

Published on Al-Islam.org (https://www.al-islam.org)

<u>Home</u> > <u>Parables: Important Questions – Simple Answers</u> > 93. How should one deal with regards to those who are slow in accepting the Truth?

## 93. How should one deal with regards to those who are slow in accepting the Truth?

We should not get overly excited about those who accept, like the plant that flowers quickly but is withers easily in the cold, nor should we lose hope from those who are slow, as the strongest faith comes based on the foundation of thinking and choice.

With regards to those who are thinkers, the Qur'an states:

"They first reflect upon the creation of the heavens and the earth, and then they say: 'Our Lord, Thou hast not created this for vanity."1

The Qur'an identifies the servants of Allah SWT as those who listen and choose the best of words

"Who give ear to the Word and follow the fairest of it."2

So quick decisions are not the basis of what has the most value.

A person by the name of Safwan requested from the Prophet SAWA two months in which he be allowed to consider him. The Prophet SAWA replied: I will grant you three, four months.

Of course if the issue is clear one should not be evasive. The criminals in the hereafter will say to their friends in heaven: Were we not together on the Earth? So please look towards us with kindness so that we may benefit from you. Those in heaven will say: While on Earth we were together, but you were evasive.

## وَلَكِنَّكُمْ فَتَنتُمْ أَنفُسَكُمْ وَتَرَبَّصنتُمْ

## "But you tempted yourselves, and you awaited."3

Therefore, where the issue is clear, rapid response is required. That's why in the Qur'an, in places where it is necessary in certain work we hurry, speed and race, it tells us to just that with words such as where it is necessary in certain work we hurry, speed and race, it tells us to just that with words such as to just that with words such as the interest of the issue is not so clear, research and investigation is required, and more time is needed to make a decision.

- 1. Al Emran 3:191
- 2. Al Zumr 39:18
- 3. Hadeed 57:14

## Source URL:

https://www.al-islam.org/parables-important-questions-simple-answers-muhsin-qaraati/93-how-shoul d-one-deal-regards-those-who#comment-0