

# Stories in the Quran

## Session One

### The People of the Garden (Part I)

Sura al Qalam, 68 : 17-25

### Questions for Reflection

- 1) List the qualities of the people of the Garden as shown in verses 17 – 25
- 2) Are these qualities a natural part of the human being? What curbs these type of qualities?

# Hadith on the Quran

It [The Quran] has an outer and an inner  
so its outer is rules and its inner is knowledge  
its outer is elegant and its inner is deep  
it has stars and its stars has stars.

its marvels cannot be counted  
and its wonders cannot be calculated.

In it are the lamps of guidance  
and the lights of wisdom.

**Holy Prophet (s)**

# Words to notice

لَا يَتَّخِذُونَ - made no exceptions

الصَّرِيمَ - black, barren land

يَتَخَفَتُونَ - murmuring

حَرْدٍ - grudge

# Human weaknesses or evil?

## ■ Selfishness

Man is never weary of supplicating for good (41:49)

## ■ Justification

Man is a witness to himself, though he offers excuses (75:14)

## ■ Perceived needlessness

Indeed man becomes rebellious when he considers himself without need (96:6)

## ■ Ignoring advice

My advising will not benefit you much as I may seek to advise you (11:34)

## ■ Plotting

Indeed they are devising a strategy and I too am devising a plan (86:15-16)

# Lessons to learn

- 1) Importance of continuing good practices
- 2) Remembrance of Allah in all matters
- 3) Curbing negative thoughts and desires
- 4) Caring for others in society
- 5) Awakenning the conscience