



Chapter (59) sūrat I-ḥashr (The Gathering)

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Al- Hashr – The Meaning

To Gather

Things which have no relation

- **Chapter (27) sūrat I-naml (The Ants) 27:17** *And gathered for Solomon were his soldiers of the jinn and men and birds, and they were [marching] in rows. The army was gathered for Sulaiman.*

Day of Judgement

The Power of Allah swt

- **Chapter (81) sūrat I-takwīr (The Overthrowing) 81:5** *And when the wild beasts are gathered*
Allah swt mentions even the beasts will be gathered so what about us. Different creatures, different species, Allah swt will gather all of humanity.
- Anything which is scattered i.e. things, people, ideas, tasks, only Allah swt is able to bring it all together.

Qudrut Allah

The Means

- In life there is so much effort to bring people together i.e. planning, organising, by force. People gather for weddings, school, funerals, family, Hajj. When there is a crisis people also gather i.e. evacuations. People gather in different ways for something good or something bad. There is some motive behind the gathering.
- In our life we want things to be gathered i.e. our things, our hearts, our families, our thoughts, our papers etc.. there are a multitude of things we want to be gathered in our life.
- Maybe no one will come, maybe they couldn't come, but it is Allah swt Who brings the means to allow you to come. Allah swt makes all the processes in order to enable you to go.
- In Hajj so many people are gathered and praying and it looks so organised, and no one was taught, trained or shown. This is Allah swt showing His Power of bringing things together.

The Power of Allah swt - it is not us - Allah swt brings everything together. To us the different surahs of the Qur'an may seem unrelated but when Allah swt puts them together, there is Al Aziz, Al Hakeem. We put together our weekly or daily plans but it is Allah swt who puts it all together – this is Allah's hashr.

The Example of Ibrahim AS with the birds

Chapter (2) sūrat I-baqarah (The Cow)

2:260 And [mention] when Abraham said, "My Lord, show me how You give life to the dead." [Allah] said, "Have you not believed?" He said, "Yes, but [I ask] only that my heart may be satisfied." [Allah] said, "Take four birds and commit them to yourself. Then [after slaughtering them] put on each hill a portion of them; then call them - they will come [flying] to you in haste. And know that Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise."

Allah swt told Ibrahim AS to take live birds, cut them up and then to scatter the parts of their bodies among the mountains. Then Ibrahim AS was told by Allah swt to invoke Him swt and the birds will be gathered together and come to Ibrahim AS running.

When Allah swt 'gathers', everything will be in the right position and very efficient. Allah swt rearranges things in our life not to interrupt us, not to discourage us and not to demotivate us, but Allah swt rearranges our life, to readjust the things in our life so that they are in the right position.

You will be able to do your best because you and everything else will be in the right position. This is Allah swt bringing the 'Hashr'. When things are unmatched, or you are not getting the benefit from something or something is not working efficiently for you, only Allah swt can make things happen.

The family of Yusuf AS - Another example is in the story of Yusuf AS, his whole family was separated but in the end Allah swt gathered them together in one place. With Allah swt anything is possible. You want to gather your family, gather your work, or gather your papers etc. just believe in Allah swt.

Irresistible Names of Allah swt - The Names of Allah swt mentioned in Surat al Hashr are irresistible, exclusive, as you will not find them in other surahs. Each Name of Allah swt has the impact of putting things in the right position. When everything in your life is in the right position then you will be running. When there is confusion in our life, and everything is upside down then we cannot go forward, so how will we be 'gathered'. Allah swt organizes our lives so that we go forward. Allah swt deals with you with all His Names.

Theme of Surat al Hashr

The Gathering will give honour to the believer.

Qudrut Allah
- the Power
of Allah swt

The Gathering will give Humiliation to the Disbelievers - when we are scattered it is a humiliation. This is also when we have too many worries - why this happened, why that happened; worrying about what people think of me etc.....

The Akhirah - our concern should be the Day of Judgement. When we make our concern the akhirah Allah swt will take care of your concerns and your worries. You will be united, not torn and scattered and then humiliated

What is Your Concern?

Allah swt will Love you - When your concern is Allah swt, Allah swt will be pleased with you and Allah swt will love you. When Allah swt loves you, everyone will love you. If you have a good relationship with Allah swt all your relationships will be good. If you are connecting with Allah swt your connection is a very high connection, then your connectivity with the people will be the best connection. The best connection is with Allah swt as Allah swt will make things happen.

Izzat - Honour is when your concern is one concern, when your concern is Allah swt. This is what will gather you so that you will not be scattered. Even if you gather the most powerful around you it creates fear and the hearts of the people will be scattered. If you cannot gather your feelings and you cannot gather your heart, this is humiliating. When your concern is not Allah swt, when your concern is not the akhirah and you are surrounded by people, and surrounded by your family, but you do not feel happy, you feel lonely. Everyone is gathered physically but the main thing is not gathered. Izzat is when Allah swt brings the gathering, not when we are gathered just to fill the space i.e. parties, concerts.

The Disbeliever's - The disbeliever's were dragged into the battles. The believers were few but they were so motivated. When acquiring knowledge of Allah swt you are so motivated and so happy. This is by Allah swt will and power; when Allah swt brings things together with love and ease, it is not crowded, it is not with a crash or with a bang, there is no effort and no noise; just Allah swt brings the 'hashr'.

Hadith: When two people, one in the East and one in the West love each other for the Sake of Allah, Allah swt will gather them on the Day of Judgement.

So even when you love those far from you, Allah swt will gather you together.

Background to Surah al Hashr

The word 'hashr' is first mentioned in the second ayah.

59:2 It is He who expelled the ones who disbelieved among the People of the Scripture from their homes at the first gathering. You did not think they would leave, and they thought that their fortresses would protect them from Allah ; but [the decree of] Allah came upon them from where they had not expected, and He cast terror into their hearts [so] they destroyed their houses by their [own] hands and the hands of the believers. So take warning, O people of vision.

Where are we gathered most of the time? In our homes.

لِأَوَّلِ الْحَشْرِ

At the first gathering – this means there are other gatherings to come.

أَخْرَجَ

akhraja expelled – the root of this word appears nine times in Surat al Hashr.

We find in this surah two words with opposite meanings are mentioned.

YEAR 16

There were three Jewish tribes at the time of the Prophet SAWS in Madinah. One tribe called Bani Nadheer were very strong. After the Battle of Uhud Nabi SAWA married Zaynab. The chief of Zaynab's clan invites the Prophet SAWS to send teachers to his people. Forty men answer the call but 38 are

slaughtered at Ma'unah by the neighbouring Bani Sulaym clan. One of the two survivors' Amir ibn Umayyah tried to avenge the deaths of his companions by killing two men from Bani 'Amir whom he mistakenly thought carried out the massacre. When the Prophet SAWS hears the news, he insists that blood money be paid to the innocent victims' families.

Nabi SAWS requests the assistance of the Bani Nadheer in paying the blood money for the two men killed as there was a covenant with the Bani Nadheer and the Bani 'Amir.

They invite Nabi SAWS & his Companions to dinner and they sit and wait while the Bani Nadheer bring what Nabi SAWS wanted. But the Bani Nadheer thought as Nabi SAWS was in their home they would kill him. They decided to kill the Prophet SAWS by dropping a big rock on his head. But one of the tribe members advised them not to do this as Allah swt will reveal to the Prophet SAWS their plot and it is also breaking the covenant.

Jibril AS inspired the Prophet SAWS to leave the place. Immediately the Prophet SAWS left the house and Jibril AS told the Prophet SAWS of the plot of the Bani Nadeer. The Bani Nadheer did not even notice that the Prophet SAWS had left. This is how Allah swt is Al Hashr with all His Names & Attributes.

The people gathered to plot but Allah swt made all their plans go to waste, to be scattered. This incident had the opposite effect the Bani Nadeer were hoping for of scattering the Muslims. When someone betrays you there is no giving them chances as they had thought long and hard about carrying out the betrayal.

The Munifiq – the head of the hypocrites went to the Bani Nadeer who were getting to leave the city as they knew the consequences of their actions. This Munifiq told the Bani Nadheer not to leave and that his tribe would protect the Bani Nadeer and fight the Muslims. He would also get the other tribes, the Qurayzah and Ghatafan to support the Bani Nadheer.

Awwal al Hashr – the head of the Bani Nadheer agreed not to leave Madinah and wrote a letter to Nabi SAWS saying they would not leave their dwellings. Being well-equipped and wealthy, the Jews did not expect to be defeated by the Muslims. This was like putting a rope around his own neck as he thought he had the help of the other Jewish tribes. This kind of influence makes people rebellious.

There was a battle between the Bani Nadheer and the believers but no one came to support the Jewish tribe. When we make a mistake we cannot count on the support of others, we can call on our family to support us, but in the end they can't help you as it is your mistake.

Allah swt makes things happen. Sometimes a person is in an opposite situation, they are alone, they have no one to support them and they are completely innocent, but Allah swt will bring the support from everywhere without that person even asking for the help.

For example you may call people to come for Salat al Janazah and no one comes. Other times no one is invited for Salat al Janazah and so many people turn up. For the criminals and the guilty they call everyone to support them physically but it will go against them, their allies will be useless. For the one with honour who has no one, everyone will come.

As a mother you want your children to come to you, but you want them to come to you willingly. You want people to be gathered but the people must come willingly with their hearts You want to bring everyone into the religion of Islam but with honour, not by forcing them, then you will see the Power of Allah swt. You cannot bring the people into the religion by forcing them, it has to be their own choice, this is the honour.

The Bani Nadeer decided to destroy their homes and to take as much as they could carry before abandoning them. They even destroyed their prized date palm trees. If you treat your own property like this then other people will also treat your property in the same way, as you don't respect or value what you have. You cannot blame others, look at how you treat what you have been given by Allah swt.

'La hawla wala Quwwata illa bil lahi Al 'Aliyyil Atheem (There is no might or power EXCEPT with ALLAH ,
The Most High, The Supreme [in Glory])'