

## Surat Yaasin verse 54

### Learning Objectives

To reflect on verse 54 of Surat Yaasin and understand:

- The Divine Justice is the foundation of the Day of Judgement
- Every person will be rewarded and/or punished in accordance with their own deeds
- No one will bear the burden of another soul – it is the ultimate Justice

### The Divine Justice!

فَالْيَوْمَ لَا تُظْلَمُ نَفْسٌ شَيْئًا وَلَا تُجْزَوْنَ إِلَّا مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ {54}

***“So this day no soul shall be dealt with unjustly in the least; and you shall not be rewarded aught but that which you did”***

Allah is just, and the Hereafter is the Day of appearance and manifestation of Allah’s Justice. The retribution and reward on the Hereafter Day is on the basis of our deeds in the world. This verse refers to the end of the righteous believers and the wicked disbelievers.

It implies that on that Day nobody, believer or non-believer, shall be dealt with unjustly. Neither the reward of anybody will be decreased, nor will the retribution of anybody be increased.

In Surah as-Saaffaat (37) verse 39, Allah (swt) says:

وَمَا تُجْزَوْنَ إِلَّا مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

***“And you shall not be rewarded except (for) what you did”***

The deeds you do in this world, good or bad, will be with you there on that Day. The same deeds will be personified and in all stations of the gathering place of resurrection, and after the end of Reckoning, will be with you as your companion.

If one has done a bad deed, he would not be punished more than what he is liable for. His good deeds will be taken into consideration and he would be rewarded for them. If he has not sinned, he will not be punished. The punishment of every sin will be on the one who has committed it, not on anyone else.

In Surah Faatir (35) verse 18, Allah (swt) says:

وَلَا تَزِرُ وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَىٰ ۗ وَإِن تَدْعُ مُثْقَلَةٌ إِلَىٰ جِمْلِيهَا لَا يُحْمَلْ مِنْهُ شَيْءٌ وَلَوْ كَانَ ذَا قُرْبَىٰ

***And a burdened soul cannot bear the burden of another and if one weighed down by burden should cry for (another to carry) its burden, not aught of it shall be carried, even though he be near of kin.... (not full verse stated)***

In this world, amongst human beings, there is sometimes justice and sometimes injustice. The world with its many limitations of the human ‘power’ cannot deliver the ultimate justice to every person as he or she deserves. There is therefore a necessity that there is a Day where all creation will receive what they ‘deserve’.

On the importance of Justice, we have in hadith:

**“Justice is the strongest foundation”** - Ghurar Al-Hikam – 06175

**“Justice is the cornerstone of faith and the accumulator of benevolence”** - Ghurar Al-Hikam – 06113

### Important Lessons:

- The foundation of the Day of Judgement is on Justice
- This world with its constraints cannot deliver the full justice but on that Day there is FULL JUSTICE
- Every person will be rewarded with his/her right of the share and no person will be punished more than what he/she deserves
- Therefore – every person will **face the consequence of his/her actions** – good or evil
- We are encouraged by the Ahlul Bayt (AS) that when we pray to Allah (swt) we ask Him NOT to judge us with His Justice but with His Mercy and Kindness – otherwise we may ‘loose’!

### Discussion/Reflection points:

- Why can this world not deliver full justice to every person?
- Why do we not want Allah (swt) to judge us with His Justice, but rather His Mercy?
- What examples in our daily lives require us to exercise being Just with others around us?

### Activity ideas:

- In groups of 4, come up with 2 scenarios and how the outcome of the actions in these scenarios would be different if judged by Justice as opposed to if judged by Mercy and Grace.
- Make a small note card for your prayer mat whereby you remember to ask Allah (swt) daily to judge you with His Mercy and Kindness rather than His Justice.

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