

Two things for the one who has taqwaa

-Advice to the Muslims to have taqwaa¹ when seeking provision, and during hardships and trials-

Shaikh al-Albaani:

“Our calamity today is that we have turned away from the main purpose for which we were created, which is: worshipping Allaah ?. So most of us don’t worship Allaah, and the few who do worship Allaah don’t know how to worship Him. And one of the things we have forgotten from the preserved Qur.aan that Allaah ? blessed upon us as He said: {Indeed it is We who sent down the Dhikr² and indeed We will be its guardian}³ – is (the verse): {And whoever fears Allaah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make for him a way out. And He will provide for him from where he never could imagine}.⁴

This verse has become as if it was abrogated from the Qur.aan, not written down which the Muslims recite day and night. But what is the benefit if the Qur.aan is written down in pages and mus-hafs, and that which the walls are decorated with, yet when it comes to the hearts, they are empty? Was the Qur.aan revealed for us to decorate our houses with it, recite it over our dead ones, and distance it – in terms of applying and acting upon it – from our living ones? He ? said: {That it (the Qur.aan) may warn whoever is alive, and that the Word (i.e. the torment) may be justified against the disbelievers}.⁵ So firstly, the Qur.aan was revealed for those alive and not for those who are dead. Furthermore, it was revealed for those alive to act upon it, not decorate their houses and walls with it. So this is a verse mentioned in the Qur.aan, but most of the Muslims – especially those whom Allaah has blessed with some wealth, who are eager to

preserve it and afraid of it getting lost or robbed from them – have forgotten this verse: {And whoever fears Allaah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make for him a way out. And He will provide for him from where he never could imagine}.

This verse presents two very important things to the one who has taqwaa. Firstly, if he falls into a hardship, He will make a way out for him; and secondly, if provision becomes straitened for him, He will provide for him from where he cannot imagine.

Nowadays if we fall into a hardship, perhaps one of us will disbelieve in Allaah ? and he does not take refuge in Allaah, nor does he implore Him with humility, nor does he seek nearness to Him through that which He loves and is pleased with – like what had happened with some people before us, whose account our Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) narrated to us. It is a story that happened with some people who came before Muhammad ? was sent, and our Prophet narrated the story to us so that we take it as a lesson and don't forget, like the previous verse: {And whoever fears Allaah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make for him a way out}. The Messenger ? said about these people: [Here the Shaikh narrates the hadeeth of the three men who got trapped in a cave, each one of whom thereafter supplicated to Allaah by means of their righteous deeds, after which Allaah responded to them and removed the rock that was blocking the mouth of the cave, thus relieving them].

This is an authentic hadeeth, not just a story. It is a hadeeth of al-Bukhaari and Muslim from the Messenger of Allaah ?, not some story from the Israa.eeliyyaat6 that you may hear for which Allaah did not send down any authority.”

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1 piety; fulfilling Allaah's commands and staying away from His prohibitions

2 "i.e. the Qur.aan and the Sunnah" – Shaikh al-Albaani, Al-Hadeethu Hujjatun bi-Nafsihi fi l-`Aqaa.idi wa l-Ahkaam p. 20-21

3 Surat ul-Hijr 15:9

4 Surat ut-Talaaq 65:2-3

5 Surat Yaa Seen 36:70

6 narrations from the People of the Book

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