

Verse – 16      الآية: ١٦

(١٦) أَمِنْتُمْ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ أَنْ يَخْسِفَ بِكُمْ الْأَرْضَ فَإِذَا هِيَ تَمُورُ

**Word meaning:**

with you	بِكُمْ	do you feel secure (from)	أَمِنْتُمْ
the earth	الْأَرْضَ	he who	مَنْ
so when	فَإِذَا	over	فِي
it	هِيَ	the heaven	السَّمَاءِ
shakes	تَمُورُ	that	أَنْ
		he will cause to sink	يَخْسِفَ

**Translation:**

16. Do you feel secure that He, Who is over the heaven (Allah), will not cause the earth to sink with you, then behold it shakes (as in an earthquake)?

**Explanation:**

It means: Though Allah has granted the earth such a balanced infrastructure that man cannot go into it without digging, yet Allah has the power to make the earth swallow up all the communities living on its surface.

(١٧) أَمْ أَمِنْتُمْ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ أَنْ يُرْسِلَ عَلَيْكُمْ حَاصِبًا.  
فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ نَذِيرِ

**Word meaning:**

against you	عَلَيْكُمْ	or	أَمْ
a violent whirlwind	حَاصِبًا	do you feel secure from	أَمِنْتُمْ
then you shall know	فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ	he who is	مَنْ
how	كَيْفَ	over	فِي
my warning	نَذِيرِ	the heaven	السَّمَاءِ
		that	أَنْ
		he sends	يُرْسِلَ

**Translation:**

17. Or do you feel secure that He, Who is over the heaven (Allah), will not send against you a violent whirlwind? Then you shall know how (terrible) has been My Warning?

**Explanation:**

In other words, they at the moment feel secure that the Supreme Being in the heaven will not release against them a sudden squall of stones together with violent wind. Soon they will realize how true the Divine warning was, but by the time they realize its veracity it would be too late. Now that they are safe, sound and secure, it is the time for them to give it a thought.

## ١٨) وَلَقَدْ كَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ

### Word meaning:

then how	فَكَيْفَ	and indeed	وَلَقَدْ
was	كَانَ	denied	كَذَّبَ
my denial	نَكِيرِ	whose	الَّذِينَ
		From before them	مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ

### Translation:

18. And indeed those before them denied (the Messengers of Allah), then how terrible was My denial (punishment)?

### Explanation:

Allah mentioned actual punishments that the Arabs of that time knew of and whose results they saw through the relics of those disbelieving nations.

1. Destruction of the nations of Aad, Thamud and Madyan
2. The flood of Arim (which destroyed the people of Saba)
3. The incident of Ashabul Uhdood (where the fire destroyed the disbelievers)
4. The incident of Fil
5. Destruction of Pharaoh and his men
6. Elimination of the nation of Lut (alai)
7. Slight punishment for the nation of Ilyas (alai)
8. The destruction of Nuh's (alai) community.

Verse – 19      الآية: ١٩

(١٩) أَوْلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى الطَّيْرِ فَوْقَهُمْ صَافَّاتٍ وَيَقْبِضْنَ . مَا يُمَسِّكُهُنَّ إِلَّا الرَّحْمَنُ . إِنَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ بَصِيرٌ

**Word meaning:**

upholds them	يُمَسِّكُهُنَّ	do they not	أَوْلَمْ
except	إِلَّا	see	يَرَوْا
the Most Gracious	الرَّحْمَنُ	the birds	الطَّيْرِ
verily He is	إِنَّهُ	above them	فَوْقَهُمْ
of every	بِكُلِّ	rows	صَافَّاتٍ
thing	شَيْءٍ	and folding them	وَيَقْبِضْنَ
the All-Seer	بَصِيرٌ	none	مَا

**Translation:**

19. Do they not see the birds above them, spreading out their wings and folding them in? None upholds them except the Most Beneficent (Allah). Verily, He is the All-Seer of everything.

**Explanation:**

This verse invites attention to the fact that the birds have weight, and in terms of the law of gravity, weighty bodies should fall down on the earth, if they are released from above. Normally, it is not possible for the air to hold them up. But Allah, through His consummate power, has created these birds in such a way that they can hold themselves up in the air. Apparently, they have no intellect, but Allah has taught them the art to make the air carry themselves.

٢٠) أَمَّنْ هَذَا الَّذِي هُوَ جُنْدٌ لَكُمْ يَنْصُرُكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ الرَّحْمَنِ. إِنَّ الْكَافِرُونَ إِلَّا فِي غُرُورٍ

**Word meaning:**

besides	مِنْ دُونِ	who is	أَمَّنْ
the most gracious	الرَّحْمَنِ	this	هَذَا
nothing	إِنَّ	he	الَّذِي
the disbelievers	الْكَافِرُونَ	he	هُوَ
but	إِلَّا	army	جُنْدٌ
in	فِي	to you	لَكُمْ
delusion	غُرُورٍ	to help you	يَنْصُرُكُمْ

**Translation:**

20. Who is he besides the Most Beneficent that can be an army to you to help you? The disbelievers are in nothing but delusion.

**Explanation:**

If Allah decides to punish any nation, there is no power in the world that can stop Him. There is no fighting force or army of soldiers that can come to the support of the disbelievers and save them.

Verse – 21      الآية: ٢١

(٢١) أَمَّنْ هَذَا الَّذِي يَرْزُقُكُمْ إِنْ أَمْسَكَ رِزْقَهُ . بَلْ لَجُّوا  
فِي عُتُوٍّ وَنُفُورٍ

### Word meaning:

his provision	رِزْقُهُ	who is	أَمَّنْ
but	بَلْ	this	هَذَا
they continue to	لَجُّوا	that	الَّذِي
in	فِي	provide for you	يَرْزُقُكُمْ
pride	عُتُوٍّ	if	إِنْ
and (they) flee (from the truth)	وَنُفُورٍ	He should withhold	أَمْسَكَ

### Translation:

21. Who is he that can provide for you if He should withhold His provision? Nay, but they continue to be in pride, and (they) flee (from the truth).

### Explanation:

This verse warns the disbelievers that the sustenance Allah grants them by sending down rain from the clouds and by growing plants/ vegetation in the earth is not their personal property. It is a gift and bounty from Allah. If He wills, He can withhold it.

Verse – 22      الآية: ٢٢

(٢٢) أَفَمَنْ يَمْشِي مُكَبًّا عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِ أَهْدَىٰ . أَمْ مَنْ يَمْشِي  
سَوِيًّا عَلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

**Word meaning:**

or he who	أَمَّنْ	is he who	أَفَمَنْ
walks	يَمْشِي	walks	يَمْشِي
upright	سَوِيًّا	bent down without seeing	مُكَبًّا
on	عَلَىٰ	on	عَلَىٰ
way	صِرَاطٍ	his face	وَجْهِهِ
Straight	مُسْتَقِيمٍ	more rightly guided	أَهْدَىٰ

**Translation:**

22. Is he who walks without seeing on his face, more rightly guided, or he who (sees and) walks on a Straight Way (i.e. Islamic Monotheism).

**Explanation:**

It is mentioned that the unbelievers will be brought to the field of Resurrection, crawling on their faces instead of walking on their feet. Bukhari and Muslim record on the authority of Anas رضي الله عنه that the noble Companions asked the Messenger of Allah ﷺ : "How will the non-believers walk on their faces on the Day of Resurrection?" The Messenger of Allah ﷺ replied: "Is Allah who made them walk on their feet not powerful enough to make them walk on their faces and their heads?"