

Who is it that controls the winds in this way, and creates in them benefits for people which they cannot do without? Who is it that generates them so that they become a means of survival for all kinds of animals and all living things, such as trees, grains and plants? It can be none other than the Almighty, the Most Wise, the Most Merciful, Who is kind to His slaves and is deserving of all humility, submission, love, devotion and worship.

In the subjugation of the clouds between heaven and earth, which despite their lightness and fragility carry a great deal of water, which Allah drives wherever He wills, and it brings life to the land and the people, irrigating the hills and valleys, is an indication of His great power, kindness and mercy. He sends the rain down to humankind at the time of need, but if they will be harmed by its abundance, He withholds it from them. He sends it down as a mercy and kindness, and directs it in accordance with His care and compassion.

Is it not reprehensible on the part of His slaves that they should enjoy His provision and live by His kindness, yet they use it for sinful purposes that incur His wrath? Is this not indicative of His forbearance, patience and tolerance, and of the extent of His kindness? Praise be to Him at all times and in all circumstances.

The point is that the more a man of understanding thinks of Allah's creation and thoroughly examines the wonders thereof, the more he thinks of the amazing design and what He has created in it of things that are indicative of His kindness and wisdom, he will realise that it was created for the truth and by the truth; it is an open book of signs and evidence that point to what Allah has told us about Himself and His oneness, and what the Messengers have told us about the Last Day, and that all people are subjugated to His control and have no control over themselves and no power to resist.

Thus you should realise that all of creation, in heaven and on earth, are in desperate need of Him. He is the One Who is independent of