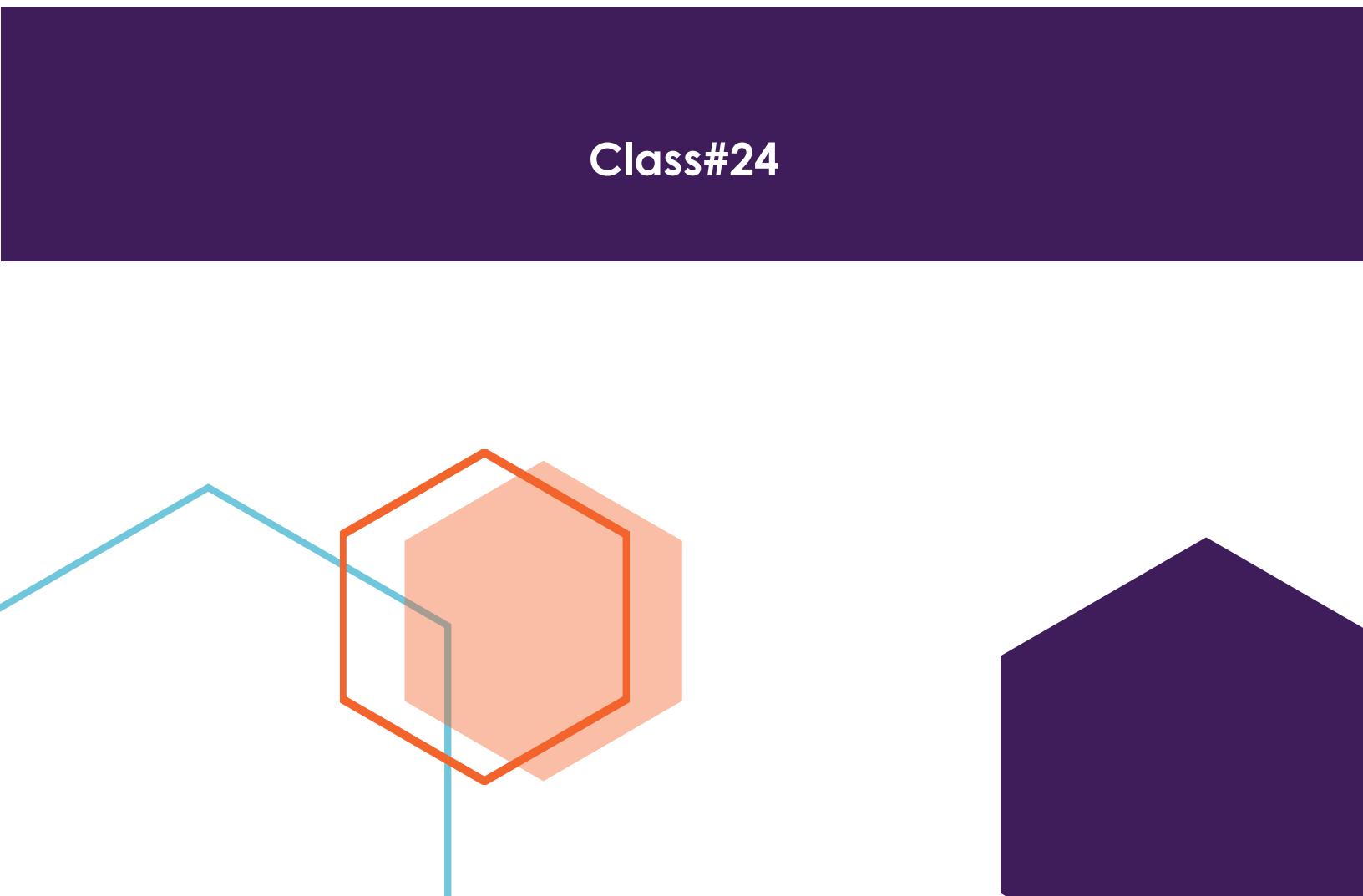




The Lit Cave from Surah Al Kahf

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The trial of the Duniya can distract the people who indulge in it especially when there is a fruit (achievement). Now If a person is deceived and he disbelieves, and is arrogant then he will have the sickness of Shirk because he thinks he got the fruits with his might and power. If he does not realize and listen to the good advice then he will lose everything. After which he will see his reality as he lost his money and helpers which he was depending on. This makes us realize the real companionship belongs to Allah.

Ayah 45

وَأَضَرَّ لَهُم مَّثَلُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا كَمَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ فَأَخْنَطَ
بِهِ نَبَاتُ الْأَرْضِ فَأَصْبَحَ هَشِيمًا نَذْرُوهُ الْرِّيحُ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ
شَيْءٍ مُّقْنِدًا

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And present to them the example of the life of this world, [its being] like rain which We send down from the sky, and the vegetation of the earth mingles with it and [then] it becomes dry remnants, scattered by the winds. And Allah is ever, over all things, Perfect in Ability.."

In this ayah, Allah is teaching us with another parable. The main purpose of the parable in order to see who is the believers and who are the disbelievers. The believer know it is the truth from their lord and the disbelievers argue why is Allah giving this example.

The parable makes it more clear. The Duniya is tangible therefore Allah has given a parable that is tangible. The worldly life is an adornment, attraction and distraction. This includes money, children, supporter, house, cars , jewellery and anything tangible.

Allah is saying the example of the worldly life is like rain water (water is a source of life) that comes down on the earth from the sky. This water mixes with the plant on the earth and makes it to grow. Then the plant will then dry, wither and be broken to pieces and then scattered by the wind. Do note there is no mention of the plants flourishing in this parable. This is because this is understood and also because there is no too much detail mentioned about the Duniya

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Now we will take understand the parable. The Duniya and everything in it is given to us by Allah. The Duniya attracts the person though it is a provision like the rain but it is mixed with the earth and when man is indulged in it and he is impressed by himself when he sees the fruits. He is wasting his time and suddenly death will come to him or his money and fruits will be destroyed. In both cases all the pleasure that he seeks from the Duniya is gone and his heart will be empty with too much pain. He does not have money or power and he does not even have any good deeds. Either a person will die and he will wish to come back to the life to catch up his time with good deeds and repentance. Or the person will be alive and the Duniya is taken from him after which he realized how much time he wasted and he wishes that he did not associate any partners with Allah. To be deceived with the Duniya is a great loss

We should not be attracted to the worldly life and at the same time we cannot ignore it too. We have to use the Duniya to increase us in righteous good deeds. We should not prefer the Duniya over the hereafter. The Duniya gots away just as the wind scatters the particles of a dead plant

In the end of the Ayah Allah's name Al Muqtadira (the Utmost Strength) is mentioned which is from Qadir and Qadeer. This is to show the people of the Duniya who think it is their plan, knowledge and power but Allah is telling us that He is having the utmost power.

During the lockdown we see Allah power and ability when all of the world has shutdown. Allah ability is distinct. The Name of Allah Al Muqtadira is most suitable in this ayah as the people of the duniya are attracted to planning. Knowledge and experience. Allah is telling us not to prefer the duniya over the Akhirah.

Ayah 46

الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْبَقِيَّةُ الصَّلِحَاتُ خَيْرٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ أَمْلَا

Wealth and children are [but] adornment of the worldly life. But the enduring good deeds are better to your Lord for reward and better for [one's] hope.

In the ayah Allah is telling us that the money and the children are the most beautiful adornment of the Duniya. The adornment of the Duniya do not remain forever. After a person dies, his children will carry him and make a grave for him and bury him and then leave. When a person dies, three things follow him, two will leave and one will remain. The three things are his family, wealth and deeds. Two will leave which are the children who will distribute the wealth, and only

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the deeds remain. All his good deeds will come in the form of a good companion who will accompany him until the Day of Judgement. As for the one only committing sins, then an ugly, wicked person will stay with him in the grave. He will ask you, "who are you?", and he will tell him, "I am your evil deeds. We will see all our deeds in a tangible form in our grave.

We need to use our money and children for the sake of Allah . The righteous children who supplicate for their parents will be a source of goodness for their parents in their grave. Similarly if a person uses the money for the sake of Allah then it will not desert him in the grave. Our life in the Duniya is very short as compared to how long we will spend in the grave and how long will one be in the heaven or Hell. Our time is our capital and if we are not using our time to be more close to Allah then we are going to lose the Duniya and the Hereafter. Allah gave us the Duniya not to be distracted by it and not to forget our purpose in the world. We will leave this life sooner or later. Our purpose in this life is to know our creator and to love our creator and to show our devotion to Allah by worshipping Him. We need to love Allah and hope from him and fear him. If we are attracted to the Duniya then for sure we will be sad and we will be a loser.

We need to use the adornment of the Duniya for the sake of Allah. The money and children will leave and the righteous good deeds will remain.

The purpose in our life is to purify ourselves, ask for forgiveness and be reformed in order to be suitable to live in paradise near the messengers and Prophets, The angels will welcome the residents of Paradise and will entertain them. The people of Paradise will be under the Shade of Allah and they will enjoy the companionship of Allah.

If we waste our time in the Duniya then we will be a loser. Our life is very precious and we need to nourish our soul and beautify our limbs with righteous good deeds. Allah showered us with many blessings in the Duniya and we are just busy with blessings and we do not have time to be grateful or to thank Allah.

We should not have hope in the Duniya because it will disappoint us as it will be perished. The deeds we do for the hereafter will remain. We need to have hope in our good deeds because that is what will benefit us.