



Quranic and Prophetic Nurturing Program

Surah An Naml – Class 36

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Introduction

- Shirk can take place in an advanced civilization when a person thinks he is the one with ideas, or they attach to the one in charge, or doing things to attain positions. We should not believe someone is coming up with ideas, but it is Allah (ﷻ) Who creates the actions.
- With tawheed we will be safe but with shirk we will be insecure. May Allah (ﷻ) make us live with (لا إله إلا الله). Ameen.

Ayah 64

أَمْنَ يَبْدِأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ وَمَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۝ إِلَهٌ مَّعَ اللَّهِ ۝ قُلْ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

Is not He (better than your so-called gods) Who originates creation, and shall thereafter repeat it, and Who provides for you from heaven and earth? Is there any ilah (god) with Allah? Say: "Bring forth your proofs, if you are truthful."

Word	Meaning
أَمْنَ يَبْدِأُ الْخَلْقَ	Is He not the One Who starts the creation
ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ	then repeats it
وَمَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ	and Who provides you
مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ	from the heaven and the earth



إِلَهٌ مَّعَ اللَّهِ

is there any ilah with Allah

فُلُوْنَ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ

say: bring your evidence

إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

if you are verily truthful

- (أَنَّمَنْ يَبْدِأُ الْخَلْقَ) (**Is not He (better than your so-called gods) Who originates creation,):**

the meaning of the word (بَدَأْ) is to start / begin. In an advanced civilization there can be many new beginnings such as new construction, businesses, and ideas. Allah (ﷻ) is the One Who starts all ideas and initiatives. An advanced civilization encourages initiatives and ideas. Allah is Al Awwal – The First and there is no one before Him.

- The meaning of (خَلْقَ) is precise estimation. It also means creativity with no origin or example. When human beings make something, they want to keep it, but what is Allah's action?
- (نُمْتُمْ يُعِيدُهُ) (**and shall thereafter repeat it,):** When He initiates the creation, He will bring it back again, renew it and return it with a new look. We need to believe the return will be better. This teaches us that we need to update and renew the initiatives we have.
- Yaqoob (as) lost Yusuf (as) and when he lost his second son, he had more hope from Allah (ﷻ) that they will both come back. When we have hope from Allah (ﷻ) that something will return, then it will return. Sometimes we feel the feelings of love from our husband is lost, but when we have hope in Allah (ﷻ) that He will bring it back, then He will. Sometimes we have loved ones in comas, and people say there is no hope, but the one who has hope in Allah (ﷻ) will bring them back.
- The word (يُعِيدُ) is something completely gone, as if it disappeared, and Allah (ﷻ) will bring it back better. It is important to think good of Allah (ﷻ) and have great hope in Him. Sometimes Allah (ﷻ) takes away the thing which we lost so that we do not see the nurturing that takes place in those times so that He brings it back better.



- For example, if Yaqoub (as) could see the nurturing of Yusuf (as) as he was in the home of the Aziz, then he would say “take him out”, but Yusuf (as) would not attain the position he would have in the future, subhan Allah.
- If someone loses their faith, guidance or prayer, then a person should have hope Allah (ﷻ) will bring it back.
- Allah (ﷻ) gives us much evidence to believe in Him and the Last Day. How many times have we lost something and it came back again?
- Shirk can happen when something comes back to us again and we think we are fortunate, subhan Allah.

Begin and Repeat (يبدأ يعيده) in the Qur'an

- We will find Begin and Repeat (يبدأ يعيده) is mentioned most in Surah Yunus since it is about the decree.
- It is also mentioned in Surah Al 'Ankaboot because in trials we can lose things but Allah (ﷻ) is able to bring it back.
- Among all the ayat, the names of Allah Al Aziz Al Hakeem – The All-Mighty The All-Wise are mentioned.

Surah Yunus 4:

إِلَيْهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا ۝ وَعْدُ اللَّهِ حَقًّا ۝ إِنَّهُ يَبْدَا الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ لِيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ بِالْقِسْطِ ۝ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَهُمْ شَرَابٌ مِّنْ حَمِيمٍ وَعَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْفُرُونَ

To Him is the return of all of you. The Promise of Allah is true. It is He Who begins the creation and then will repeat it, that He may reward with justice those who believed (in the Oneness of Allah - Islamic Monotheism) and did deeds of righteousness. But those who disbelieved will have a drink of boiling fluids and painful torment because they used to disbelieve.

Surah Yunus 54:

قُلْ هَلْ مِنْ شُرَكَائِكُمْ مَنْ يَبْدَا الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ ۝ قُلِ اللَّهُ يَبْدَا الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ ۝ فَإِنَّ تُؤْفَكُونَ



Say: "Is there of your (Allah's called) partners one that originates the creation and then repeats it?" Say: "Allah originates the creation and then He repeats it. Then how are you deluded away (from the truth)?"

Surah Al 'Ankaboot 19:

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا كَيْفَ يَنْبِيِّ اللَّهُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ ۝ إِنَّ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ

See they not how Allah originates the creation, then repeats it. Verily, that is easy for Allah.

Surah Ar Room 11:

اللَّهُ يَبْدِأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ ثُمَّ إِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ

Allah (Alone) originates the creation, then He will repeat it, then to Him you will be returned.

Surah Ar Room 27:

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يَبْدِأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ وَهُوَ أَهُونُ عَلَيْهِ ۝ وَلَهُ الْمَثُلُ الْأَعْلَىٰ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۝ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

And He it is Who originates the creation, then He will repeat it (after it has been perished); and this is easier for Him. His is the highest description (i.e. none has the right to be worshipped but He, and there is nothing comparable unto Him) in the heavens and in the earth. And He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

Surah Saba 49:

قُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَمَا يُنْبِدِيُ الْبَاطِلُ وَمَا يُعِيدُ

Say (O Muhammad ﷺ): "Al-Haqq (the truth i.e. the Qur'an and Allah's Revelation) has come, and Al-Batil [falsehood - Iblis (Satan)] can neither create anything nor resurrect (anything)."

Surah Al Burooj 13:

إِنَّهُ هُوَ يَبْدِئُ وَيُعِيدُ



Verily, He it is Who begins (punishment) and repeats (punishment in the Hereafter) (or originates the creation of everything, and then repeats it on the Day of Resurrection).

- (وَمَن يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ) (and Who provides for you from heaven and earth?); after returning and renewing there is provision. Sometimes we think after renovation then we will be out of money, but we need to believe Allah (ﷻ) will provide.
- We need to believe when anything comes back to us, then there will be no burden but Allah (ﷻ) will provide. Anything that is redone again then Allah (ﷻ) will provide means which we do not expect.
- When we see things being renewed, we should not think it is people's actions but it is Allah's action.
- We need to believe when we give then Allah (ﷻ) will provide us.

Allah Ar Razaq (الرازق الرزاق) – The Provider – The Ever-Providing

- People fall into shirk, get stressed, lose relationships and fight with others because of provision.
- Money, children, a smile from someone, satisfaction, manners, knowledge, house and patience are all rizq. No one can provide us except Allah (ﷻ) – He is Ar Razaq because He owns all the treasures.
- Allah (ﷻ) grants us provision to upgrade us and benefit us, not to destroy us.

Surah Adh Dhariyat 56 to 58

56.

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

And I (Allah) created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (Alone).

57.

مَا أُرِيدُ مِنْهُمْ مِّنْ رِزْقٍ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ يُنْظِعُمُونِ



I seek not any provision from them (i.e. provision for themselves or for My creatures) nor do I ask that they should feed Me (i.e. feed themselves or My creatures).

58.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الرَّزَّاقُ ذُو الْقُوَّةِ الْمُتَّيْنُ

Verily, Allah is the All-Provider, Owner of Power, the Most Strong.

- No matter how much we beg others, it is only Allah (ﷻ) Who provides. Shirk can happen in an advanced civilization when they think it is people who are controlling the prices. Allah (ﷻ) is Al Musa'ir (The One Who gives prices).
- There are no faults in Allah's actions, we go about tracing Allah's actions, but we need to trace and look at our actions, subhan Allah.

There are two types of provision:

1. General provision: such as food and drink. When we worry about rizq then it shows we do not trust Allah (ﷻ) will provide us. We worry about something which is already decreed, yet we do not worry about what is more critical if we will go to paradise or hellfire, subhan Allah.
 2. Special provision: this is the provision of the souls when Allah (ﷻ) provides us with knowledge, faith, righteous good deeds and good manners. Allah (ﷻ) provides us when the time is right and He can provide us through means. And the ultimate and best provision is to be granted paradise and to see the Face of Allah in the beginning and end of day. We ask Allah (ﷻ) of His favor. Ameen.
- When making dua to Allah (ﷻ), we need to insist and deal with certainty with Allah (ﷻ), and not hesitate and say "if You will".

Duas for provision (دعا الرزق):

Hadith



انَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ يُكَبِّرُ عَشْرًا ، وَيَحْمَدُ عَشْرًا ، وَيَسْبِّحُ عَشْرًا وَيَهْلِلُ عَشْرًا وَيَسْتَغْفِرُ عَشْرًا وَيَقُولُ اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَاهِدِنِي وَارْزُقْنِي

وعافني أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ ضيقِ الْمَقَامِ ، يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

الراوي : عائشة أم المؤمنين | المحدث : الألباني | المصدر : صحيح النسائي

الصفحة أو الرقم: 1616 | خلاصة حكم المحدث : حسن صحيح

"I asked 'Aishah with what the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) would start Qiyam Al-Lail. She said: 'You have asked me about something that no one else has asked me about. He used to say Allahu Akbar ten times, and Subhan-Allah ten times, and Istaghfir-Allah ten times, and he would say, Allahummaghfirli, wahdini, warzuqni, wa'afini (O Allah, forgive me, guide me, grant me provision and give me good health,) and he would seek refuge from the difficulty of the standing on the Day of Resurrection.'"

Hadith

كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ بَيْنَ السَّجْدَتَيْنِ فِي صَلَاةِ اللَّيْلِ رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْنِي وَاجْبُرْنِي وَارْزُقْنِي وَارْفَعْنِي

الراوي : عبد الله بن عباس | المحدث : الألباني | المصدر : صحيح ابن ماجه

الصفحة أو الرقم: 740 | خلاصة حكم المحدث : صحيح

"When praying at night (Qiyamul-Lail), the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) used to say between the two prostrations: 'Rabbighfir li warhamni wajburni warzuqni warfa'ni (O Lord, forgive me, have mercy on me, fix anything brother, grant me provision and raise me in status).'"

Hadith

ان يقول : اللهم ! انفعني بما علّمتني ، وعلّمني ما ينفعني ، وارزقني علماً تنفعني به

الراوي : أنس بن مالك | المحدث : الألباني | المصدر : السلسلة الصحيحة

الصفحة أو الرقم: 3151 | خلاصة حكم المحدث : صحيح على شرط مسلم



Anas (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) used to say, "O Allah! Grant me benefit in what you have taught me, and teach me useful knowledge and provide me with knowledge that will benefit me".

- (إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ) (أَلَّا إِلَهَ مَعَ اللَّهِ) (Is there any ilah (god) with Allah? Say: "Bring forth your proofs, if you are truthful."): to be continued in sha'a Allah.

How can we change ourselves for the better?

- Know that Allah is Ar Razaq and we need to be certain He will provide us.
- Seek protection with Allah (ﷻ) from shirk.
- Have great hope Allah (ﷻ) will return what is lost and bring it back better.

May Allah (ﷻ) keep us firm and protect us from shirk. Ameen.