

For Fast 23

Chapter 26

- 75 He (Abraham) said (to his people): Do you then see what you worship —
76 you and your ancient sires?
77 Surely they are an enemy to me, but not (so) the Lord of the worlds,
78 Who created me, then He shows me the way,
79 and Who gives me to eat and to drink,
80 and when I am sick, He heals me,
81 and Who will cause me to die, then give me life,
82 and Who, I hope, will forgive me my mistakes on the day of Judgment.
83 My Lord, grant me wisdom, and join me with the righteous,
84 and ordain for me a goodly mention in later generations,
85 and make me from among the heirs of the Garden of bliss,
86 and forgive my sire, surely he is in error,
87 and do not disgrace me on the day when they are raised —
88 the day when wealth will not avail, nor sons,
89 except him who comes to Allah with a sound heart.

Note: Abraham preached against the idol-worship of his relatives and community, and told them about the one God and what God provides for us (verses 78–82). Then follows Abraham’s prayer from verse 83 onwards. A “sound heart” is one untroubled and contented.

- 116 They said: If you do not give up, Noah, you will certainly be stoned to death.
117 He said: My Lord, my people call me a liar.
118 So judge between me and them openly, and deliver me and the believers who are with me.
119 So We delivered him and those with him in the laden ark.
120 Then We drowned the rest afterwards.

Note: When Noah’s mission reached the stage where no one further would accept him, and his opponents threatened to kill him, he prayed to Allah to send His judgment openly.

- 167 They said: If you do not give up, Lot, you will surely be banished.
168 He said: Surely I abhor what you do.
169 My Lord, deliver me and my followers from what they do.
170 So We delivered him and his followers all,
171 except an old woman, among those who remained behind.
172 Then We destroyed the others.

Note: The account of Lot is similar to that of Noah, in his prayer for delivery.

- 213** So do not call upon another god with Allah or you would be among those punished.
214 And warn your nearest relations,
215 and be gentle to the believers who follow you.
216 But if they disobey you, say: I am clear of what you do.
217 And rely on the Mighty, the Merciful,
218 Who sees you when you stand up,
219 and your movements among those who prostrate themselves.
220 Surely He is the Hearing, the Knowing.

Note: The Prophet Muhammad is addressed here. He is instructed to warn, not only the general public, but his own relations that evil deeds lead to bad consequences. “Nearest relations” also indicates that the Prophet should treat all people as being his relations, since he is in fact required to warn all mankind.

He must be gentle to his followers, and disassociate himself from those who disobey him. Verses 218–220 indicate that Allah “saw” the Holy Prophet going into the various postures during prayer, meaning that Allah was very much aware of his prayers and was hearing them.
