

Chapter – 80

Narratives in Quran

(نقص القرآن)

❖ لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي قَصَصِهِمْ عِبْرَةٌ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ مَا كَانَ حَدِيثًا يُفْتَرَى
وَلَكِنْ تَصْدِيقَ الَّذِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَتَفْصِيلَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً
لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ -

Verily, in their accounts there is a lesson for men of wisdom; this is not a fictitious tale, but a verification of earlier books; and a clear exposition of everything; and a guidance and grace for those who believe. (12:111)

PROTOCOL REQUEST

It is not only our tradition but also obligatory that when we take the names of the Prophets, we use certain modus operandi for them. This chapter is related to the prophets therefore their names are coming repeatedly. In order to make it short we did not write these respectful names with proper conventions. You are requested to kindly read these names with due protocol, “عليه السلام”.

In the holy Quran, stories are mentioned about Adam, Hawwa, Iblis, Haabeel, and Qaabeel. In this, the stories of Nooh, Ibrahim, Ismail, Lute, Ishaq, Yaqoob, and Yousuf are also described. Moreover, circumstances of Saleh, people of Thamud, Shuaib and people of Midian and Eikah, Daood, Suleiman, Moosa and Haroon are also given. Other than this, in this Holy Book the stories of Firaun, Haman, Bani Israel and Qaroon are also described in detail. --- From all these stories we get guidance and lessons quite often. That is why God has mentioned these stories in many places.

❖ *Story of Adam* عليه السلام

With the stories of Adam, we come to know about the importance of knowledge. Besides, it is also realized that ‘Man’, whatever the high status he has, he can commit mistake.

❖ *Story of Iblis*

With the stories of Iblis, his proudness is evident on us. His superiority complex and considering inferior to others was so intense that he refused to obey the Orders of God. He thought that God has given power and prestige to man who is created by earth/soil, whereas he has been created by fire, which is more superior. He thought that God has committed mistake. --- God gives us lessons through these stories. --- Have a deep consideration! In this present world similar instances are being seen day and night.

❖ *Stories of Moosa and Shuaib* عليهم السلام

In Quran, the story of Moosa is mentioned frequently. It is said that Firaun had heard from astrologers that one child is going to be born who will support Israel and he will save them with the barbarity of the people of Firaun. He will sink Firaun into the river. On this prediction, Firaun started killing all the newly born children of Bani Israel. But only that happens for which God desires. When Moosa was born, his mother got God's Revelation that, keep the baby in one wooden box and put this box into the Nile River". She becomes ready to obey the God's Revelation, and she floats the box into the Nile River. The Palace of Firaun was alongside the Nile. That box reaches to the Palace. A'asia, the wife of Firaun, picks that box and she finds a beautiful baby inside. A'asia was childless, so by the guidance of God, she tells to her husband Firaun that I want to adopt this child.

Moosa grows up in the house of Firaun. He is that child, for whom thousands of children were killed, but his brought up takes place with Firaun. The nation of Firaun was Qabtian, the descendants of Egyptians. Once, a man of this nation quarreled with a man of Bani Israel. Qabtian kills Israelian. Israelian seeks help from Moosa. Moosa was already unhappy with the attitude of Qabtian. So he hits his powerful punch on Qabtian. He was not in this intension that he should be killed, but the punch of a prophet was very forceful and he died. It was Moosa's apprehension that soldiers of Firaun may arrest him therefore he ran towards Midian. This place belongs to the prophet Shuaib.

Here, Moosa reaches near a well and sits under the tree. After some time the daughters of Shuaib come for water. Moosa enquires them, "Why are you standing here silently"? They reply, "We are waiting for the sheep-keeper who can help us to take out water from this well." Moosa stands and he takes out water for them. --- When the daughters of Shuaib return back to their house, they describe the

whole story of Moosa to Shuaib. He calls Moosa through his daughter. Moosa tells to the daughter that she should follow him and guide him the way. When Moosa meets Shuaib, the daughter tells to her father that this man looks to be very honest and hard worker so it is better to make him our servant. So, an agreement takes place for 10 years. This time passes very fast and finally Moosa marries to Bibi Safoora, the daughter of Shuaib.

After completing the contract period, Moosa started his new journey along with his wife. Journey continued and one night he started searching a place of fire because that time the weather was too cold. At this very moment his thoughts were much focused at one point and all of a sudden he saw fire. So he ran towards that fire but it was not the fire, it was the Glory of God. There was a voice:

إِنِّي أَنَا رَبُّكَ فَاخْلَعْ نَعْلَيْكَ إِنَّكَ بِالْوَادِ الْمُقَدَّسِ طُوًى

{I am your God. Take out your shoes,
You are in the sacred valley of Tuwa. (20:12)}

And then Moosa became Prophet.

خدا کی دین کا موسیٰ سے پوچھے احوال

کہ آگ لینے کو جائیں، پیبیری مل جائے

(You ask Moosa about the bestow of God
Look for fire but got the status of prophet)

Moosa said to Firaun that we are the servants of God, so do not forget God, and do not feel proud of your State.

Moosa was given two miracles by Allah تعالیٰ و سبحانہ. One is that, when he puts down his walking stick on earth it used to become snake, and when he hits his stick on any stone, from there a water spring comes out. The second miracle is that, when he puts his hand under the armpit and takes out, it transforms into a bright shining hand. Firaun considered these things as magic. So he called all the best magicians from his State. They put their ropes and other magic items. Moosa put his stick by the order of God. That stick has eaten all the ropes etc. The magicians were professional so they took this event beyond the human power, so immediately surrendered and became faithful. Yet Firaun stood by on his point.

Moosa collected the people of Bani Israel at one place. Firaun wanted to kill them so he started chasing them. They had to pass Nile River. Moosa hit his stick on water; it was divided into two parts. So

they crossed Nile without any problems. Firaun and his followers chased them but when they were almost in the middle the two parts of Nile River joined together and Firaun with all his followers sank.

With this story of Moosa many lessons may be learnt. For example; the revelation of God on a women encourages women to be faithful to God and sincerely remember Him, then they can also have such revelations. ---- Mother of Moosa was so much confident and having faith on God that she did not hesitate to float the box in the Nile River. Those who have such strong faith then God never disappoint them. ---- The wife of unkind Firaun was such a good wife and a nice lady!

This story also gives this lesson that the boat of any oppressor never cross safely. When God behaves softly then people become absolutely free and do whatever they want. Firaun is not the only person; today's ignorant people also consider themselves independent. Today's rulers consider themselves as dictators. They think that doing injustice is their right. God may be late but no question of injustice with Him. This story gives consolation to Muslims that never be disappointed for the kindness of God. Just remain patient. In the end, God will give you supremacy.

وَسَيَعْلَمُ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا أَيَّ مُنْقَلَبٍ يَنْقَلِبُونَ

{ Yet the oppressors will now come to know through what reversal they will be overthrown. (26:227) }

Moreover, if the concentration is developed at one point then there will be a connection with celestial world. In fact, the disturbance in thoughts stops to open the supernatural world. Here fire was just a pretext; the actual intension was the concentration of thoughts.

❖ *Story of Daood* عليه السلام

Historians say that after Moosa, for some time the affairs of Bani Israel remained normal. But when their habits and characters were spoiled, God made a non-believer Jalut as their king and gave dominance over them. As a result Bani Israel ran away from that place and got shelter in Bayt-al-Maqdis. In that period Ismail was the Prophet. Bani Israel requested him that a king should be made for us so that we may start Jihad. The prophet gave the status of king to a tall person named Saul. Saul was not a rich person but God had bestowed him knowledge, skill and power. Since he was poor therefore he was not attracted by Bani Israel. The Prophet said that the statesmanship lies in knowledge and power and not in wealth. But the people of Bani Israel were much argumentative so they did not accept him and requested for solid reason.

By the prayers of Prophet the lost box was found in which there were some sacred remnants of Moosa and Haroon. Talut attacked on Jalut. --- The weather was too hot. In the army of Talut, Daood, his father and his six brothers were included. Daood was short in height and used to take care of goats. Talut saw bravery in Daood so he gave him an assignment to fight with Jalut. Jalut was fully covered with shield etc. Only his forehead was free. Daood had thrown a stone taking an exact aim on his forehead which remained successful and Jalut died. After that, Daood was married with the daughter of Talut. Later, he became the successor king of Talut and became the Prophet as well. These are all the arrangements of God. He destroys the oppressors. And if He would not be kind enough the whole system of this world will be ruined and everything will be tumbledown.

❖ *Story of Yunus* عليه السلام

Some elucidations of Quran mention that the people of Prophet Yunus belong to the tribe of Nainwa and they used to live in Musal. These people were non-believers. Prophet Yunus invited them to become believers but they refused. He told them that if you will remain as it is then anguish from God will come. They realized that Yunus may be right. But they thought that if Yunus would not leave our place this night means nothing will happen, otherwise not. That night Yunus left the place and in the morning indications of God's anguish started. They saw that Yunus is not here so they were much frightened. So all of them started crying, expressed their regrets and offered true repentances. God has given them mercy and took out His anguish.

Some explainers of Quran also write (another story) that Yunus told his followers that it is better for you to immediately regret on your doings otherwise you will face God's anguish. After that he waited for some time but there were no indications of God's anger therefore he became frustrated and left the place and gone towards sea shore. He sat in one boat with some other people. When boat gone for some distance, cyclone started. Boat started rolling. It was decided that one man should be thrown out from boat to make the boat lighter. For this, according to rules, lottery was arranged. In this lottery the name of Yunus came. So, Yunus was thrown into the sea. A big fish swallowed him. He was in the stomach of fish for some time. During this period he kept on seeking help from God with these words:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

{There is no God except You; purity is to You; I have indeed committed a mistake. (21:87)}

God, The Most Merciful showed His mercy and the fish had thrown out Yunus from the stomach. However on account of spending time in the stomach of fish Yunus got some skin problem. For this, God had grown up a creeper of pumpkin. This creeper remained all around his body. After some time He became completely fit. He then returned to his place. All were regretting for their past happenings.

Dear People! This act of Yunus is virtually one secrete between lover and the beloved and is the bearing of whims. Be careful! Never consider that it was a mistake. In fact, every prophet is free from errors and mistakes. So doing any disrespect with prophet would spoil your own faith.

❖ *Story of Yusuf* عليه السلام

Surah Yusuf is أَحْسَنُ الْقَصَصِ (the best of all stories). In these stories how many learning lessons exist, one must consider.

When the brothers of Yusuf saw that their father Yaqub is very much kind on Yusuf they became extremely jealous. So, they tried to separate Yusuf with Yaqub. They told a lie that we are going for outing with Yusuf but brought in jungle and dropped him down in a well. But, when God desires anything, it has to happen. The passers-by took him out from the well. So God saved Yusuf.

After this instance, brother of Yusuf sold him to the king of Egypt. After purchasing Yusuf, king started taking his tests. Spending day and night in a house, taking meals served by a woman, rather a beautiful woman! ---- It is not for one day only but it is a daily affair! Above all if the initiation is taking place from a very beautiful and stunning woman then keeping a man safe is not an easy task.

But, Yusuf was a son of prophet and he himself was among “*Would be a Prophet*”, so no spot could come on his name. Yusuf was frustrated with this environment so he preferred to live in jail.

When he was in jail he was bestowed knowledge of dreams. Among prisoners, two of them saw dreams. He gave the interpretations of those dreams. Those interpretations remained correct. One of them got release from the prison, so he was very much impressed with the knowledge of Yusuf and his cleanliness.

Afterward Yusuf started preaching and teaching among prisoners. Once, the king of Egypt saw a dream. Yusuf was called for. Before giving the interpretation of dream, Yusuf demanded a thorough investigation first as regards to the so called ‘affair of him and king’s wife’. ---- Zulaikha, the king’s wife, admitted her desire for Yusuf and saved the name of Yusuf. ---- Then he gave the interpretation of King’s Dream, which came up exactly true.

Later, a famine had occurred. Yusuf was made responsible for the distribution of food. Brothers of Yusuf also came from Kinaan to Egypt to collect food. At this juncture Yusuf wished to see his real brother Binyamin. His father Yaqub was forced to send Binyamin. But he had apprehensions that these fellows may not leave Binyamin as did with Yusuf.

Yusuf wanted to retain Binyamin with him. So he trickily put a vase of king into the bag of Binyamin. When this vase came out from the bag of Binyamin the brothers were asked, “Tell us what the punishment of theft in Kinaan is”? Brothers of Yusuf replied, “Thief is made prisoner”. So, Binyamin was retained.

Yaqub came to know that Binyamin did not come back as was feared, he insisted his other sons to bring Yusuf and Binyamin without fail. ---- At last Yusuf appeared himself in front of his father. All brothers of Yusuf felt sorry for all their doings and ask for forgiveness. What he said at this juncture, Quran says:

لَا تَثْرِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْيَوْمَ يَغْفِرُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ

{May Allah forgive you, He is the Most Merciful. (12:92)}

When Yusuf sent the news to his father that I am coming back, he sent one fellow in advance with his shirt from Egypt to Kinaan. Yaqub could realize that he is coming back so he said:

قَالَ أَبُوهُمْ إِنَّي لَأَجِدُ رِيحَ يُوسُفَ

{The father said, “Indeed I sense the fragrance of Yusuf. (12:94)}

Look! From this whole story we come to know that, every event has its own time. These are all Nature’s charismatic things. When wanted; whatsoever wanted; God showed to us. And when wanted; whatsoever wanted; God has hidden the things with us:

بِيَدِكَ الْخَيْرُ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

{In Your Hand lies all goodness; Indeed You are able to do all things, (03:26)}

This story has lesson to learn, there is satisfaction and consolation too. It says that those who are at right, their fate always remain good. Never be disappointed with God's compassion. Get rid of with bad deeds and do good deeds. Then success would be your fate. God has ultimately saved Yusuf with all his enemies.

❖ *Story of Eisa* عليه السلام

Eisa (Jesus) had twelve apostles (حواری). It is being said for them that Jesus had given them order that they should never go to the people who do not belong to their nation. He also told them that they should never enter into the city of Samiri (Magicians). Rather, they should go to see the sheep of Israel.

Whatever is written in connection with the faith of these twelve apostles, they are very harsh words. Some people said they were having very poor faith, some said they were non-believers, and some said that they were very impolite and wicked. A few consider that they did not have faith even equivalent to the black mustard seeds.

Pitrus was the leader of all and he was called as 'Devil'. Jesus Christ had put the foundation stone of a church on the name of Pitrus. This fellow had refuted Jesus three times. But, when people used to say that you were with Jesus he always told lie in this connection.

Among these apostles, there was an apostle whose name was Judas Iscariot. He took some money and arranged the arrest of Jesus Christ. When the remaining apostles heard about the arrest of Jesus they just ran away.

Jesus Christ had promised with these apostles that when the Son of Adam (human being) will see a new birth, they will be given high status. You all, who will be following to me, will also sit on twelve high places and will do justice of twelve tribes of Israel.

Quran has not mentioned about these apostles in detail. However, all their good deeds are given. This is, in a way, an acknowledgment of their services and success. It is a big favor of Quran for all Christians that all good things are described not only for their Prophet but also for the companions of the Prophet. All weaknesses that occurred have been ignored.

It is said that, apostle Judas Iscariot had complained for Jesus Christ many times in front of the government officials and prepared them to kill him. The ruler Plautus had sent spies all over. Finally, Jesus Christ was arrested. Afterward he was given acute tortures. A complete plot was prepared to hang Jesus Christ. But, the revenge from God came forward and dominated to all. At the time of hanging of Jesus, God selected a Jew from these Jews as a replacement to Jesus Christ. Angels took Jesus Christ up to the sky. Jews hanged that replaced person considering him to be as Jesus.

Look at the circumstances of our beloved Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. God has also kept him always victorious. Insha Allah we will also remain successful. But for this, we have to keep our activities in right direction. We have to have firm belief as well. Remember! If there is true faith then we will be in peace.

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