



# Surat Qalam (#68): Tafseer & Tadabbur

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68:34 إِنَّ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٍ النَّعِيمِ

- Indeed for the Mutaqqeen there will be gardens of bliss near their Lord.
- *Taqwaa* from *waqaa* = to protect. Meanings: protection, warding off evil, observing duty, observing Divine ordinance in all actions
- Refer other verses on taqwaa – 16:128; 7:35; 39:61; 3:179; 49:13; 44:51,52; 65:2,3; 39:33,34



## How to achieve Taqwa? *Sahifa 20:10*

- *O Allah clothe me in the ornaments of the God-fearing, through: spreading justice; restraining rage; quenching the flame of hate; correcting discord; spreading about good behavior; covering faults; mildness of temper; beauty of conduct; precedence in reaching excellence; speaking the truth, though it be painful; making little of the good in my words and deeds, though it be much; and making much of the evil in my words and deeds, though it be little!*

أَفَنَجْعَلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ كَالْمُجْرِمِينَ \* مَا لَكُمْ كَيْفَ تَحْكُمُونَ

- 68:35 Shall We, then, treat those who submit [to Us] as [We treat] the guilty? 68:36 What is the matter with you? How do you judge!
- *Muslimeen vs. Mujrimeen*
- Why do people equate them?
- Two questions within an aayat?
- Use of questions to emphasize
- Refer to 32:18 (part of D Kumayl)



أَمْ لَكُمْ كِتَابٌ فِيهِ تَدْرُسُونَ\* إِنَّ لَكُمْ فِيهِ لَمَا يَتَخَيَّرُونَ

- 68:37 Do you possess a scripture in which you read 68:38 that you shall indeed have in it whatever you would like?
- Use of *tadrusun* for scripture
- Intelligence vs. scripture
- Hadith on study of the Holy Qur'an
- Human nature of choosing whatever he/she likes


أَمْ لَكُمْ أَيْمَانٌ عَلَيْنَا بِاللَّغَةِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّ لَكُمْ لِمَا تَحْكُمُونَ

○ *68:39 Do you have a pledge binding on Us until the Day of Resurrection, that you shall indeed have whatever you decide?*

○ Using pledge as an argument

○ 63:2 They make their faith a pretext so that they may turn (men) from the way of Allah. Surely evil is that which they do

○ اتَّخَذُوا أَيْمَانَهُمْ جُنَّةً فَصَدُّوا عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ إِنَّهُمْ سَاءَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ



سَلِّمْ إِلَهُمْ بِذَلِكَ زَعِيمٌ \* أَمْ لَهُمْ شُرَكَاءُ فَلْيَأْتُوا بِشُرَكَائِهِمْ إِنْ كَانُوا صَادِقِينَ

- *68:40 Ask them, which of them will aver [any of] that! 68:41 Do they have any partners [they ascribe to God]? Then let them produce their partners, if they are truthful.*
- Why ask so many questions?
- Challenge to the polytheists.
- Who is ready to take the responsibility to their claims?

يَوْمَ يُكْشَفُ عَنْ سَاقٍ وَيُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى السُّجُودِ فَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ

- *68:42 The day when the catastrophe occurs, and they are summoned to prostrate themselves, they will not be able [to do it].*
- Different meanings of exposing shin
- Sunni Hadith on exposing Shin
- Shia Hadith on exposing Shin
- Why will they not be able to prostrate?
- Function of prostration






خَاشِعَةً أَبْصَارُهُمْ تَرْهَقُهُمْ ذِلَّةٌ وَقَدْ كَانُوا يُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى السُّجُودِ وَهُمْ سَالِمُونَ

○ *68:43 With a humbled look [in their eyes], they will be overcast by abasement. Certainly they were summoned to prostrate themselves while they were yet sound.*

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- Terror of the Day of Judgment
- When are we summoned to sajdah?
- Sajdah while we are sound
- Non-Muslims struggle to prostrate



فَذَرْنِي وَمَنْ يُكذِّبُ بِهَذَا الْحَدِيثِ سَنَسْتَدْرِجُهُمْ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا  
يَعْلَمُونَ \* وَأُمْلِي لَهُمْ إِنَّ كَيْدِي مَتِينٌ

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- *68:44 So leave Me with those who deny this discourse. We will draw them imperceptibly [into ruin], whence they do not know.*
- *68:45 I will grant them respite, for My devising is indeed sure.*
- What is *istidraaj*? Hadith
- Why would Allah devise & plan against the disbelievers? 6:44



أَمْ تَسْأَلُهُمْ أَجْرًا فَهُمْ مِنْ مَغْرَمٍ مُثْقَلُونَ\* أَمْ عِنْدَهُمُ الْغَيْبُ فَهُمْ يَكْتُبُونَ

- *68:46 Do you ask them for a reward, so that they are weighed down with debt? 68:47 Do they possess [access to] the Unseen so that they write it down?*
- The Prophets would never ask for reward or payment
- Nabi Dawud (a) prayed against being paid from treasury
- Survival of our Maraji`




فَاصْبِرْ لِحُكْمِ رَبِّكَ وَلَا تَكُنْ كَصَاحِبِ الْأُحُوتِ إِذْ نَادَىٰ وَهُوَ مَكْظُومٌ

- *68:48 So submit patiently to the judgment of your Lord, and do not be like the Man of the Fish who called out as he choked with grief.*
- *Sabr* is must for every Prophet, Imam and preacher
- Why Yunus did not practice *sabr*?
- what was call of Nabi Yunus, see 21: 87 & 88
- Also see 37:143 & 144

لَوْلَا أَنْ تَدَارَكَهُ نِعْمَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِ لَنُبِذَ بِالْعَرَاءِ وَهُوَ مَذْمُومٌ\*  
فَاجْتَبَاهُ رَبُّهُ فَجَعَلَهُ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ

- *68:49 Had it not been for a blessing that came to his rescue from his Lord, he would surely have been cast on a bare shore while he were blameworthy. 68:50 So his Lord chose him and made him one of the righteous.*
- What was the blessing that came?
- What is the function of ayat 50?



وَإِنْ يَكَادُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِيُزْلِقُونَكَ بِأَبْصَارِهِمْ لَمَّا سَمِعُوا الذِّكْرَ  
وَيَقُولُونَ إِنَّهُ لَمَجْنُونٌ\* وَمَا هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ

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- *68:51 Indeed the faithless almost devour you with their eyes when they hear the Reminder, and they say, 'He is indeed crazy.'*
- *68:52 Yet it is just a reminder for all the nations.*
- Ill effects of evil eyes
- Hadith on evil eyes from our books
- Closing ayat continues to defend the Holy Prophet (s)