

Explanation of the Qur'aan: Part 8

﴿ وَلَا تَزِرُ وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَىٰ ۚ وَإِن تَدْعُ مُثْقَلَةٌ إِلَىٰ حِمْلِهَا لَا يُحْمَلُ مِنْهُ شَيْءٌ وَلَوْ كَانَ ذَا قُرْبَىٰ ۗ ﴾ فاطر: ١٨

[[Meaning: And no soul shall bear the burden of sin of another, and if a soul heavily laden with sin calls someone else to bear its sins, nothing of it will be lifted even though he be near of kin.]] [Sooratul-Faatir (35): Ayah 18]

Shaikh`Abdur-Rahmaan ibn Naasir as-Sa`dee- rahimahullaah-said in his Tafseer of the Aayah:

"And the last meaning is indicated by what He mentioned after it, in His Saying:

﴿ وَلَا تَزِرُ وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَىٰ ۚ ﴾

[[Meaning: And no soul shall bear the burden of sin of another]], meaning: on the Day of Resurrection everyone shall be recompensed for his own deeds, and will no one shall carry the sins of anyone else.

﴿ وَإِن تَدْعُ مُثْقَلَةٌ ﴾

[[Meaning: And if a soul heavily laden with sin calls someone else to bear its sins]]: i.e. a soul weighed down with sins and evil deeds: if it calls on someone to take on some of its sins,

﴿ لَا يُحْمَلُ مِنْهُ شَيْءٌ وَلَوْ كَانَ ذَا قُرْبَىٰ ۗ ﴾

[[Meaning: Then nothing from it will be carried, even if the one asked were a close relative]], for sins cannot be carried (even) for a close relative. So the Hereafter is not the same as this world, where relatives can help each other, and close friends. Rather on the Day of Resurrection a person will wish that he had some right due to him from anyone, even if it be his parents or his close relatives."¹

¹ Taken from "Tayseerul-Kareemir-Rahmaan fee tafseer Kalaamil-Mannaan" of Shaikh `Abdur-Rahmaan ibn Naasir as-Sa`dee. Translated by *Aboo Talhah Daawood ibn Ronald Burbank*.