

(*Note:* Wherever the word “you” or “your” is singular and refers to one human being, it is printed with an italic y, as in: you. Wherever such a word refers to God, the y is printed in capital, as in: You.)

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Chapter 35

- 15 O people, it is you that have need of Allah, and Allah is the Self-Sufficient, the Praised One.
- 16 If He please, He will remove you and bring a new creation.
- 17 And this is not hard to Allah.
- 18 And no bearer of a burden can bear another’s burden. And if one weighed down by a burden calls another to carry his load, none of it will be carried, even though he be near of kin. You can only warn those who fear their Lord in secret and keep up prayer. And whoever purifies himself, purifies himself only for his own good. And to Allah is the eventual coming.
- 19 And the blind and the seeing are not alike,
- 20 nor the darkness and the light,
- 21 nor the shade and the heat.
- 22 Neither are the living and the dead alike. Surely Allah makes whom He pleases hear, and you can not make those hear who are in the graves.

Note: Note how spiritual truths are conveyed in words relating to physical life. *Those in the graves* are the very men who were actively engaged in opposition to the Prophet. The seeing are those who have their eyes opened spiritually, the light is the spiritual light, the living are those alive in spirit, and so on.

- 23 You are only a warner.
- 24 Surely We have sent you with the Truth as a bearer of good news and a warner. And there is not a people but a warner has gone among them.

Note: This broad doctrine that a prophet was raised among every nation is taught repeatedly in the Quran and it is met with in the earlier revelation at Makka as well as the later revelation at Madina. This great truth, which had remained

hidden for thousands of years from the wisest men of the world, had shone upon the mind of an unlearned Arabian, who did not even know what nations then existed and what scriptures they possessed. This broad doctrine alone could form the basis of the universality of a Divine message to the whole of mankind. Only he who had the breadth of mind to recognize truth in all could unite all men.

- 25 And if they reject you, those before them also rejected — their messengers came to them with clear arguments, and with scriptures, and with the illuminating Book.
- 26 Then I seized those who disbelieved, so how (terrible) was My disapproval!