



وَلَوْطًا إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ أَتَأْتُونَ الْفَاحِشَةَ وَأَنْتُمْ

And  
[mention] Lot, when he said to his people, "Do you commit immorality while you are seeing?"

تُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾

The next story in this surah is of the nation of Lut عليه السلام. What message will they bring for us? What is the connection?

When someone follows their corrupt desires, don't think this is a modern society and an advanced civilization. The corruption of the nation of Lut عليه السلام caused their dwellings to be thrown upside-down. A modern civilization does not mean you can do what you want, even adultery or worst. Nowadays people do the actions of the nation of Lut عليه السلام and it is approved by society, and accept it as something normal and legal. This is not modern, it is ancient and backward and indecent. The whole nation of Lut was corrupt, their character was immoral and indecent. A society must be reformed in all aspects to be advanced.

The story of Lut عليه السلام and his nation is narrated in ayah 54-58.

Allah doesn't say *أخاهم لوطا*, like He said for Salih عليه السلام. The approach for Salih عليه السلام was brotherly. Here the practice of the people was so abnormal, and regarding the chastity, so the approach of Lut عليه السلام was not brotherly, it was firm. They were drowning in their corrupt desires, essentially worshipping them. The message of Salih عليه السلام was soft, here it was firm, presenting the facts to them, and making them think.

Allah sent Lut عليه السلام to the town of Sudoom, he was not born there. When he left with Ibrahim عليه السلام, Allah directed him there, because the sins of the people there were so overpowering. So he wasn't a part of them, but Allah assigned him to them, so they became his nation.

The statement of Lut عليه السلام was to deny their practice. When you see something forbidden being practiced, you must deny it. The believer cannot accept the munkar, the evils of society, like inappropriate clothes, immoral acts in public, etc., at least in the heart, if he doesn't have the authority to change it physically, or by advising them. Don't ever get used to it, or think it is natural or normal.

The question of Lut عليه السلام shows his rejection. The least faith is to deny the munkar in the heart. So if you accept them, this shows an absence of faith. So we see how the reformer, the messenger, dealt with this. Don't fight and kill, but talk to them in a very firm way, not to insult them, but for reform.

The Qura'an teaches us how to deal with this situation. Lut عليه السلام did not accuse them of indulging in sodomy, but said they were approaching it. They were indulging in haram with men, this did not happen

ولوطا اذ قال لقومه اتأتون الفاحشة و انتم تبصرون

- 1 اذكر يا محمد لوط اذ دعا قومه و نصحهم
- 2 دعوة الرسل لقومهم
- 3 استفهام انكاري و تعجب
- 4 انكار المنكر لو بالقلب
- 5 هذه الفاحشة لها خطوات
- 6 الفاحشة تستقبحها النفوس و الفطر و الشرائع
- 7 ظاهرة غريبة ميل الجنس الى نفس نوعه
- 8 تجدها في معسكرات الجنود
- 8 ارتكبتم هذا الذنب و ينظر بعضكم بعضا
- 9 كل امتي معافي الا المجاهرون
- 10 الدعوة بالحكمة

overnight. They came to this state step by step, maybe by indecent dressing, words, touching, etc. There are moral boundaries when meeting the same gender too. There can never be any indecency, just as with the opposite sex. These steps made it easy for them to indulge in this immoral and sinful act.

This is the same as in adultery, it doesn't happen suddenly, there are steps which lead to it; first meeting, then smiling, talking, touching etc. Homosexuality is worse than zina or adultery, even when the haram is done with a mahram relative.

Homosexuality and sodomy are abnormal behaviour. Why are they mentioned in Surah An-Naml? Because they can commonly occur in armies, where the soldiers live in close proximity to each other for long periods of time, and are isolated from women, far from home. This is also the case in prisons. This is why when Umar Ibn Al-Khattab رضي الله عنه sent armies to open other countries, he didn't allow the soldiers to be away for more than 4 months.

All religions and sane societies disapprove of these practices of sodomy and homosexuality. Normal and sound natures and societies can never condone these actions. It is not recommended to talk about these practices in public, because then people can become curious about them. In the Qura'an, Allah doesn't use the exact word, but says الفاحشة, immorality.

To have an inclination for the same gender is strange, not normal. Imagine an army in this unnatural act; how could they be successful if they indulged in this abnormality? It is so evil that Allah disguises even the name of the act.

If you come close to the haram, you will fall into it. So you must observe the boundaries, even with the same gender; don't dress indecently and provocatively, don't talk indecently.

An advanced civilization denies these practices. A society is advanced when it is clean and pure, otherwise it will be turned upside-down. Nowadays the problem is worse, because this act is discussed openly. When people are engaged in this act they are watching each other, on the street, YouTube, the movies. The nation of Lut عليه السلام did this evil act in public, in full view of everyone. Islam teaches modesty and decency with everyone, to lower the gaze, even amongst the same gender. Your eyes are a trust, don't look at anything haram.

Those who commit sins openly and publicly will not be forgiven. At the same time, remember that Allah sent Lut عليه السلام to advise the people; not to protest, fight, kill or shout. There must be no violence, that is wrong. It was not easy for him to face this sin, but his approach did not incite more evil or violence. You must be so balanced when facing the sins, in control of your reactions. To deal with someone indulging in their desires needs wisdom and patience.