



SURA AL QALAM

52 AYAAT - MAKKI

SINGLES



Beginning with
a single letter

38

Saad
Saad

50

Qaaf
Qaaf

68

Al Qalam
The Pen

AL QALAM - THE PEN



068
THE PROPHET HAS THE HIGHEST MORAL CHARACTER
REJECTION OF GUIDANCE IS DUE TO ARROGANCE AND MISERLINESS
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INJUSTICE AND REPENTANCE ACCEPTED
WARNING TO THE REJECTORS OF DIVINITY

6
THE QUR'AN & THE PROPHET REMINDERS TO HUMANKIND
THE QURAYSH DESPERATE TO ATTACK THE PROPHET, TRIED BLACK
MAGIC (EVIL EYE). THESE TWO AYAAT SERVED AS A PROTECTION AND
AN ASSERTION BY DIVINITY THAT THE QUR'AN AND THE PROPHET
ARE BOTH REMINDERS TO THE WORLD OF THE CREATOR.



Ayaat 51-52

5
CHALLENGE AND WARNING TO THOSE WHO DENY
DIVINE GUIDANCE ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT



Ayaat 35-50

4
THOSE WHO ARE GOD CONSCIOUS ARE PROMISED JANNA



Aya 34

3
STORY OF THE OWNERS OF THE GARDEN (FARM)
HAVING INHERITED LAND FROM THEIR FATHER WHO ALWAYS GAVE A
PORTION OF THE HARVEST TO THOSE IN NEED, THEY DECIDED TO
KEEP THE HARVEST ALL FOR THEMSELVES AND INTENDED TO
COLLECT IT WHILST EVERYONE WAS ASLEEP IN THE EARLY MORNING.
THE NIGHT BEFORE DIVINITY SENT DESTRUCTION ON THE LAND AND
IT WAS BARREN THEY REALISED ALLAH DEPRIVED THEM AS THEY HAD
WISHED TO DEPRIVE OTHERS. REALISED THEIR ERROR AND REPENTED.



Ayaat 17-33

2
QUALITIES OF THOSE WHO REJECT THE PROPHET

1. THEY SWEAR CONTINUOUSLY
2. HAVE WEAK OPINIONS BUT SHOUT THEM OUT
3. BELITTLE OTHERS
4. CROSS THE LIMITS
5. CONSTANTLY SIN (PASSIVELY)
6. UNLIKEABLE, MEAN, HURTFUL
7. THINK THEY ARE ABOVE CRITICISM
8. BRANDED BY EVIL
9. THINKS THEY ARE BLESSED BECAUSE OF THEIR WEALTH AND SONS
10. DISMISSES SIGNS OF DIVINITY AS ANCIENT LEGENDS
11. ARROGANT

Ayaat 8-16

1
THE STATUS OF THE PROPHET
WITH AN OATH ON THE DIVINE PEN, ALLAH ASSERTS THAT THE
PROPHET IS NOT MAD AS ACCUSED BUT OF THE HIGHEST
MORAL CHARACTER.



Ayaat 1-7

FOCUS – DID YOU KNOW - BENEFITS

FOCUS



- The Prophet has the highest moral character
- Rejection of guidance is due to arrogance and miserliness
- Acknowledgement of injustice and repentance accepted
- Warning to the rejectors of Divinity

DID YOU KNOW



Nun could represent the pot of Divine Energy:
'The first thing God created was the pen. Then he said, "Write!" It responded, "What shall I write?" He said, "Write the decree of what will be until the hour comes".'

Hadith Al Qudsi

BENEFITS



- Tawidh on painful parts – alleviates pain
- No financial difficulties

NARRATIVE



The chapter begins with the letter nun which may allude to the Divine pot of ink (energy, light) with which the Divine pen inscribes the decree. It continues with an assertion that the Prophet is of the highest moral character.

This is followed by a large section that lists the nature of those who cover up the truth and reject the Prophet.

The parable of the owners of the garden who lost their harvest because of their stinginess and selfishness follows.

The chapter continues with challenges and a warning to those who deny Divine guidance on the day of judgement ending with an affirmation that the Prophet and the Qur'an are reminders for all.



SECTIONS 1 – 3

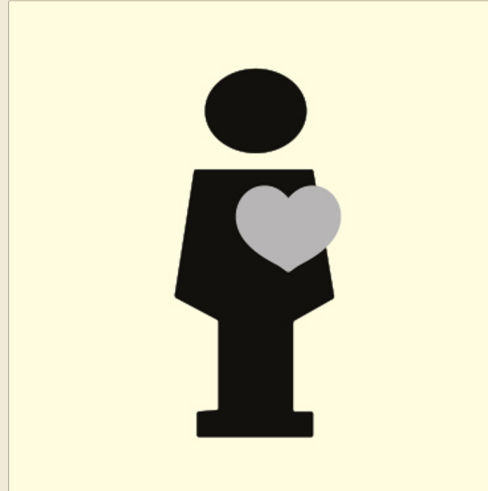
SECTION 1 – AYAAT 1 TO 7



THE STATUS OF THE PROPHET

With an oath on the Divine pen, Allah asserts that the Prophet is not mad as accused but of the highest moral character.

SECTION 2 – AYAAT 8 TO 16



QUALITIES OF THOSE WHO REJECT THE PROPHET

SECTION 3 – AYAAT 17 TO 33



STORY OF THE OWNERS OF THE GARDEN (FARM)

SECTIONS 4 – 6

SECTION 4 – AYA 34



THOSE WHO ARE GOD
CONSCIOUS ARE PROMISED
JANNA

SECTION 5 – AYAAT 35 TO 50



CHALLENGE AND WARNING
TO THOSE WHO DENY DIVINE
GUIDANCE ON THE DAY OF
JUDGEMENT

SECTION 6 – AYAAT 51 TO 52



THE QUR'AN & THE PROPHET
REMINDERS TO HUMANKIND

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 1 AYA 1

ج
نَ وَالْقَلَمِ وَمَا يَسْطُرُونَ

I swear by the pen and what is continually written by them

Who?

Could be:

1. Kiraamal kaatibeen
2. Revelation
3. Scribes of previous books

Sura Al Qalam



SECTION 1 AYA 2

مَا أَنْتَ بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ بِمَجْنُونٍ

With the blessings of your Master you are not mad

(Despite the moving pens of others that tried to discredit you)
(whatever is written in the future will prove you are right)

Sura Al Qalam



SECTION 1 AYA 3

وَإِنَّ لَكَ لَأَجْرًا غَيْرَ مَمْنُونٍ

You will have a compensation that cannot be stopped

1. Adhaan
2. Salawaat
3. Qur'an
4. His Sunna
5. Kalima

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 1 AYA 4

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

And you have the highest moral character

Khulq - how you deal with khalq (creation)
Husnal khulq

Sura Al Qalam



SECTION 1 AYA 5

فَسَتُبْصِرُ وَيُبْصِرُونَ

So you will see and they too shall see

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 1 AYA 6

بِأَيُّكُمْ الْمَفْتُونُ

Who is the one who is insane

Maftun - one who has become insane because of trauma
(circumstances)

Sura Al Qalam



SECTION 1 AYA 7

إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ ضَلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ

Your Rabb knows best who has gone astray from Divine Guidance and
He knows who is guided

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SECTION 2 AYA 8

فَلَا تُطِيعِ الْمُكَذِّبِينَ

Do not be influenced by the liars who nullify your message by calling you a liar

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 2 AYA 9

وَدُّوا لَوْ تُدْهِنُ فَيُدْهِنُونَ

They really want you to soften towards them (negotiate to compromise)

Duhn - oil which softens vegetables

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 2 AYA 10

وَلَا تُطِيعُ كُلَّ حَلَّافٍ مَهِينٍ

Do not listen to (follow) the one who constantly swears and has a weak opinion

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 2 AYA 11

هَمَّا زِمَّ شَاءِ بِنَمِيْمٍ

He constantly belittles and offends others

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 2 AYA 12

مَنَّاعٍ لِلْخَيْرِ مُعْتَدٍ أَثِيمٍ

He stops others from doing good, constantly crossing the limits and continuously sinning

Sura Al Qalam



SECTION 2 AYA 13

عُتِيَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ زَنِيمٍ

He is unlikeable and thinks he is above criticism (arrogant)

Zaneem - a camel who is earmarked not to be slaughtered

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 2 AYA 14

أَنْ كَانَ ذَا مَالٍ وَبَنِينَ

Because he is wealthy and has sons

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 2 AYA 15

إِذَا تُلِّيَ عَلَيْهِ آيَاتُنَا قَالَ أَسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ

When Our ayaat are recited he says they are ancient legends

Asaateer - from the Greek word uistoria from where the English word story comes from

Sura Al Qalam



SECTION 2 AYA 16

سَنَسِمْهُ عَلَى الْخُرْطُومِ

We will brand him on his 'pride'

Khurtum - the trunk of an elephant (refers to the snootiness (stuck up nose) of a person)

Sura Al Qalam



SECTION 3 AYA 17

إِنَّا بَلَوْنَاهُمْ كَمَا بَلَوْنَا أَصْحَابَ الْجَنَّةِ إِذْ أَقْسَمُوا لَيَصْرِمُنَّهَا مُصْبِحِينَ

Indeed We will test them like We tested the people of the garden,
when they swore they would harvest everything in the morning

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 18

وَلَا يَسْتَنْوِنَ

And We won't make any exceptions

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 19

فَطَافَ عَلَيْهَا طَائِفٌ مِّن رَّبِّكَ وَهُمْ نَائِمُونَ

At night a swirling phenomenon (destructive e.g. tornado) occurred whilst they were asleep

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 20

فَأَصْبَحَتْ كَالصَّرِيمِ

By morning it was as though all the plants were uprooted

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 21

فَتَنَادَوْا مُصْبِحِينَ

They started calling each other in the morning

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 22

أَنِ اعْدُوا عَلٰى حَرْثِكُمْ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَارِمِيْنَ

Let's go during the day to harvest (before the needy show up)

Gadwa - late part of the morning

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 23

فَانْطَلَقُوا وَهُمْ يَتَخَفَتُونَ

So they marched forwards and whispering to each other

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 24

أَنْ لَا يَدُخُلْنَهَا الْيَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِسْكِينٌ

Saying "Don't let any needy people come this time"

Sura Al Qalam



SECTION 3 AYA 25

وَعَدَوْا عَلَىٰ حَرْدٍ قَادِرِينَ

And they marched forward in the late morning with an aggressive stance

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 26

فَلَمَّا رَأَوْهَا قَالُوا إِنَّا لَضَالُّونَ

And when they saw it (the garden - farm) - looks like were lost

Their first reaction was - this cannot be our garden (farm)

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 27

بَلْ نَحْنُ مَحْرُومُونَ

We've been deprived

When it sunk in that this was their farm - they realised the truth

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SECTION 3 AYA 28

قَالَ أَوْسَطُهُمْ أَلَمْ أَقُلْ لَكُمْ لَوْلَا تُسَبِّحُونَ

The best amongst them reminded them of declaring Allah's perfection

(Thus a portion goes to those who need)

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 29

قَالُوا سُبْحَانَ رَبِّنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا ظَالِمِينَ

They said, "We declare Allah's perfection, indeed we were wrong

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 30

فَأَقْبَلَ بَعْضُهُمْ عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ يَتَلَامُونَ

Then they blamed each other

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 31

قَالُوا يَا وَيْلَنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا طَاغِينَ

They said, "We are in utter despair - we were the ones rebelling"

YAA WAYLANAA - this is the worst kind of punishment (we have nothing)

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 32

عَسَىٰ رَبُّنَا أَنْ يُبَدِّلَنَا خَيْرًا مِنْهَا إِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا رَاغِبُونَ

Maybe our Rabb will give us something better. We are inclined towards Him

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 3 AYA 33

كَذٰلِكَ الْعَذَابُ ^{صلى} وَالْعَذَابُ الْآخِرَةُ ^ج اَكْبَرُ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ

And that is what Our punishment is like and the punishment in the hereafter is greater, if only they knew

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 4 AYA 34

إِنَّ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٍ النَّعِيمِ

Indeed the God-conscious ones will be in gardens with permanent blessings

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 5 AYA 35

أَفَنَجْعَلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ كَالْمُجْرِمِينَ

Will those who submit and those who are guilty be alike?

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 5 AYA 36

مَا لَكُمْ كَيْفَ تَحْكُمُونَ

Never! How do you make that judgement?

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 5 AYA 37

أَمْ لَكُمْ كِتَابٌ فِيهِ تَدْرُسُونَ

Do you have a book which you study (these judgements)?

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 5 AYA 38

إِنَّ لَكُمْ فِيهِ لَمَا تَخَيَّرُونَ

And in that book there's only that which you choose (your perception)

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 5 AYA 39

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

Or do you have promises from Divinity until the Day of Judgement that you will have what you decide?

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 5 AYA 40

سَأَلُهُمْ أَيُّهُمْ بِذَلِكَ زَعِيمٌ

Ask them (O Prophet) which of them can guarantee all that.

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 5 AYA 41

أَمْ لَهُمْ شُرَكَاءُ فَلَْيَأْتُوا بِشُرَكَائِهِمْ إِنْ كَانُوا صَادِقِينَ

Or do they have partners supporting their claim?
Then let them bring those partners if what they say is true

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SECTION 5 AYA 42

يَوْمَ يُكْشَفُ عَنْ سَاقٍ وَيُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى السُّجُودِ فَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ

The day on which the greatness of Allah will be manifested and they will be asked to submit (prostrate) but they will not be able to do so

SAAQ - Ankle (Figurative speech of when someone is about to attack)

Sura Al Qalam



SECTION 5 AYA 43

خَاشِعَةً أَبْصَارُهُمْ تَرَاهُمْ ذَلِيلَةً ^{صَلِّ} وَقَدْ كَانُوا يَدْعُونَ إِلَى السُّجُودِ
وَهُمْ سَالِمُونَ

Eyes downcast with humiliation, and back breaking burdens for they were called to submit (prostrate) when they were able to but they did not

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 5 AYA 44

فَذَرْنِي وَمَنْ يُكذِّبُ بِهَذَا الْحَدِيثِ ^{صلى} سَنَسْتَدْرِجُهُمْ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا
يَعْلَمُونَ

So leave those who call Divine Guidance a lie to me. We will raise them to their destruction in ways they cannot comprehend

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 5 AYA 45

وَأْمَلِي لَهُمْ إِنَّا كِيدِي مَتِينٌ^ج

I will give them extra time, My plan is flawless

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 5 AYA 46

أَمْ تَسْأَلُهُمْ أَجْرًا فَهُمْ مِنْ مَغْرَمٍ مُثْقَلُونَ

Or are you asking them for compensation so they are in debt?

In exchange for Divine Guidance

Sura Al Qalam



SECTION 5 AYA 47

أَمْ عِنْدَهُمُ الْغَيْبُ فَهُمْ يَكْتُبُونَ

Or do they have access to the unseen as though they dictate it?

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 5 AYA 48

فَاصْبِرْ لِحُكْمِ رَبِّكَ وَلَا تَكُنْ كَصَاحِبِ الْحُوتِ إِذْ نَادَى وَهُوَ
مَكْظُومٌ

So be patient until the verdict of your Rabb is manifest and do not be like the person of the whale (Yunus) who cried out in distress when swallowed

NUN - Another word for whale thus Prophet Yunus known as (Dhun Nun)
A fish curls up like a nun

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 5 AYA 49

لَوْلَا أَنْ تَدَارَكَهُ نِعْمَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِ لَنُبِذَ بِالْعَرَاءِ وَهُوَ مَذْمُومٌ

If it was not for the grace of his Rabb, he would have been thrown onto a barren land and he would still be blameworthy

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 5 AYA 50

فَاجْتَبَاهُ رَبُّهُ فَجَعَلَهُ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ

His Rabb chose him for his good qualities

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SECTION 6 AYA 51

وَإِنْ يَكَادُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَيُزْلِقُونَكَ بِأَبْصَارِهِمْ لَمَّا سَمِعُوا الذِّكْرَ
وَيَقُولُونَ إِنَّهُ لَمَجْنُونٌ

Those who do not believe look at you trying to intimidate you (hateful glares) when they hear you recite the Qur'an and say, "No doubt he is insane"

Sura Al Qalam

SECTION 6 AYA 52

وَمَا هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ

It is a nothing but a reminder to the universe

Sura Al Qalam

SELECTED AYAAT



68:1 Qalam (Pen)

68:4 "Indeed you (O Muhammad) have the most sublime morality."

68:17 The parable of the 'owners of the garden'.