

Here the Ummah of the Prophet (S.A.W) pray to Allah and ask Him not to place on them a burden like He placed on the previous nations. There are at least two meanings that this part of the ayah gives as well. One meaning is that we are asking Allah not to give us laws as difficult as He gave to the previous nations. Allah legislated many difficult laws for the nations before us and here we ask Him not to give us laws that are as difficult as those. For example we know that the children of Israil were given several difficult laws. They could only make their prayers in a temple, and whenever there was an impurity in their garment, they had to completely cut off the piece of the garment where the impurity was. In comparison to this Allah has given us much more lenient laws. Allah has made the entire earth a masjid for us to pray in, so wherever we are when the time for prayer comes we can pray. We do not need to go and look for a masjid when the time for prayer comes, but we can pray wherever we are. Similarly Allah has legislated that whenever some impurity falls on our garment we do not need to cut off the entire piece of that garment but we can simply wash that garment and it will be considered pure once again.

Donot Burden beyond our Reach

“رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَجْعَلْ لَنَا مَالًا طَاقَةً لَّنَا بِهِ”

"Our Rabb do not place on us a burden that we do not have the strength to bear".

Allah already promised us that He would not lay on us a burden that is more than we can bear so why is that we once again ask this of Allah? We should all realize how weak we are, and how desperate we are for the Love and Mercy of Allah. We should all beg and pray to Allah to give us as light and as easy a burden as possible, and at the same time we should rush to fulfill all of our duties and responsibilities to the best of our ability. Even though we ask Allah to make this test easy for us we should not make it easy on ourselves. We have to strive in it to the best of our ability. After all it is a test, even if it has been made easy, it is a test, so we must make the effort.

Request for Forgiveness, Salvation and Mercy

“وَاَعِزَّنَا مِنَّا وَارْحَمْنَا اَنْتَ مَوْلَانَا”