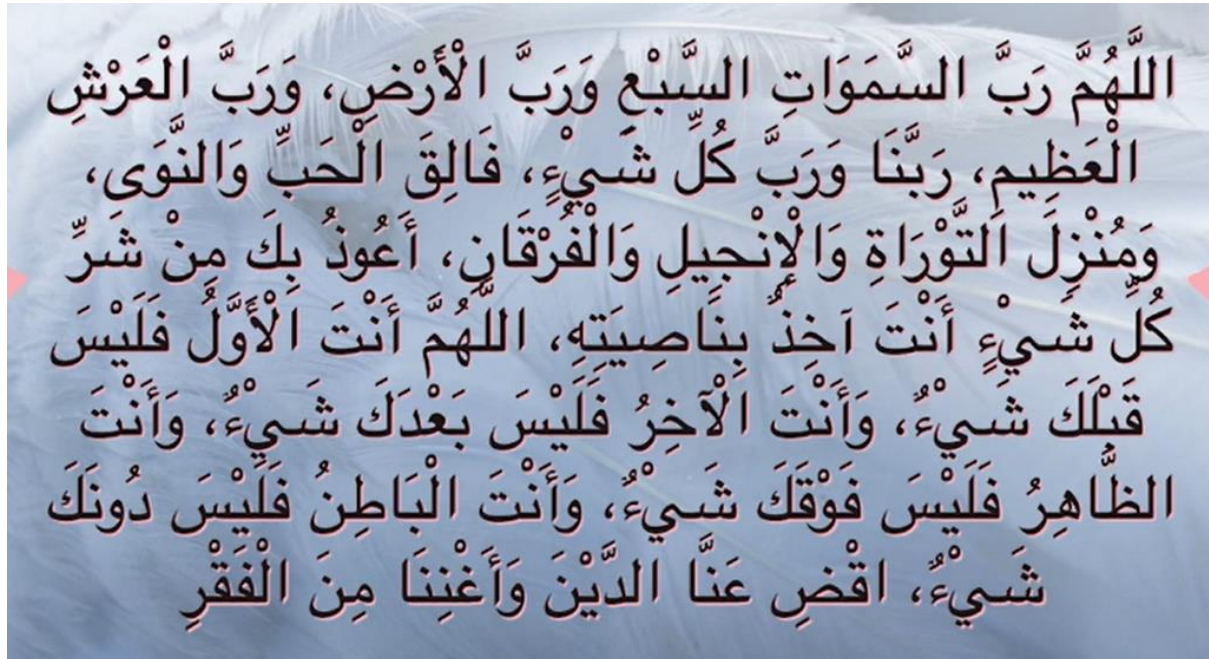




Chapter (59) sūrat I-ḥashr (The Gathering)

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Arsh of Allah swt

Start your du'a and supplication with the One Who rose over the throne. Seek refuge from the evil of yourself which can be:

- The actions of the **heart**
- The actions of the **tongue** or
- The actions of the **limbs**

Seek refuge from the traps of the shaitan.

Al Hashr – Someone is scattered when they don't know what is the problem and they don't know what is the issue. When you know Allah swt, you and everything around you will be gathered.

- You are **scattered** when you are far from Allah swt
- You are **gathered** when you are attached to Allah swt

Sometimes the evil of our own selves can make us scattered, and when we react upon it there is a disturbance within us and we have feelings of confusion. Seek refuge with Allah swt.

The challenges in life come when:

- There is a human being
- There is a situation
- There is the evil of the self
- There is something I need to do
- There is shaitan

We have so many challenges in our lives. The reality of life is not always as it appears because Allah swt is in control of everything. When Allah swt wills anything, when Allah swt permits anything no one can resist it. No matter how something looks, or no matter how something sounds, everything is by the will of Allah swt.

THE WILL OF ALLAH SWT

The believer's cut down and destroyed the palm trees. We don't understand why but we need to believe Allah swt is The Irresistible. Sometimes we cannot resist doing something even if it is a violation of the laws of Allah swt; or you do something which goes against your principle's; or you don't understand why you are doing it but you do it; you don't know why you said it but you said it.

There is a difference between:

- The evil from someone who is evil
- The evil From someone who is good

When evil comes from the person who is good we ask ourselves why did they do it? The person who is good doesn't have a bad intention, they understand the meaning of 'seeking refuge from the evil of themselves' so they are protected, but sometimes things happen.

But what makes you to 'gather' this mystery, to really understand and to be aware of the circumstances behind the actions is the One Who Rose over the Throne, Allah swt.

Allah swt is in control of everything. Allah swt has different ways and means:

- To give honour to His awliyah
- To humiliate His enemies

Allah swt gives honour to the believers in ways you cannot even imagine as He is so possessive about the believers.

- Allah swt will not leave the believers humiliated
- Allah swt will not leave the believers being spoken badly of

Even if the believers did do something, Allah swt is in control, Allah swt gave them the permission.

QudrutAllah

The Ability of Allah swt can make things happen.

59:24 He is Allah , the Creator, the Inventor, the Fashioner; to Him belong the best names. Whatever is in the heavens and earth is exalting Him. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

Allah swt will give you the honour in ways which you did not expect. You might think not having the honour is not a problem for you. There maybe a certain situation where people insult you, they blame you, they say look at what you did, but no, for Allah swt you have to take your honour. Allah swt has the means and the ways to give honour to the people.

Honour of the Believers

Sometimes in certain situations you did not have a bad intention, but you do something which contradicts your intentions leaving you feeling so confused. You ask yourself why did I do this, why did I say this and inside you constantly feel disturbed. You need to believe that when you did not have a bad intention you gather yourself by believing Allah Al Aziz Al Hakeem, and by doing the tasbih.

Humiliation of the Disbelievers

The disbeliever's are always trying to fill the gaps in their lives by making everything so perfect, but at the last moment everything will go wrong as fear will enter their hearts, and everything will be scattered, everything will be gone. Allah swt will give them the humiliation and the humiliation will come from their own selves.

Seek Guidance

We need to constantly ask Allah swt for the guidance, even when you know the rules and regulations.

59:5 Whatever you have cut down of [their] palm trees or left standing on their trunks - it was by permission of Allah and so He would disgrace the defiantly disobedient.

Honour to the believers

In ayat 4 Allah swt explained to us the other options the disbelievers had besides being exiled from their homes. Allah's 'shaqq' separated the disbelievers from the homes. Ayat 5 and 6 are about how Allah swt will give honour to the believers in ways which they did not expect:

- Ayah 5; their actions looked bad but the believers received the honour in unexpected ways
- Ayah 6; the believers received something without having to do anything

Hadith

Allah swt commanded the believers to cut down the trees but this made the believers very uncomfortable so they did it half heartedly, they cut down only some of the trees. Allah swt sent this ayat to prevent the Bani An Nadhir from slandering the Muslims for causing mischief.

Tafsir Ibn Kathir

When the Messenger of Allah laid siege to Bani An-Nadir, to humiliate them and bring fear and terror to their hearts, he ordered their date trees to be cut down. Muhammad bin Ishaq narrated that Yazid bin Ruman, Qatadah and Muqatil bin Hayyan said, "Bani An-Nadir sent a message to the Messenger, saying that he used to outlaw mischief in the earth, so why did he order that their trees be cut down. Allah sent down this honourable Ayah stating that whatever Linah was felled or left intact by the Muslims, has been done by His permission, will, leave and pleasure to humiliate and disgrace the enemy and degrade them."

Mujahid said, "Some of the emigrants discouraged others from chopping down the date trees of Jews, saying that they were war spoils for Muslims. The Qur'an approved of the actions of those who discouraged and those who approved of cutting these trees, stating that those who cut them or did not, did so only by Allah's leave." There is also a Hadith narrated from the Prophet with this meaning. An-Nasa'i recorded that Ibn 'Abbas said about Allah's statement,

59:5 What you cut down of the Linah, or you left them standing on their stems, it was by leave of Allah, and in order that He might disgrace the rebellious.

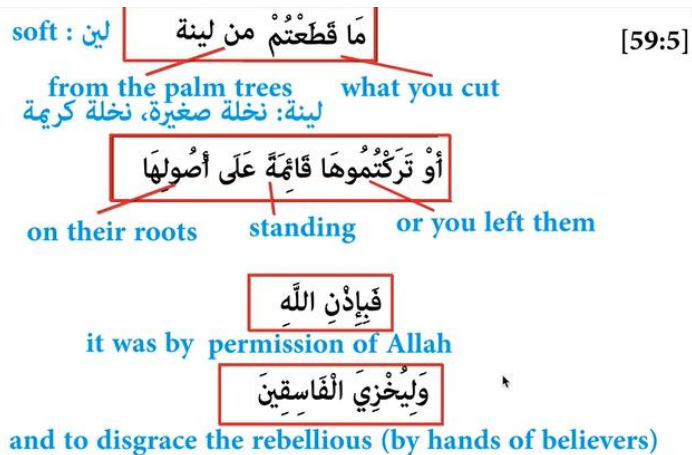
"They forced them to come down from their forts and were ordered to cut their trees cut down. So the Muslims hesitated, and some of them said, 'We cut down some and left some. We must ask Allah's Messenger if we will earn a reward for what we cut and if we will be burdened for what we left intact.'

it was by leave of Allah,

The disbeliever will always question why did the Muslims cut down the tress, why are they not following the rules.

Sometimes, on the spot you ending up doing something which feels like you are going against the commands of Allah swt. Don't be scattered by day to day situations causing you to be confused as there is always a command of Allah swt in all situations. It is not about the reward or punishment, it is all correct because it is by the permission of Allah swt as only Allah swt can put things right.

Surat Al Hashr can solve any issues in your life that disturb you or make you scattered. You can gather your day to day problems with Surat al Hashr so that you are not distracted by them. If you have a good intention don't be confused by the rules of your faith.



Leenah - Meaning

- Girls name
- A young date palm tree
- Honoured date palm tree
- Soft / flexible

No matter what you do someone will always find fault in it – don't worry about their influence. Leave them as they don't know your struggles, so you don't need to explain yourself to them. Imagine if you had to always explain yourself to everyone.

People with a clean heart don't find faults in people. People with bad feelings in their heart will always say something. Don't take to heart the complaints of the people causing you to worry as this will affect your relationship with Allah swt.

Options

- What you (O Muslims) cut down of the Leenah (palm trees of the enemy) or,
- You left them standing on their stems

These two options are completely opposite, but they are also equal. In both cases it is by the permission of Allah swt. Khidr didn't want to kill the boy, the qadrAllah comes in different forms, through the people so you see the reality of the people. Don't find gaps in people.

and in order that He might disgrace the rebellious.

This is different to the situation between Qabil & Habil (Cain & Abel) as there was a bad intention, and it is different if shaitan is involved. Allah swt wants to disgrace the fasiqeen (the defiantly disobedient).

The purpose of this ayah

This one ayah is giving

- honour to the believers
- dishonour to the disbelievers

What was the rebelliousness of the disbelievers? The Bani Nadhir didn't believe the Messenger SAWS from the beginning, and they accused the believers of making mischief. But Allah swt gave the believers the permission to cut down the trees.

Izzat

Sometimes we end up doing something on the spot, not planned or contrary to what we thought is right because Allah swt wants to give honour to the believers and to humiliate and disgrace the disbelievers. It is by the permission of Allah swt. Don't try to justify yourself to anyone

This is not about when you do something wrong Allah swt gave you the permission to do the wrong. This kind of thinking is wrong.

The Power of Allah swt

But sometimes things happen in life for a purpose, that is why there are so many Names of Allah swt in this surah. With Allah swt everything is perfect even though to you and to me it may not appear so.

Believe in Allah swt actions, be flexible, always have a good intention, and move on in your life.

59:6 And what Allah restored [of property] to His Messenger from them - you did not spur for it [in an expedition] any horses or camels, but Allah gives His messengers power over whom He wills, and Allah is over all things competent.

Ayat 6 is also about something unexpected. The believers did not have to exert much effort in collecting this booty, either by physical strength or by using animals (of war)

<p>to His messenger from them</p> <p>وَمَا أَقَاءَ اللَّهُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ مِنْهُمْ</p> <p>what Allah returned as booty</p> <p>فَمَا أَوْجَفْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ خَيْلٍ وَلَا رِكَابٍ</p> <p>from horse, or walking or no any transport</p> <p>وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يُسَلِّطُ رَسُولَهُ عَلَى مَنْ يَشَاءُ</p> <p>over whomever</p> <p>He will</p> <p>Allah is able to do anything</p> <p>وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ</p> <p>authority</p>	<p>[59:6]</p> <p>booty: الفَيْءُ return</p> <p>Fai – (was) restored.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shadow (of the sun) Returning (to the people) <p>The booty was restored to the believers as it belonged to Allah swt. The disbelievers misused this money. The believer will use the money to exalt Allah swt.</p> <p>Ayat 5 is the intangible honour. Ayat 6 is the tangible honour (booty)</p>
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اللَّهُ When you get something which was not previously yours, this is also the return (fai). Allah swt is the One Who returns everything to you.

رَسُولِهِ Returned to whom? Returned to the leader of the believers. This is to avoid confusion as the leader will decide how to distribute the booty.

you did not spur for it [in an expedition] any horses or camels,

أَوْجَفْتُمْ awjaftum means what you gathered, what you bought together to complete a task, or what you hasten towards. Sometimes things just come to you without you making an effort – these are the actions of Allah swt. You did not get tired and the means did not get tired. Surat al Hashr brings thing to you without the means because of the Names of Allah swt in this surah.

but Allah gives His messengers power over whom He wills,

Allah swt sent fear into the hearts of the Bani An-Nadhir so they surrendered without effort or fatigue on your part.

and Allah is over all things competent.

قَدِيرٌ All Powerful - Allah swt is so perfect nothing can resist His power, nor can the strong be shielded from Him. Allah swt gave honour to His Messenger.

Gaps in our Life

There are no gaps in our lives, everything is by the QudrutAllah.