

## Points to Ponder

### Excerpts from the 20<sup>th</sup> Juz

#### SURAH an-NAML

*Ayah 63: Is He [not best] who responds to the desperate one when he calls upon Him and removes evil and makes you inheritors of the earth? Is there a deity with Allah ? Little do you remember.*

Zun Noon Misri R.A. states that the “*desperate*” one is the one who has cut off his reliance, dependence, trust and contact from all and relies *only* on ALLAH.

This verse tells us the disposition and mindset that one needs to have when making Dua. Many a times we learn of a verse or dua which we are told if we read it and thereafter supplicate , make dua our duas will be accepted. More often than not we ask:

“How many times should I read it?”

This gives the notion that these duas/verses are to be read like incantations or some *magical* recitals..... very much like a Wazifah. Whereas Duas are not to be merely recited, they have to be beseeched , implored and begged. Then only will a spirit of *Desperate* will be found.

Hajjaj bin Yusuf, the ruthless caliph, highlights the deficiency and poor nature of our prayers.

Once while performing Umrah, he overheard a blind man making dua' to Allah to return his eyesight. When he noticed the casual and almost heedless spirit with which the old man was supplicating, he interrupted his tawaf and angrily confronted the man, *'By the time I complete my Umrah, if your sight is not restored I will sentence you to death!'* With that, he assigned an officer to ensure the man didn't run and went on to complete his Umrah.

Having received such an gloomy threat, the man was in total shock and began to weep profusely, begging ***'Ya Allah, please Ya Allah, whereas before I was begging to You for my eyesight, I am now begging for my life! Please, please return my sight so that my life can be spared'*** He cried and cried like never before and finally by the time Hajjaj bin Yusuf returned, Allah Ta'alaahad answered his prayers and given him back his eyesight.

The caliph then remarked to the man, '*Had you beseeched your Lord for one thousand years in your casual manner, He would never have answered you. But once your heart and soul entered into your supplication, you were guaranteed a response.*'

Let us all become true beggars.

**Dua of a Bedouin who stood up fearlessly to Hajjaj bin Yusuf ,and whom Hajjaj could not harm or raise his sword to.**

اَللّٰهُمَّ يَا رَبَّ اَلرَّبَابِ وَيَا مُعْتِقَ الرِّقَابِ وَيَا هَازِمَ الْاَحْزَابِ  
وَيَا مُنْشِئَ السَّحَابِ وَيَا مُنْزِلَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَا رَازِقَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ  
بَغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ وَيَا مَلِكُ يَا تَوَّابُ وَيَا رَادَّ مُوسَىٰ اِلَىٰ اُمِّهِ  
وَيُوسُفَ اِلَىٰ اَبِيهِ يَعْقُوبَ اَسْأَلُكَ اَنْ تَرْزُقَنِي وَتَكْفِيَنِي شَرَّهُ  
اِنَّكَ عَلَيَّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

## Surah Al-Qasas

Ayah 4: *Indeed, Pharaoh exalted himself in the land and **made its people into factions**, oppressing a sector among them, slaughtering their [newborn] sons and keeping their females alive. Indeed, he was of the corrupters.*

Firoun (Pharaoh), advocated and applied the concept of “DIVIDE AND RULE”.

He caused factions, parties, segments and dissension amongst his people the copts as well as amongst the Bani Israeel. He accomplished this by elevating one above the other as well as by seemingly side with one against the other. He appointed Qaroon (who was an Israelite himself) as a tax collector under his regime, of course with promises of empowering him.

Creating factions between people is regarded as one of the most deplorable acts. In fact Asma' bint Yazeed R.A. says that Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said :

أفلا أخبركم بشرا ركم ؟ قالوا : بلى ، قال : المشاؤون بالنميمة ، المفسدون بين الأحبة ،  
الباغون البراء العنت

*Should I inform you of the worst amongst you? The Companions R.A replied in the affirmative. Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said **“Those who carry tales, sow discord (cause enmity) between friends, those who seek to cause dissonance and chaos amongst the innocent.”***

Thus, a person who is involved in the above has infact adopted the wretched legacy of Firoun.

Surah Ankaboot

Allah Ta'alaa talks about the nation of Lut A.S. Now we know that one of the chief reasons for their destruction was their involvement in same gender relationships. Islam does not permit same gender marriages and intimacy, and Quranic law states that

*“And the two persons (man or woman) among you who commit illegal sexual intercourse, punish them both.”***Surah Nisaa verse 16**

So there is no difference of opinion in respect to the impermissibility of this act.

If one finds oneself inclined towards this despised act, then we need to seek help, in how to rid oneself of such an inclination rather than trying to find a justification for it. **NO, ITS NOT BECAUSE ITS IN YOUR GENES. KLEPTOMANIA AND HENCE STEALING AND SOON MURDER WILL ALSO BE REGARDED AS CONDITIONS AND THUS JUSTIFIED.** So if you find yourself with this inclination then seek help together with repentance as Allah Ta'alaa says:

*And if they repent (promise Allah that they will never repeat, i.e. commit illegal sexual intercourse and other similar sins) and do righteous good deeds, leave them alone.*

Other ills found in the nation of Lut A.S. were:

- The males would colour their finger tips with Henna (Mehendi)
- They would leave the buttons of their shirts open
- They would break wind in public
- They would cause a hindrance by stoning passer byes ( **Todays equivalent of Egging**”)