

Surah Abasa:

Introduction:

This surah talks about the etiquettes of giving da'wah and showing us that it is very important that we learn how to tell others about Islam in a way that they will accept it.

So when we read these ayahs we need to pause and contemplate.

In this surah there is a story of a blind man who was a poor man who came to ask about Islam while the prophet was talking to the people of high status in the society - the prophet was asking them to come to Islam because if they accepted Islam then the rest of the community would do so as well.

Sometimes we only give da'wah to those people to whom we think will accept Islam but this surah teaches us that we should give it to everyone.

This surah talks about 3 main things:

1. Story of blind man
2. Power of Allah's creation
3. Resurrection - the horror of the day of judgement

Ayah (1):

The fact that the prophet's name isn't even mentioned shows that despite the fact that he made a mistake Allah still loves him.

Ayah (2):

Explains why the prophet turned away - it wasn't because the prophet was being arrogant and looking down on the man but because he was giving da'wah to other people.

This ayah teaches us that we shouldn't make friends/talk to people only because they are of the same status as us. Make friends based on how much taqwa they have. The blind man couldn't even see the face of the prophet but that is how much Allah disliked this act.

After the revelation of this surah the prophet (saw) gave a special place to Abdallah ibn Umm Makhtum so when he would see him the prophet would say welcome to the person who my Lord admonished me because of. We learn that if we learn something from someone we should honour them.

Lesson: Don't be taken in by how much the people have - material wealth. The prophet when he was told off for doing this was taught the noble way of looking at a human - looking at someone at how much taqwa they have - hope/fear in Allah.

Ayah (3):

We should never make judgements on people - only Allah knows about them our job is just to spread the message of Islam.

Ayah (5):

The people of Makkah like Abu Lahab/Jahal thought they had everything - so Allah is saying that why are you paying so much attention to those who don't care anyway.

Ayah (7):

Da'awah technique: It's not upto us who accepts Islam - all we have to do is market Islam to the people. Not to make them muslims.

Ayah (8/9/10):

Allah is commenting to the intention of Ibn Umm Makhtum. What an honour if Allah talks about you.

Ayah (11/12):

Allah reminding us that this Qur'an is supposed to remind us so we need to pay attention to the reminder. Allah is telling the prophet off - not out of hate but out of love for his messenger. Allah wants the prophet to behave in a certain way so teaching him how to.

No surah saddened the prophet like this. If we adore someone and they tell us off we feel sad.

Put yourself in the shoes of this blind man - if someone comes out of their way to say something kind to you and you know that you are maybe not exactly that good - don't be rude back. Accept it and be kind as well.

Ayah (13):

Allah talks about the characteristics of the Qur'an and angels.

The Qur'an is preserved/purified - nothing false written in it.

Angels - honourable/obedient.

Ayah (17):

In this ayah Allah talks about how ungrateful human are.

"Qutila" - Allah says death be on you - man - makes us wonder what sin Allah is talking about- how ugly this sin is.

Ayahs make us realise that the honour of a man only comes when he has taqwa - worships Allah . Otherwise we are worthless. In fact dogs+ other animals will be more beloved to Allah because at least they are worshipping Allah.

Ayah (18):

Allah reminds us how insignificant we are.

Imagine when you're looking down from an aeroplane. You see these tiny little people walking around. And they look really silly. Then there may be a tiny little car with a tiny little man inside who is very arrogant. He backbites and argues and is disobedient, Makes you think that if you are ungrateful to Allah for his blessing then you are like such a tiny person compared to Allah.

Ayah (20):

Allah makes sure that the baby come out when it is the right time for him to come out.

Ayah (21):

The fact that we are buried is a mercy from Allah. Other creatures are not buried they are left to rot or to be eaten up by other animals. Allah shows us how much he loves us that allows us to bury our dead.

Ayah (22):

Examples of life/death are all around us so we shouldn't be shocked at the idea that Allah will raise us again when we are dead. The same Lord that can give life can also give us death.

Ayah (24):

Allah wants us to contemplate on the many types of food he provided us with. So next time at a supermarket contemplate on the varieties of bread. So everytime a person goes to eat we should say SUBHANALLAH. How praiseworthy my Lord is from what they say about him.

Ayah (25-31):

Blessings of Allah: Notice the miracles of Allah that when we pluck an apple another one grows in its place. If Allah mentions something there will be benefits in that thing for the people.

Remember its not just about counting the blessings but about doing something good with them.

Ibn Al-Qayim said we pass by these ayahs and don't reflect on them.

Ayah (33):

Angel Israfeel will blow the trumpet 2 times. The first blow will wipe everyone out. Second blowing will raise everyone up. "Then when this will happen" - make sus want to know what will happen?

The way its written in Arabic is as if it is the blowing of the trumpet. Can't sy it in English.

Ayah (34-6):

Write down the name of the people who you will be running away from. Reflect on these people. Sometimes Allah doesn't give us much detail when he is telling us the story of something e.g. why was the man blind - we don't need to know it. But here the ayahs are detailed about who you will be running away from. Shows us what we need to be concentrating on.

Ayah (38-42):

Humans will be divided into 2 camps on that day: Jannah or Jahannam - jannah or hellfire. There is no middle camp. That day our attitude will be throw everyone into Hell just let me go to Jannah - that is how scared we will be.

There faces will be bright - because of Imaan. Imagine getting your book of deeds in the right hand. Start giggling with happiness.

Those who were disobedient will have dust on their faces - will realise they will be moving to Hell.