

The Lit Cave

Surah Al Kahf

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In times of fitna, we should be in our caves, and make dua to and trust in Allah SWT every step of the way.

أَمْ حَسِبْتَ أَنَّ أَصْحَابَ الْكَهْفِ وَالرَّقِيمِ كَانُوا مِنْ آيَاتِنَا عَجَبًا - 18:9

Or have you thought that the companions of the cave and the inscription were, among Our signs, a wonder?

In this ayah, when the Jews asked Nabi SAW about this story. And when Allah SWT first indicates we should tone it down to protect our hearts. When we are overly impressed with these stories, then we get distracted from the purpose of the story itself. Nothing and no story is amazing without Allah SWT, the essence of these stories is the Might and Power of Allah SWT.

Allah SWT sent Nabi SAW to see the signs during Isra Wal Miraj but we also believe it, that there are even more amazing things, but only Allah SWT is capable of them and only He knows all of them. The thing we should focus on when we hear these stories is Allah's Ruboobiyyah, how He takes care of them.

إِذْ أَوَى الْفِتْيَةُ إِلَى الْكَهْفِ فَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا آتِنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً وَهَيِّئْ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا رَشَدًا - 18:10

[Mention] when the youths retreated to the cave and said, "Our Lord, grant us from Yourself mercy and prepare for us from our affair right guidance.

These young boys found refuge in a cave in a time of trial for them, and they were accommodated by Allah SWT. It was their action that led to safety and security in it from Allah SWT. They made the action to guard their faith by making dua to Allah SWT.

Similarly, when we are in times of trial, we should take the means afforded to us. They went to the cave (physical move) and then they made the dua to Allah SWT (verbal move) - they call to Allah SWT by His Ruboobiyyah because they need nurturing for their faith.

Dajjal when he comes, he will bring actions of ruboobiyyah so we must be so clear on Ruboobiyyat Allah.

So these young men, they ask Allah SWT, from Himself, to give them directly His Mercy. This Rahma from Allah SWT is to protect them from all evil, to keep them firm, from inside and out. The second part of their dua was to ask for Him to prepare for them guidance in and from their matters. When we make this dua, we should feel poor and dependant. This Rushd is direct, with no trial and error, without losing out on any deeds. They made the move but found security in making dua to Allah SWT, to not rely on themselves but on Him.