

Daily Reflection (18)

Surah Al-Qasas (The Stories)

Name of the Surah

The surah is called Al-Qasas (The Stories) because it recounts the story of Prophet Musa in great detail.

Allah says:

{نَتْلُو عَلَيْكَ مِنْ نَبَأِ مُوسَىٰ وَفِرْعَوْنَ بِالْحَقِّ لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ}

“We recite to you the story of Musa and Pharaoh in truth for people who believe.”

It is a Makkan Surah

It contains 88 verses and was revealed to strengthen the Prophet Muhammad PBUH and the believers during a time of hardship.

Main Lessons of the Surah

1. Allah Supports the Oppressed

{وَنُرِيدُ أَنْ نَمُنَّ عَلَى الَّذِينَ اسْتُضِعُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ}

“And We intended to Favor those who were oppressed in the land.”

A timeless lesson:

Oppression never lasts, and Allah ultimately grants victory to the oppressed.

2. Hidden Divine Care

Allah protected Musa even as a baby.

{فَإِذَا خِفْتِ عَلَيْهِ فَأَلْقِيهِ فِي الْيَمِّ}

“If you fear for him, cast him into the river.”

A command that appears dangerous, yet it led to safety.

Allah promised:

{إِنَّا رَادُّوهُ إِلَيْكَ وَجَاعِلُوهُ مِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ}

“We will return him to you and make him among the messengers.”

3. Preparation Through Trials

Musa’s journey included:

- * Childhood rescue
- * Life in Pharaoh’s palace
- * Exile to Madyan
- * Hard work and patience
- * Prophethood

Great missions often require great preparation.

4. The Arrogance of Tyranny

Pharaoh represents oppressive power.

{ إِنَّ فِرْعَوْنَ عَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ }

He divided people and oppressed them, but his end was destruction.

5. The Trial of Wealth – Qarun

إِنَّ قَارُونَ كَانَ مِنْ قَوْمِ مُوسَى فَبَغَى عَلَيْهِمْ

He attributed his wealth to his own knowledge.

{فَخَسَفْنَا بِهِ وَبِدَارِهِ الْأَرْضَ}

“So, We caused the earth to swallow him and his home.”

A powerful reminder that wealth without gratitude leads to ruin.

Final Reflection

Surah Al-Qasas teaches us:

- Allah’s plan works in hidden ways.
- The oppressed may become leaders.
- Tyranny always collapses.
- Wealth is a test.
- Revelation is the ultimate guidance.

May Allah guide us through the lessons of the Qur’an.

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