

Daily Reflection 14 Surah Al-Kahf

1. Name and Virtue

The Prophet (PBUH) named it Surah Al-Kahf (The Cave).

Abu Darda (RA) reported that the Prophet (PBUH) said:

“Whoever memorizes ten verses from the beginning of Surah Al-Kahf...”

“...or from its end, will be protected from the trial of the Dajjal.”

(Muslim, Abu Dawud)

Another narration states:

“Whoever recites three verses from the beginning of Al-Kahf will be protected from the trial of the Dajjal.”

(Tirmidhi – Hasan Sahih)

And in Bukhari:

“That was tranquillity descending because of the Qur’an.”

Greatest virtues:

Protection from the Dajjal and the descent of tranquillity.

2. Reason for Revelation

The Quraysh asked the Prophet (PBUH) about:

- The youths of old (People of the Cave)
- A ruler who reached the east and west (Dhul-Qarnayn)
- The soul (Ruh)

Revelation was delayed because he did not say “Insha’Allah.”

Surah Al-Kahf was then revealed answering the first two stories.

Regarding the soul, Allah said in Surah Al-Isra (17:85):

﴿يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الرُّوحِ ۖ قُلِ الرُّوحُ مِنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّي وَمَا أُوتِيتُمْ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا﴾

“And they ask you concerning the soul. Say: The soul is of the affair of my Lord.”

Lesson: Always say Insha’Allah and return knowledge to Allah.

3. Main Themes — The Four Trials

Surah Al-Kahf highlights four major trials:

1. Trial of Faith — People of the Cave
2. Trial of Wealth — The Owner of the Two Gardens
3. Trial of Knowledge — Musa and Al-Khidr
4. Trial of Power — Dhul-Qarnayn

Protection comes through:

- Firm faith
- Detachment from Dunya

- Humility in knowledge
- Justice in authority

4. Key Messages

- Praise for revelation:

﴿ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ الْكِتَابَ ﴾

“All praise is due to Allah who sent down the Book...”

- Worldly life is a test:

﴿ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا مَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ زِينَةً لَهَا لِنَبْلُوهُمْ ﴾

“We made what is upon the earth an adornment to test them.”

- Satan is an enemy:

﴿ أَفَتَتَّخِذُونَهُ وَذُرِّيَّتَهُ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِي ﴾

“Will you then take him and his offspring as allies?”

- Stay with the righteous:

﴿ وَاصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ ﴾

“Keep yourself patient with those who call upon their Lord.”

- Allah’s knowledge is limitless:

﴿ قُلْ لَوْ كَانَ الْبَحْرُ مِدَادًا لِكَلِمَاتِ رَبِّي لَنَفِدَ الْبَحْرُ ﴾

“If the sea were ink for the words of my Lord...”

- Sincerity is essential:

﴿ فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا ﴾

“Whoever hopes to meet his Lord, let him do righteous deeds and not associate anyone in worship.”

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