

Daily Reflection 13 Surah Al-Isrā'

Surah Al-Isrā' is also known as Surah Banī Isrā'īl. It opens with the miraculous Night Journey:

{سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَىٰ بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا}

It is a Makkan surah revealed during a period of hardship, bringing reassurance and establishing core principles of faith.

1. The Honor of Servitude

Allah describes the Prophet PBUH as:

{بِعَبْدِهِ}

The highest rank is true servitude to Allah.

The Night Journey symbolizes both divine support and the transfer of spiritual leadership.

2. The Law of Rise and Fall

Regarding Banī Isrā'īl:

{إِنْ أَحْسَنْتُمْ أَحْسَنْتُمْ لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ}

Reform leads to elevation; corruption leads to downfall. Divine laws do not change.

3. The Foundational Commandments

From:

{وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِلِيَّاهُ}

to

{كُلُّ ذَلِكَ كَانَ سَيِّئُهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ مَكْرُوهًا}

The surah outlines essential moral principles: honouring parents, protecting life, guarding chastity, preserving wealth, justice, and humility.

Ibn Abbas said these verses contain the foundations of divine law.

4. The Qur'an as Healing

{وَنُنزِّلُ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ مَا هُوَ شِفَاءٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ}

It heals hearts and guides souls — but only those who accept it benefit.

5. The Reality of Shaytan

{إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ عَدُوٌّ مُّبِينٌ}

The surah reminds us of his enmity and warns against his whispers.

6. Prayer and Steadfastness

{أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ}

Prayer anchors the believer.

The closing supplication:

{رَبِّ أَدْخِلْنِي مُدْخَلَ صِدْقٍ}

is a prayer for sincerity and stability.

8. 7. The Promise of Truth

{وَقُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَزَهَقَ الْبَاطِلُ}

Falsehood may rise temporarily,
but it never endures.

Final Reflection

Surah Al-Isrā' teaches:

- The honour of servitude
- The laws of history
- The comprehensiveness of Islamic ethics
- The centrality of the Qur'an
- The necessity of prayer
- And certainty in the victory of truth

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