

# رِيحٌ عَاصِفٌ وَرَعْدٌ وَبَرْقٌ فِي الْقُرْآنِ

## Storm Wind, Thunder and Lightening in the Quran

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Today's topic of discussion is "Storm Wind, Thunder and Lightening in the Quran".

Wind can be good رِيحٌ طَيِّبَةٌ or can be violent رِيحٌ عَاصِفٌ that is storm wind, which destroys everything.

### It is revealed in the holy Quran:

#### 1. Good wind (رِيحٌ طَيِّبَةٌ), Storm wind (رِيحٌ عَاصِفٌ)

هُوَ الَّذِي يُسَيِّرُكُمْ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا كُنْتُمْ فِي الْفُلِكِ وَجَرَينَ بِهِمْ بِرِيحٍ طَيِّبَةٍ وَفَرِحُوا بِهَا جَاءَتْهَا رِيحٌ عَاصِفٌ وَجَاءَهُمُ الْمَوْجُ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ وَظَنُّوا أَنَّهُمْ أُحِيطَ بِهِمْ دَعَوُا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ لَئِنِ أَنْجَيْتَنَا مِنْ هَذِهِ لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿٢٢﴾

It is He who enables you to travel on land and sea until, when you are in ships and they sail with them by a good wind and they rejoice therein, there comes a storm wind and the waves come upon them from everywhere and they assume that they are surrounded, supplicating Allah, sincere to Him in religion, "If You should save us from this, we will surely be among the thankful." Surah Yunus 10: 22

#### 2. Storm of Stones (حَاصِبًا)

فَكُلًّا أَخَذْنَا بِذَنبِهِ فَمِنْهُمْ مَن أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِ حَاصِبًا وَمِنْهُمْ مَن أَخَذَتْهُ الصَّيْحَةُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَن خَسَفْنَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَن أَغْرَقْنَا وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُظْلِمَهُمْ وَلَكِن كَانُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾

So each We seized for his sin; and among them were those upon whom We sent a storm of stones, and among them were those who were seized by the blast [from

the sky], and among them were those whom We caused the earth to swallow, and among them were those whom We drowned. And Allah would not have wronged them, but it was they who were wronging themselves. Surah Al-Ankabut 29: 40

### 3. Whirlwind containing fire (إِعْصَارٌ فِيهِ نَارٌ)

أَيُّودٌ أَحَدَكُمُ أَنْ تَكُونَ لَهُ جَنَّةٌ مِّنْ نَّخِيلٍ وَأَعْنَابٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ لَهُ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ وَأَصَابَهُ الْكِبَرُ وَلَهُ ذُرِّيَةٌ ضُعْفَاءُ فَأَصَابَهَا إِعْصَارٌ فِيهِ نَارٌ فَاحْتَرَقَتْ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢٦٦﴾

Would one of you like to have a garden of palm trees and grapevines underneath which rivers flow in which he has from every fruit? But he is afflicted with old age and has weak offspring, and it is hit by a whirlwind containing fire and is burned. Thus does Allah make clear to you [His] verses that you might give thought. Surah Al-Baqarah 2: 266

### 4. Screaming wind (رِيحاً صَرْصِراً)

**This is about punishment on A'd community:**

فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ رِيحاً صَرْصِراً فِي أَيَّامٍ نَحِسَاتٍ لِنُذِيقَهُمْ عَذَابَ الْآخِرَةِ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْعَذَابُ الْآخِرَةُ أَخْزَىٰ وَهُمْ لَا يُنصَرُونَ ﴿١٦﴾

So We sent upon them a screaming wind during days of misfortune to make them taste the punishment of disgrace in the worldly life; but the punishment of the Hereafter is more disgracing, and they will not be helped. Surah Fussilat 41: 16

### 5. Wind of painful punishment (رِيحٌ فِيهَا عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ)

**This is about devastation on A'd community:**

فَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ عَارِضاً مُّسْتَقْبِلَ أَوْدِيَّتِهِمْ قَالُوا هَذَا عَارِضٌ مُّمْطِرُنَا بَلْ هُوَ مَا اسْتَعْجَلْتُمْ بِهِ رِيحٌ فِيهَا عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٤﴾

And when they saw it as a cloud approaching their valleys, they said, "This is a cloud bringing us rain!" Rather, it is that for which you were impatient: a wind, within it a painful punishment, Surah Al-Ahqaf 46: 24

#### 6. Hurricane of wind (قَاصِفًا مِّنَ الرِّيحِ)

أَمْ أَمِنْتُمْ أَنْ يُعِيدَكُمْ فِيهِ تَارَةً أُخْرَىٰ فَيُرْسِلَ عَلَيْكُمْ قَاصِفًا مِّنَ الرِّيحِ فَيُغْرِقَكُم بِمَا كَفَرْتُمْ ثُمَّ لَا تَجِدُوا لَكُمْ عَلَيْنَا بِهِ تَبِيعًا ﴿٦٩﴾

Or do you feel secure that He will not send you back into the sea another time and send upon you a hurricane of wind and drown you for what you denied? Then you would not find for yourselves against Us an avenger. Surah Al-Isra 17: 69

#### 7. Stormy day (يَوْمٍ عَاصِفٍ)

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ كَرَمَادٍ اشْتَدَّتْ بِهِ الرِّيحُ فِي يَوْمٍ عَاصِفٍ لَا يَقْدِرُونَ مِمَّا كَسَبُوا عَلَىٰ شَيْءٍ ذَلِكَ هُوَ الضَّلَالُ الْبَعِيدُ ﴿١٨﴾

The example of those who disbelieve in their Lord is [that] their deeds are like ashes which the wind blows forcefully on a stormy day; they are unable [to keep] from what they earned a [single] thing. That is what is extreme error. Surah Ibrahim 14: 18

#### 8. He (Allah) can still the wind (يُسْكِنُ الرِّيحَ)

إِنْ يَشَأْ يُسْكِنِ الرِّيحَ فَيَظْلَلْنَ رَوَاكِدَ عَلَىٰ ظَهْرِهِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ ﴿٣٣﴾

If He willed, He could still the wind, and they would remain motionless on its surface. Indeed in that are signs for everyone patient and grateful. Surah Ash-Shuraa 42: 33

#### 9. Barren wind (الرِّيحِ الْعَقِيمِ)

وَفِي عَادٍ إِذْ أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّيحَ الْعَقِيمَ ﴿٤١﴾

And in 'Aad [was a sign], when We sent against them the barren wind. Surah Adh-Dhariyat 51: 41

#### 10. A wind (ريحا)

This was revealed during 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle Ahzab (khandak), a Wind was sent which destroyed everything of the army of Mushriq.

يَأْيُهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ جَاءَتْكُمْ جُنُودٌ فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ رِيحًا  
وَجُنُودًا لَّمْ تَرَوْهَا وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرًا ﴿٩﴾

O you who have believed, remember the favor of Allah upon you when armies came to [attack] you and We sent upon them a wind and armies [of angels] you did not see. And ever is Allah, of what you do, seeing. Surah Al-Ahzab 33: 9

#### 11. Before revealing that the day of Judgement must come, Allah SWT take oath of: 1. Wind sent forth with gust (عُرْفًا) 2. Violent wind (عَصْفًا) 3. Wind that spread (نَشْرًا) 4. Wind that separate (فَرْقًا)

وَالْمُرْسَلَاتِ عُرْفًا ﴿١﴾

By those [winds] sent forth in gusts. Surah Al-Mursalat 77: 1

فَالْعَاصِفَاتِ عَصْفًا ﴿٢﴾

And the winds that blow violently. Surah Al-Mursalat 77: 2

وَالنَّاشِرَاتِ نَشْرًا ﴿٣﴾

And [by] the winds that spread [clouds]. Surah Al-Mursalat 77: 3

فَالْفَارِقَاتِ فَرْقًا ﴿٤﴾

And those [angels] who bring criterion. Surah Al-Mursalat 77: 4

فَالْمُلْقِيَاتِ ذِكْرًا ﴿٥﴾

And those [angels] who deliver a message. Surah Al-Mursalat 77: 5

## 12. Lightening (بَرْق)

هُوَ الَّذِي يُرِيكُمْ الْبَرْقَ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَيُنشِئُ السَّحَابَ الثِّقَالَ ﴿١٢﴾

It is He who shows you lightening, [causing] fear and aspiration, and generates the heavy clouds. Surah Ar-Ra'd 13: 12

## 13. Thunder (رَعْد)

وَيُسَبِّحُ الرَّعْدُ بِحَمْدِهِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ مِنْ خِيفَتِهِ وَيُرْسِلُ الصَّوَاعِقَ فَيُصِيبُ بِهَا مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُمْ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي اللَّهِ وَهُوَ شَدِيدُ الْمِحَالِ ﴿١٣﴾

And the thunder exalts [Allah] with praise of Him - and the angels [as well] from fear of Him - and He sends thunderbolts and strikes there with whom He wills while they dispute about Allah; and He is severe in assault. Surah Ar-Ra'd 13: 13

## 14. Hail (بَرَد), Lightening (بَرْق)

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُزْجِي سَحَابًا ثُمَّ يُؤَلِّفُ بَيْنَهُ ثُمَّ يَجْعَلُهُ رُكَامًا فَتَرَى الْوَدْقَ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ خِلَالِهِ وَيُنَزِّلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مِنْ جِبَالٍ فِيهَا مِنْ بَرَدٍ فَيُصِيبُ بِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَصْرِفُهُ عَنِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ يَكَادُ سَنَا بَرْقِهِ يَذْهَبُ بِالْأَبْصَارِ ﴿٤٣﴾

Do you not see that Allah drives clouds? Then He brings them together, then He makes them into a mass, and you see the rain emerge from within it. And He sends down from the sky, mountains [of clouds] within which is hail, and He strikes with it whom He wills and averts it from whom He wills. The flash of its lightening almost takes away the eyesight. Surah An-Nur 24: 43

### Supplication during Storm and Heavy wind:

اللهم اني اسالك خيرا واعوذ بك من شرها-

1. O Allah, I ask you for its goodness, and I take refuge with you from its evil.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَهَا، وَخَيْرَ مَا فِيهَا، وَخَيْرَ مَا أُزِيلَتْ بِهِ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّهَا،  
وَشَرِّ مَا فِيهَا، وَشَرِّ مَا أُزِيلَتْ بِهِ-

2. O Allah, I ask you for its goodness, the good within it, and the good it was sent with, and I take refuge with you from its evil, the evil within it and from the evil it was sent with.

اللهم لا تقتلنا بغضبك، ولا تهلكنا بعذابك، وعافنا قبل ذلك-

3. O Allah, don't end our lives with your wrath, and do not make us perish with your punishment and forgive us before that. (Tirmidhi)

اللهم اجعلها رحمة ولا تجعلها عذابا، اللهم اجعلها رياحا ولا تجعلها ريحا-

4. O Allah, let it be a mercy and not a punishment. O Allah, make it a beneficial and not a destructive wind. (Mishkat)

Therefore Dear Brother and Sisters nowadays every year we observe that storm, Thunder, Lightening, tidal waves affecting many people of this globe is one place or other.

This is a warning that Doomsday is not far and we will be resurrected. And on the day of Judgement Allah SWT will give rewards (good or bad).

So, We must follow the injunctions of Quran and Hadith and do righteous deeds. May Allah SWT helps us.

Ameen.

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