

### Para 19.75 to 21

Finish Surah al-Naml (verse of *sajdah*). Finish Surah al-Qasas. Begin Surah al-‘Ankabut.

### Throne of Queen Bilqis

قَالَ الَّذِي عِنْدَهُ عِلْمٌ مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ أَنَا آتِيكَ بِهِ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَرْتَدَّ إِلَيْكَ طَرْفُكَ

*One who had some knowledge of the book said: “I can bring it (the throne) to you before the blinking of your eye.” [Qur’an 27:40]*

The throne of the Queen Bilqis is brought in the blinking of an eye in front of Prophet Sulayman. This proves the miracles (*karamat*) of the Friends of Allah are true for Asaf the follower of Prophet Sulayman was not a Prophet rather a Friend (*wali*) of Allah.

### Surah al-Qasas (Chapter 28: The Story). Makkan. 88 Verses.

The first half mentions the story of Prophet Musa: From birth to becoming a Prophet and in such detail that no book before the Quran had mentioned. This is a clear proof that this was revealed by Allah upon the Prophet ﷺ and that it is the word of Allah.

فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُ وَقَصَّ عَلَيْهِ الْقَصَصَ قَالَ لَا تَخَفْ نَجَوْتَ مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾

*Then when he (Prophet Musa) went to him and narrated his story to him, he said: “Do not fear. You have been saved from the oppressive people.” [Qur’an 28:25]*

This verse refers to Prophet Musa coming to Madyan and helping the daughters of Prophet Shu’ayb in providing water for their animals. The story refers to him mentioning his entire story to Prophet Shu’ayb who consoled him and assured him not to fear for the rule of the Pharaoh does not extend here.

Mentions the rule of Fir’awn over the Bani Israil. Lesson: These materialistic people may rule and persecute the believers, but it is only temporary since once the believers get their act together, the blessings of *iman* (faith) shine through and they then will be victorious.

### Korah (Qarun)

﴿٢٦﴾ إِنَّ قَارُونَ كَانَ مِن قَوْمِ مُوسَى فَبَغَى عَلَيْهِمْ وَعَاتَيْنَاهُ مِنَ الْكُنُوزِ مَا إِنَّ مَفَاتِحَهُ لَتَنُوءُ بِالْعُصْبَةِ أُولِي الْقُوَّةِ إِذْ قَالَ لَهُ قَوْمُهُ لَا تَفْرَحْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفَرِحِينَ ﴿٢٦﴾

*Indeed, Qarun was from the people of Musa. Then he rebelled against them. And We had given him such treasures that their keys would weigh too heavy for a strong group of people. When his people said to him: “Do not be arrogant! Indeed, Allah does not like the prideful.” [Qur’an 28:76]*

Qarun was an extremely poor man. Through the grace of Allah, he became extremely rich. However, he became so stingy and evil that he considered this wealth was because of his own doing and only because of his efforts. Thus, he was drowned along with his wealth.

Lesson: Those who consider their wealth from Allah they then become generous. They benefit from it and pass on its benefit to the creation. They are respected by the people and honoured by Allah. But those who consider their wealth to be from their own knowledge and forget this knowledge was also granted by Allah, they become stingy like Qarun. They do not benefit from it themselves and neither do they let the creation benefit. They end up disgraced in the sight of people and will be disgraced in the hereafter as well.

Allah says: "I have prepared such blessings for my pious servants which no eye has seen, no ear has heard and no human heart has ever thought of." [Sahih al-Bukhari]

**Surah al-‘Ankabut (Chapter 29: The Spider). Makkan. 69 Verses.**

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ كَمَثَلِ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ اتَّخَذَتْ بَيْتًا وَإِنَّ أَوْهَنَ الْبُيُوتِ لَبَيْتُ  
الْعَنْكَبُوتِ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

*The example of those who take helpers other than Allah is that of the spider who builds a house (with a web). And indeed, the weakest of houses is the spider's house. If only they knew (this reality). [Qur'an 29:41]*

An analogy is made between false deities and a spider's web. Just as the spider's web cannot protect itself against strong winds, and it is destroyed. Likewise, during times of difficulty if those deities are relied upon, they will receive the same response as a web when it is windy, which is absolutely no response. So, if deities cannot protect themselves against the punishment of Allah, then how will they protect anybody else?

**Life is a test**

أَحْسِبَ النَّاسُ أَنْ يُتْرَكُوا أَنْ يَقُولُوا ءَامَنَّا وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ ﴿٢﴾

*Do the people think they will be left alone only by them saying: "We believe" And they will not be tested? [Qur'an 29:2]*

The Muslims in Makkah were severely persecuted and whoever accepted Islam their entire family, and the polytheists of Makkah would turn against them. In this verse they are being consoled to remain steadfast since it is the practice of Allah that He tests the believers. Those before them were tested and now the followers of the Prophet ﷺ are being tested. This is so that the people become aware that those who accept *iman* (faith) with the sincerity of their heart, no worldly hardship can shake their *iman*.

The Prophet ﷺ said: "A person continues to face hardships until he walks on this earth in such a manner that he is free from sins." [Sunan al-Tirmidhi]

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