

Reflections

Taleem Al Quran 2007
Reflection on Para 1 by Shaheen

My dearest Ustazah
Assalamualaikum

Whenever I used to read the first para and come to these Ayat, my inner ear used to close up, thinking that this is for the bani isreal so maybe I can just understand the context and the meaning but the message or the order is not for me.

After I did Taleem-ul-Quran I realized for the first time that these verses are as much as for the muslims as for the Bani Israel. But today when I listened to your lecture and the moment you started reading out the word to word translation, I felt as if Allah is addressing me. For the last few days I have not been feeling very well, both physically and emotionally, I have been really depressed due to some problems, but as I listened to these words I felt as if Allah is reminding me.....remember how much I have blessed you....and preferred you gave you such a love for Quran.....gave you such a wonderful teacher.....gave you all the goodness of this world and look at what you are doing.....indulging in depression and self pity and forgetting your responsibilities..... Alhamdulillah it has reminded me of the dreams I had, the promise I had made with Allah when I had been so passionately studying Quran for the first time....how I had longed to spread this light to the whole world.....

How I had believed in Allah's promise that if I stay true to my commitment then He will help me in overcoming whatever challenges I have to face..... How I had promised myself that for me the target would be to love Allah more than anything else.... But although I spread this message to people but time and again I forgot it in my own life.....I failed to keep things in their right perspective. You were so right when you said that love of people prevents us from keeping Allah on the top most place in our list of priorities.

Shaitan is so clever. Even if he can't succeed in making us leave Namaz, yet he makes us fall into every kind of day dream so that we can't feel the nearness of Allah. This is our weakness and we have to work hard with ourselves to get rid of it. If throughout our day we are obsessed with other things and other thoughts then it is not possible that at prayer time our thoughts will take a sudden turn and we will be focused on Allah. The only solution that comes to my mind is to make a habit of talking to Allah at all times. whatever thoughts we have , we should try and share thoughts with Allah, so that our mind is focused on Allah's presence at all times.

May Allah help us to apply the lessons of Quran in our lives so that we can be saved on that day when no one can help us except Allah's mercy.

Lots of love and prayers, Shaheen.