

Daur e Quran – Surah Al Qasas

The Story of Qaroon

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Duaa – Surah Taha (Chapter 20) Ayah 25 to 28

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وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي ٢٦

وَأَحْلِلْ عُقْدَةً مِّن لِّسَانِي ٢٧

يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي ٢٨

Moses prayed, “My Lord! Uplift my heart for me,
and make my task easy,
and remove the impediment from my tongue
so people may understand my speech



34 Supplication

كتاب الدعاء

(3) Chapter: What The Messenger Of Allah Sought Refuge From

(3) باب مَا تَعَوَّدَ مِنْهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ -

It was narrated from Jabir that :

the Messenger of Allah said: "Ask Allah for beneficial knowledge and seek refuge with Allah from knowledge that is of no benefit."

حَدَّثَنَا عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ، حَدَّثَنَا وَكَيْعٌ، عَنْ أُسَامَةَ بْنِ زَيْدٍ، عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ الْمُنْكَدِرِ، عَنْ جَابِرٍ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - " سَلُوا اللَّهَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا وَتَعَوَّدُوا بِاللَّهِ مِنْ عِلْمٍ لَا يَنْفَعُ " .

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سُورَةُ الْقَصَصِ

Migration of the Prophet ﷺ

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- Left Egypt
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Surah Qasas (Chapter 28) Ayah 76 to 82 - The Story of Qaroon

Introduction to Surah Al Qasas

The Surah takes its name from [verse 25](#) in which the word Al-Qasas occurs

The main theme of Surah Qasas is to remove the doubts and objections that were being raised against the Prophethood of the Holy Prophet Muhammad

In conclusion, the excuse that the disbelievers put forward for not believing in the Holy Prophet has been dealt with.

Surah Qasas (Chapter 28) Ayah 76 to 82 - The Story of Qaroon

About Qaroon

Who was Qaroon?

- Qaroon was from Bani Israel. Some scholars say that he was the first cousin of Moosa A.S.
- He had transgressed, engaged in transgression against them
- He was blessed with so much wealth by Allah SWT, that a group of 40 strong people were needed to lift the keys for his treasure
- The 40 strong men used to get tired to access his Vaults of wealth
- Some scholars say that he was a righteous man, but Allah tested him – by giving him wealth
- *Its not always that Allah tests you by taking something away from you*
- He said, all the wealth that he has is because of me, my brain, my intellect, my plan, my deal, I am the big earner – *does this sound familiar???*
- Haamaan was one of the main ministers and advisors to Pharoah, and Qaroon too was a minister – affairs of Bani Israel
- Their response towards Moosa AS was that he was a liar, a magician, a traitor against Moosa AS
- He made money by unfair means, by selling his people out, by being a traitor
- He hired a woman to spread false rumors about Moosa AS

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About Qaroon

Qaroon advised to be thankful to Allah SWT

- The people told him 'don't be happy over your tyranny, over your aggression, your extortion. Allah does not like people who are happy through unfair means. Prepare for the hereafter, be generous to Allah as HE has been generous to you. Do not cause mischief on earth.
- Qaroon had so much arrogance in him, that he refused to accept those advices.
- He gathered his people, workers, slaves, started to march in the middle of the streets, horses, slaves following him, clothed with silver and gold, gems, you could see how wealthy he was.



- While he is marching, everything was swallowed by the earth
- Nobody could help him against Allah
- Allah has the capacity to give and to take away
- The people who were longing for the wealth of Qaroon

Qaroon's Arrogance

28:76

إِنَّ قَارُونَ كَانَ مِنْ قَوْمِ مُوسَى فَبَغَى عَلَيْهِمْ ۖ وَإَتَيْنَاهُ مِنَ الْكُنُوزِ مَا إِنْ مَفَاتِحَهُ لَتَنُوزًا بِالْعُسْبَةِ أُولَى الْقُوَّةِ ۖ إِذْ قَالَ لَهُ قَوْمُهُ لَا تَفْرَحْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفَرِحِينَ

Indeed, Korah(Qaroon) was from the people of Moses, but he behaved arrogantly towards them. We had granted him such treasures that even their keys would burden a group of strong men. 'Some of his people advised him, "Do not be prideful! Surely Allah does not like the prideful.

28:77

وَابْتَغِ فِيمَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ وَلَا تَنْسَ نَصِيبَكَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَأَحْسِنَ كَمَا أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ وَلَا تَبْغِ الْفَسَادَ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ۗ ۗ ۗ

Rather, seek the 'reward' of the Hereafter by means of what Allah has granted you, without forgetting your share of this world. And be good 'to others' as Allah has been good to you. Do not seek to spread corruption in the land, for Allah certainly does not like the corruptors."

Qaroon's Response

28:78

قَالَ إِنَّمَا أُوتِيْتُهُ عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ عِنْدِي ۗ أَوَلَمْ يَعْلَم أَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَهْلَكَ مِن قَبْلِهِ مِن الْقُرُونِ مَنْ هُوَ أَشَدُّ مِنْهُ قُوَّةً وَأَكْثَرَ جَمْعًا ۚ وَلَا يُسْأَلُ عَن ذُنُوبِهِمُ الْمُجْرِمُونَ ۗ ۷۸

He replied, "I have been granted all this because of some knowledge I have." Did he not know that Allah had already destroyed some from the generations before him who were far superior to him in power and greater in accumulating 'wealth'? There will be no need for the wicked to be asked about their sins.

Commentary:

Since their sins are already known to Allah and written in perfect records, they will only be interrogated as a form of punishment

This is what those who have little knowledge say when they see a person whom Allah has granted a lot of wealth; they say that if he did not deserve it, Allah would not have given it to him.

Debate on Qaroon

28:79

فَخَرَجَ عَلَى قَوْمِهِ فِي زِينَتِهِ ۗ قَالَ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا يَلِيتَ لَنَا مِثْلَ مَا أُوتِيَ قَارُونُ إِنَّهُ لَذُو حَظٍّ

عَظِيمٍ ۗ

Then he came out before his people in all his glamour. Those who desired the life of this world wished, “If only we could have something like what Qaroon has been given. He is truly a man of great fortune!”

28:80

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ وَيَلَكُمْ ثَوَابُ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ لِمَنْ ءَامَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَلَا يُلَقَّهَا إِلَّا الصَّابِرُونَ ۗ

But those gifted with knowledge said, “Shame on you! Allah’s reward is far better for those who believe and do good. But none will attain this except the steadfast.”

Qaroon's End

28:81

فَخَسَفْنَا بِهِ وَبِدَارِهِ الْأَرْضَ فَمَا كَانَ لَهُ مِنْ فِئَةٍ يَنْصُرُونَهُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُنتَصِرِينَ

Then We caused the earth to swallow him up, along with his home. There was no one to help him against Allah, nor could he even help himself.

28:82

وَأَصْبَحَ الَّذِينَ تَمَنَّوْا مَكَانَهُ بِالْأَمْسِ يَقُولُونَ وَيَكَانَ اللَّهُ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرُ^ط
لَوْلَا أَنْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْنَا لَخَسَفَ بِنَا^ط وَيَكَانَهُ لَا يُفْلِحُ الْكَافِرُونَ ٨٢

And those who had craved his position the previous day began to say, “Ah! It is certainly Allah Who gives abundant or limited provisions to whoever He wills of His servants. Had it not been for the grace of Allah, He could have surely caused the earth to swallow us up! Oh, indeed! The disbelievers will never succeed.”

Lessons Learned

- That which Allah has permitted of food, drink, clothing, dwelling places and women. Your Lord has rights over you, your self has rights over you, your family has rights over you, and your visitors have rights over you. So give each of them their due.'
- Use what Allah has given to you for the hereafter
- Don't forget the portion of the duniya - Give Zakat to the deserving people
- Do good to others just like Allah SWT did to you
- Don't spread corruption in the land, for Allah does not like the corruptors
- Don't become arrogant when you are blessed with wealth
- When you see someone using their wealth in a nice way, encourage them, appreciate the efforts.
- Save ourself and our children from greed
- Ask Allah to give us sustenance to be spent in good causes
- Don't show off your wealth – example of fundraising –(show off by a few people) (Allah knows best)
- Share your wealth with the less fortunate ones
- The riches of this world are temporary
- Duniya is temporary, Heaven is forever
- Live a good life and don't get caught up in seeking wealth ALL the time – learn to BALANCE
- Be humble, generous to poor, praise Allah for all the gifts He has given us
- Always praise Allah – say Subhan Allah, Alhamdulillah, Laa ilaha illallahu AlllahuAkbar

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- I ask Allah to make us among those who listen to the speech and follow the best of it
- Allah give us the tawfeeq to listen, understand and comprehend

- I love to hear from you and to get your feedback, to correct myself.
- Do not hesitate to call me at 403-701-6585 for a ONE on ONE discussion on any topic

- JazakumAllahukhayran

More Lessons – from the discussion:

- If you are rich, does it mean that Allah SWT loves you
- Allah can test you by giving wealth or by taking wealth away
- Everything is from the Tawfeeq of Allah and HIS Hidayah
- People spend their wealth on Israaf (function halls)
- Example of Abdulrahman Ibn Aouf R.A. – spent all of his wealth in the way of Allah
- Sometimes knowledge could be the source of fitnah
- Wealth could become a source of Azaab – like Qaroon
- If Allah is thankful to Allah, HE blesses him without limits
- IF in trouble one should be patient
- Dire need and poverty prevailed at one time
- The test of wealth – the companions were fearful when they were given wealth
- The more the wealth, the more the test
- It is a severe test
- Besides RasoolAllah, the companions used to spend all or most of their health
- Examples of Shaddaad, other arrogant people – who transgressed against the good people
- Let us ask Allah for some financial stability, to enable us to spend it in the right direction
- Wealth is not just money, it is expertise – teach people how to fish