**Dar Ul Imaan**

**Ramadan Series**

**Stories of the Prophets**

**Lesson 22 Nuh(as) part 7**

**Characteristics of Nuh(as)’s nation, and the reasoning of denying the prophets**

**6 characteristics of Nuh(as) Nation**

1. **كَانُوا قَوْمًا عَمِينَ** they were blind
2. **الظُلم، هُمْ ظَالِمُونَ** they were cruel
3. **قَوم سُوء** they were evil
4. **الكفر و الكذب** they disbelieved and denied
5. **فَاسِقُون** they were rebellious
6. **الطُغيان** they were disobedient

Nuh(as) call people to Allah for 950 years, why very few of them believed, scholars say: when elderly of the nation would die, he would advise the nation not to believe in the prophet. It’s a miracle of Allah swt that Nuh(as) was given such a long life.

Allah swt is telling Muhammad(saw) about the nation of Nuh(as) so he wouldn’t feel dishearten from people of Makkah as they deny him continuously. It’s a reminder to us too, today people who are on Deen(religion) are denied and looked down upon.

1. **كَانُوا قَوْمًا عَمِينَ twice in the Quran**

But they rejected him, so We saved him and those with him in the Ark, and drowned those who rejected Our signs. They were certainly a blind people. Surah Ayraaf:64

in Quran 3 words are words are used for blindness; **عمي** blind from the eyes, **اَكْمه** blind by birth, **عمه** blindness of heart.

All the evidence that Nuh(as) gave his nation of oneness of Allah swt they saw but didn’t want to believe, so Allah swt called that nation **عَمِين.**

No! Their knowledge of the Hereafter amounts to ignorance. In fact, they are in doubt about it. In truth, they are totally blind to it. Surah Naml:66

This verse Allah swt is referring to all the people of the world

**دَّٰرَك** to come down the stairs

**درج** to go up

Learning point: what do we do with our eyes, do we use them for guidance? Our eyes are asset, blessing of Allah swt, we must use it wisely to get the knowledge of Quran.

1. **الظُلم، هُمْ ظَالِمُونَ this quality came frequently in the Quran**

Imam Raghib Isfahani Quote: **الظُلم** Cruelty is to take something and put it in/on inappropriate spot, inappropriate time, or doing too much or too less of something. For example; putting the clothes on the stove, to press on race instead of break. **الظُلم** cruelty is a vast topic**.**

Not to believe in Allah swt is also **الظُلم,** to follow our heart over Allah swt’s order is **الظُلم,** to prioritize our husband, children or parents over Allah swt’s order is also **الظُلم.**

Imam Raghib Isfahani Quote: committing small and big sins also fall under the category of **الظُلم.**

Imam Raghib Isfahani Quote: **الظُلم** word is used as a common word, there are a lot of meanings of it; **جهد** (to deny) its next stage of **كفر .**

**الإضرار بالنفس**(to harm oneself),

**الكذب** (to lie)

**الخيانه (**treason)

**الغيبه** (back biting)

**النميمه** (to gossip)

**الظُلم، هُمْ ظَالِمُونَ Allah swt used this word 7 times for Nuh(as)’s nation.**

Have they not received the stories of those destroyed before them: the people of Nuh, ’Âd, and Thamûd, the people of Ibraham, the residents of Midian, and the overturned cities (of Lut)? Their messengers came to them with clear proofs. Allah would have never wronged them, but it was they who wronged themselves. Surah Tauba:70

In Quran when Allah swt mention of any nation, he swt begins with Nuh(as)’s nation.

For the reason of their denial Allah swt punished them.

And when the people of Nuh rejected the messengers,we drowned them, making them an example to humanity. And We have prepared a painful punishment for the wrongdoers. Surah Furqaan:37

Allah swt used the word messengers instead of messenger because all the prophets were sent down with the same message as the previous messenger.

**أَعْتَدْنَا** to prepare with affection

Learning point: it very important to see where in our life are we like those who were**لظُلم** cruel and remove this quality from ourself.

scholars say idolatry begin with the nation of Nuh(as). **عَذَابًا أَلِيمًۭا** means the punishment in this world and akhirah. And this is the punishment for any cruelty.

There are forms of **لظُلم** injustice, adultery, backbiting, not paying what someone deserve and the biggest cruelty of all is to worship someone else beside Allah swt.

And before ˹that He destroyed˺ the people of Nuh, who were truly far worse in wrongdoing and transgression. Surah AnNajm:52

**أَطْغَىٰ** rebellious

Scholars say: these people were extremely rebellious.

The Ark rested on Mount Judi, and it was said, “Away with the wrongdoing people!” surah Hud:44

In this verse **لظُلم** used as noun.

Then the Flood overtook them, while they persisted in wrongdoing. Surah Ankaboot:14

Scholars say, they were not just cruel but they went too far with their cruelty.

And do not plead with Me for those who have done wrong, for they will surely be drowned.” Surah Hud:37

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Learning point: respect yourself, your rules for someone else to respect you.

1. **قَوم سُوء Allah swt used this word for only 2 nations, nation of Nuh(as) and Lut(as).**

And ˹remember˺ when Nuh had cried out to Us earlier, so We responded to him and delivered him and his family from the great distress. Surah Anbiya:76

And We made him prevail over those who had rejected Our signs. They were truly an evil people, so We drowned them all. Surah Anbiya:77

And to Lut We gave wisdom and knowledge, and delivered him from the society engrossed in shameful practices. They were certainly an evil, rebellious people. Surah Anbiya:74

Before them, the people of Nuh denied ˹the truth˺ and rejected Our servant, calling ˹him˺ insane. And he was intimidated. Surah Qamr:9

**ٱزْدُجِرَ** repell

The people of Nuh rejected the messengers. Surah shaura:105

To deny one messenger is denial to all the messengers of Allah swt.

But the disbelieving chiefs of his people said ˹to the masses˺, “This is only a human like you, who wants to be superior to you. Had Allah willed, He could have easily sent down angels ˹instead˺. We have never heard of this in ˹the history of˺ our forefathers. Surah mumminoon:24

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1. **فَاسِقُون this world is used twice for the Nuh(as)’s nation**

And the people of Noah ˹had also been destroyed˺ earlier. They were truly a rebellious people. Surah Zariyaat:46

**فَاسِق** they break their promises, they break ties with the relatives, they spread corruption in the earth.

Allah swt said, they were rebellious in everything.

And indeed, we sent Nuh and Ibraham and reserved prophethood and revelation for their descendants. Some of them are ˹rightly˺ guided, while most are rebellious. Surah Hadid:26

Imaam Zamakhshri quote: Nuh(as) and Ibrahim(as) were dominating be rebel, dispute, resile.

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Indeed, when the floodwater had overflowed, we carried you in the floating Ark with Nuh. Surah AlHaqah:11

These were the characteristic of the people of Nuh(as), people of Makkah and today as well, there are 2 type of people who work for Allah’s deen and the one who go against it.