



Surat Qalam (#68): Tafseer & Tadabbur

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Main topics of the surah

- Special qualities found in the HP (s)
- Evil traits in the Prophet's enemies
- Story of "people of the garden."
- Horror of the Day of Judgment
- Warning against the polytheists
- "Be patient" against all opposition
- Enemy tried to inflict evil eye against the Prophet (s)



إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ ضَلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ 7

○ *68:7 Indeed your Lord knows best those who stray from His way, and He knows best those who are guided.*

- Allah is *a'lam* in all matters
- We should avoid judging others, especially about their faith
- Use of the word *sabeel* & its plural
- Who are the guided ones?

فَلَا تُطِيعِ الْمُكَذِّبِينَ 8 وَادُّوا لَوْ تُدْهِنُ فَيُدْهِنُونَ 9

- *68:8 So do not obey the deniers,*

- *68:9 who are eager that you should be pliable, so that they may be pliable [towards you].*
- Who are the deniers?
- How can HP ever follow a denier?
- Compromising: When & how?
- Is a win-win situation a good thing?



وَلَا تُطِيعُ كُلَّ حَلَّافٍ مَهِينٍ 10 هَمَّازٍ مَشَاءٍ بِنَمِيمٍ 11

- 68:10 And do not obey any vile swearer, 68:11 scandal-monger, talebearer,
- Who has all these characteristics?
- Why would Allah mention them, thus exposing the person/s?
- Discussion on: Hallaf, Maheen, Hammaz & Nameem
- How can we avoid these traits?



مَنَاعٍ لِلْخَيْرِ مُعْتَدٍ أَثِيمٍ 12 عَتَلٌ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ زَنِيمٍ 13

- 68:12 hinderer of all good, sinful transgressor, 68:13 callous and, on top of that, baseborn,
- Use of the word *khayr* in the Qur'an
- Examples of erecting hurdles against good and virtue
- Discussion on 4 more evil characteristics: transgression, sinning, callousness and illegitimate birth

أَنْ كَانَ ذَا مَالٍ وَبَنِينَ 14

- 68:14 —[only] because he has wealth and children.
- How can wealth bring about so many evil traits?
- How can we ensure that we make positive use of wealth?
- Why would Allah enrich such people in the first place?
- Can children also be a liability?



إِذَا تُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِ آيَاتُنَا قَالَ أَسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ 15 سَنَسِفُهُ عَلَىٰ الْخُرْطُومِ

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- *68:15 When Our signs are recited to him, he says, 'Myths of the ancients!' 68:16 Soon We shall brand him on the snout.*
 - Why would one brand Divine verses as ancient myths?
 - Comparison with passage 74:11-30
 - Meaning of “branding on the snout.”



إِنَّا بَلَوْنَاهُمْ كَمَا بَلَوْنَا أَصْحَابَ الْجَنَّةِ إِذْ أَقْسَمُوا لَيَصْرِمُنَّهَا مُصْبِحِينَ

- *68:17 Indeed we have tested them just as We tested the People of the Garden when they vowed they would gather its fruit at dawn,*
- Who were People of the Garden?
- Read vv. 17 to 33 to get a better understanding about the topic
- Try to reflect on the verses and list a few lessons that can be derived?