

**Race to Jannah - 6**  
**Group D: Surah Nooh**

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In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ أَنْ أَنْذِرْ قَوْمَكَ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَهُمْ  
عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ {1}

قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ إِنِّي لَكُمْ نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ {2}

أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاتَّقُوهُ وَأَطِيعُوا {3}

يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ مِّنْ ذُنُوبِكُمْ وَيُؤَخِّرْكُمْ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ۚ إِنَّ أَجَلَ  
اللَّهِ إِذَا جَاءَ لَا يُؤَخَّرُ ۗ لَوْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ {4}

قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُ قَوْمِي لَيْلًا وَنَهَارًا {5}

فَلَمْ يَزِدْهُمْ دُعَائِي إِلَّا فِرَارًا {6}

وَإِنِّي كُلَّمَا دَعَوْتُهُمْ لِتَغْفِرَ لَهُمْ جَعَلُوا أَصَابِعَهُمْ فِي آذَانِهِمْ  
وَاسْتَعْشَوْا ثِيَابَهُمْ وَأَصْرُوا وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا {7}

ثُمَّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُهُمْ جِهَارًا {8}

ثُمَّ إِنِّي أَعْلَنْتُ لَهُمْ وَأَسْرَرْتُ لَهُمْ إِسْرَارًا {9}

فَقُلْتُ اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا {10}

يُرْسِلِ السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِدْرَارًا {11}  
 وَيُمْدِدْكُمْ بِأَمْوَالٍ وَبَنِينَ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ  
 أَنْهَارًا {12}  
 مَا لَكُمْ لَا تَرْجُونَ لِلَّهِ وَقَارًا {13}  
 وَقَدْ خَلَقَكُمْ أَطْوَارًا {14}  
 أَلَمْ تَرَوْا كَيْفَ خَلَقَ اللَّهُ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا {15}

**Plain Meaning:**

1. Verily, We sent Nooh to his people (saying): “Warn your people before there comes to them a painful torment.”
2. He (Nooh) said: “O my people! Surely, I am a clear warner to you,
3. That you should worship Allah (alone), fear Him, and obey me.
4. He (Allah) will forgive you of your sins and delay you for a specified term. Surely, the term of Allah when it comes, cannot be delayed, if you only knew.”
5. He (Nooh) said, “My Lord! Indeed I have called my people (to truth) night and day.
6. But all my calling added nothing except in (their) fleeing (from the truth).
7. And surely, whenever I have called them that You (Allah) might forgive them, they put their fingers in their ears, covered themselves with their clothes, persisted (in their refusal), and magnified themselves in pride.
8. Then surely, I have called them openly.
9. Then surely, I have spoken to them publicly, and I have appealed to them secretly.
10. Then I said, ‘Ask forgiveness of your Lord. Indeed, He is the most Forgiving.

11. He will send rain to you in abundance;
12. And give you increase in wealth and children, and provide for you gardens and provide for you rivers.
13. What has happened to you that you do not appreciate the Majesty of Allah,
14. While He has created you in different stages?
15. Do you not see how Allah has created seven heavens in layers (one above another)?' ”

### **Brief Discussion:**

#### **A) 'Nooh' is the name of this Surah.**

- Nooh (or Noah in English) alaihis salam (A) was a great prophet of Allah. The entire Surah discusses the story of prophet Nooh (A) - the messages to his people, their rejection of the truth and Allah's punishment towards them.
- This Surah was revealed to our prophet Muhammad sallallahu alaihi wa sallam (S) in Makkah. It is the 71<sup>st</sup> Surah of the Quran. It has 28 Ayat.

#### **B) The people of prophet Nooh (A) deviated from the right way of leading life.**

- The people of Prophet Nooh (A) forgot the teachings of tawheed (oneness of God). They began to worship idols and false gods such as Wadd, Suwa', Yaghoos, Yawooq and Nasr.
- Therefore, Allah sent Nooh (A) to his people as a prophet. Nooh (A) called them towards the main message of Islam - to worship only Allah, to fear Him and to obey the prophet's teachings.

#### **C) Nooh (A) warned about the bad ending of disbelief and evil actions.**

- He warned his people about the punishment of their bad deeds and disbelief. Indeed, if Allah sends the punishment, nothing can prevent it from happening. Allah is the Almighty Who causes everything to happen.

- For a long period of time, Nooh (A) continued to call his people patiently to the truth - to abandon the false gods and to worship Allah alone. He tried his best in every possible way. He called them night and day. He called them to the truth publicly and privately.
- Only a few people believed in his message and obeyed him. Most of the people followed their misguided leaders and refused to listen to the prophet. Moreover, their attitude and behavior towards Nooh (A) was ignorant and disrespectful.
  - They used to put their fingers into their ears so that they would not be able to hear what Nooh (A) was saying to them.
  - They used to cover themselves with their clothes to remain unrecognizable and to ridicule the prophet.
  - The more Nooh (A) called them to the truth, the more they fled from it and avoided it.
- We should be cautious that we are not doing the same as these bad people. We should listen to our Prophet's teaching found in Sunnah and obey him.

**D) Nooh (A) called his people to the truth with promises of rewards.**

- He called them to accept the truth and ask Allah's forgiveness (istighfar). Indeed, Allah is the Most Forgiving. He will accept repentance (tawbah) no matter what the sin is, even if it is disbelief and polytheism.
- Nooh (A) mentioned that if a person repents to Allah, seeks His forgiveness and obeys Him, Allah will increase provisions for him.
  - Allah will provide water in abundance as blessings from the sky.
  - He will give him more children.
  - He will increase his wealth.
  - He will cause the blessings of the Earth as gardens of crops and fruits.
  - He will cause rivers to flow among these gardens.
- We should always do istighfaar to Allah. Allah will increase His favor on us. The miracle is, we are asking forgiveness as we do sins whether knowing or not knowing; but Allah is so merciful in return He will give us more and more blessings.

### **E) Nooh (A) also called his people through reasoning.**

- Nooh (A) urged them to reflect on the creations of Allah. He said to the people that why they were not thinking about the great majesty of Allah.
- Allah has created us in stages of development - from a drop of fluid to the complete human shape.
- Allah has created the seven heavens in layers, one above another.
- Nooh (A) also attracted the thought of his people to other favors of Allah.
- If we reflect on the creations of Allah and His favors on us, it will make our belief in Allah stronger and make us humble towards Him.

### **F) When the punishment came, Allah saved only the good people.**

- Nooh (A) called his people to Islam for a long time with patience. Due to the consistent rejection of the prophet's message, Allah punished them with a great flood. All the bad people suffered a miserable death.

### **Lessons:**

1. We should be careful about the day of judgement and be prepared for that day.
2. We should try to invite people to the path of Allah in every possible way and should not give up our hope.
3. We should always try our best to fear Allah and learn and obey the guidance of Allah and the teachings of our prophet Muhammad (S).
4. We need to ask for forgiveness to Allah more and more.
5. We need to think about Allah's creations and that will help to strengthen our belief in Allah.
6. We should always put our trust in Allah. He always helps the good people and rewards them in this dunya and in the akhirah. May Allah make us good persons and accept us as His beloved servants. Ameen!