Where are those you used to invoke besides Allah?" They will say, "They have departed from us," and will bear witness against themselves that they were disbelievers.

7:38

قَالَ ادْخُلُوا فِي أُمَمٍ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِن قَبْلِكُم مِّنَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنسِ فِي النَّارِ ۚ كُلَّمَا دَخَلَتْ أُمَّةٌ لَعْنَتْ أُخْتَهَا حَتَّىٰ إِذَا ادَّارَكُوا فِيهَا جَمِيعًا قَالَتْ أُخْرَاهُمْ لِأُولِهِمْ رَبَّنَا هَٰؤُلَاءِ أَضَلُّونَا فَآتِهِمْ عَذَابًا ضِعْفًا مِّنَ النَّارِ ۚ قَالَ لِكُلِّ ضِعْفٍ وَلَكِن لَّا تَعْلَمُونَ

[Allah] will say, "Enter among nations which had passed on before you of jinn and mankind into the Fire." Every time a nation enters, it will curse its sister until, when they have all overtaken one another therein, the last of them will say about the first of them "Our Lord, these had misled us, so give them a double punishment of the Fire. He will say, "For each is double, but you do not know."

7:39

وَقَالَتْ أُولَاهُم لِأُخْرَاهُمْ فَمَا كَانَ لَكُمْ عَلَيْنَا مِن فَضْلٍ ۖ فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْسِبُونَ

And the first of them will say to the last of them, "Then you had not any favor over us, so taste the punishment for what you used to earn."

7:40

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا بآيَاتِنَا وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا عَنْهَا لَا تُفْتَحُ لَهُمْ أَبْوَابُ السَّمَاءِ وَلَا يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ حَتَّى يَلِجَ الْجَمَلُ فِي سَمِّ الْخِيَاطِ وَكَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُجْرِمِينَ

Indeed, those who deny Our verses and are arrogant toward them – the gates of Heaven will not be opened for them, nor will they enter Paradise until a camel enters into the eye of a needle. And thus do We recompense the criminals.

7:41

لَهُمْ مِنْ جَهَنَّمَ مِهَادٌ وَمِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ غَوَاشٍ^ج وَكَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الظَّالِمِينَ

They will have from Hell a bed and over them coverings [of fire]. And thus do We recompense the wrongdoers.

7:42

وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَا نَكْفِي نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ^ط هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

But those who believed and did righteous deeds – We charge no soul except [within] its capacity. Those are the companions of Paradise; they will abide therein eternally.

7:43

وَنَزَعْنَا مَا فِي صُدُورِهِمْ مِنْ غَلٍّ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهِمُ الْأَنْهَارُ^ط وَقَالُوا الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِهَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لِنَهْتَدِيَ لَوْلَا أَنْ هَدَانَا اللَّهُ لَقَدْ جَاءَتْ رَسُولٌ رَبِّنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَنُودُوا أَنْ تُلْكُمُ الْجَنَّةُ^ط أَوْرَثْتُمْوهَا بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

And We will have removed whatever is within their breasts of resentment, [while] flowing beneath them are rivers. And they will say, "Praise to Allah, who has guided us to this; and we would never have been guided if Allah had not guided us. Certainly the messengers of our Lord had come with the truth." And they will be called, "This is Paradise, which you have been made to inherit for what you used to do."

Three questions

You may pass or use a general example; sharing something personal is optional.

Q1

At death the angels ask: "Where are those you used to invoke besides Allah?" And the answer is: "They have departed from us." Leave the people in the ayah aside for a moment. What do we lean on in an ordinary week that will not be there at the end? What does leaning on Allah look like on a busy day?

Q2

In ayah 38 the followers say about their leaders: "these had misled us", and Allah answers: "For each is double." In ayah 39 the leaders tell the followers: "you had not any favor over us". In ordinary life, when is "someone else led me into it" true, and when is it a way of not owning our own choice? What makes owning our part hard, and what helps?

Q3

In the middle of the promise of Paradise, ayah 42 stops to say: "We charge no soul except [within] its capacity." The word is *wus'*, what a soul can carry. Where in your practice do you feel you can never do enough? What changes if the measure is your own capacity, and not someone else's?

Four words

ناصيتهم *naṣībuhum* their portion (7:37) · الجمّل *al-jamalu* the camel (7:40) · وسعها *wus'ahā* its capacity (7:42) · هَدَانَا *hadānā* He guided us (7:43)

One thing to carry

One thing I lean on more than I should is One grudge I would like to put down is

Room to write, during the session or after it.



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