



Session 08 · Creation, Du'a, and the Revived Earth



Al-A'raf 7:52–54

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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7:52

وَلَقَدْ جِئْتَهُمْ بِكِتَابٍ فَصَّلْنَاهُ عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ هُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ

And We had certainly brought them a Book which We detailed by knowledge – as guidance and mercy to a people who believe.

7:53

هَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا تَأْوِيلَهُ يَوْمَ يَأْتِي تَأْوِيلَهُ يَقُولُ الَّذِينَ نَسُوهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ قَدْ جَاءَتْ رُسُلُ رَبِّنَا بِالْحَقِّ فَهَلْ لَنَا مِنْ شَفْعَاءَ فَيَشْفَعُوا لَنَا أَوْ نَزِدْ فَنَعْمَلْ غَيْرَ الَّذِي كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ قَدْ خَسِرُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَضَلَّ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ

Do they await except its result? The Day its result comes those who had ignored it before will say, "The messengers of our Lord had come with the truth, so are there [now] any intercessors to intercede for us or could we be sent back to do other than we used to do?" They will have lost themselves, and lost from them is what they used to invent.

7:54

إِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ يَغْشَى اللَّيْلَ النَّهَارَ يَطْلُبُهُ حَثِيثًا وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ وَالنُّجُومُ مُسَخَّرَاتٌ بِأَمْرِهِ ۗ أَلَا لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Indeed, your Lord is Allah, who created the heavens and earth in six days and then established Himself above the Throne. He covers the night with the day, [another night] chasing it rapidly; and [He created] the sun, the moon, and the stars, subjected by His command. Unquestionably, His is the creation and the command; blessed is Allah, Lord of the worlds.

7:55

أَدْعُوا رَبَّكُمْ تَضَرُّعًا وَخُفْيَةً إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُعْتَدِينَ ج

Call upon your Lord in humility and privately; indeed, He does not like transgressors.

7:56

وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا وَادْعُوهُ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا إِنَّ رَحْمَتَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ج

And cause not corruption upon the earth after its reformation. And invoke Him in fear and aspiration. Indeed, the mercy of Allah is near to the doers of good.

7:57

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُرْسِلُ الرِّيحَ بُشْرًا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ رَحْمَتِهِ صَ لَا حِجَابَ لِّرَبِّهِ ۚ إِذَا أَقْلَتِ سَحَابًا ثِقَالًا سُقْنَاهُ لِبَلَدٍ مَّيِّتٍ فَأَنْزَلْنَا بِهِ الْمَاءَ فَأَخْرَجْنَا بِهِ ۚ مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ ۚ كَذَلِكَ نُخْرِجُ الْمَوْتَى لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

And it is He who sends the winds as good tidings before His mercy until, when they have carried heavy rainclouds, We drive them to a dead land and We send down rain therein and bring forth thereby [some] of all the fruits. Thus will We bring forth the dead; perhaps you may be reminded.

7:58

وَالْبَلَدُ الطَّيِّبُ يَخْرِجُ نَبَاتَهُ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِ صَ وَالَّذِي خَبَثَ لَا يُخْرِجُ إِلَّا نَكْدًا ج كَذَلِكَ نُصَرِّفُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَشْكُرُونَ

And the good land - its vegetation emerges by permission of its Lord; but that which is bad - nothing emerges except sparsely, with difficulty. Thus do We diversify the signs for a people who are grateful.

Three questions

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

Q1 · 7:55

“Call upon your Lord in humility and privately.” Al-Hasan al-Basri, in al-Tabari: the early Muslims made du'a with no voice heard, only a whisper between them and their Lord. What makes a quiet du'a, alone and in your own words, hard to keep up?

Q2 · 7:54

Allah created the heavens and the earth in six days. Al-Jalalayn: He could have done it in an instant, but “He wanted to teach His creatures to be circumspect”. Where are you in a hurry for change? What would it look like to give it time?

Q3 · 7:58

The same rain falls on good land and bad land; the bad gives only a little, with difficulty (nakidan). Al-Suddi and al-Hasan read it as a parable for hearts. Think of a reminder that stayed with you, and one you soon forgot. What was different in you the first time?

Four words: تَاوِيلُهُ *ta'wīlahu* its outcome (7:53) · تَضَرُّعًا وَخُفْيَةً *taḍarru'an wa khufyatan* humbly and privately (7:55) · بُشْرًا *bushran* good news (7:57) · نَكِيدًا *nakidan* a little, with difficulty (7:58)

One thing to carry: One du'a I will make quietly this week is One reminder I want to let grow in me is

Room to write.



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