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Al Qalam

(The Pen)

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

ن وَالْقَلَمِ وَمَا يَسْطُرُونَ

1. Nun.

By the Pen and by the (Record) which (men) write --

مَا أَنْتَ بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ بِمَجْنُونٍ

2. Thou art not, by the grace of thy Lord, mad or possessed.

وَإِنَّ لَكَ لَأَجْرًا غَيْرَ مَمْنُونٍ

3. Nay,

verily for thee is a Reward unailing:

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

4. And thou (standest) on an exalted standard of character.

فَسَتُبْصِرُ وَيُبْصِرُونَ

5. Soon wilt thou see and they will see,

بِأَيِّكُمْ الْمَفْتُونُ

6. Which of you is afflicted with madness.

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7. Verily it is thy Lord that knoweth best, which (among men) hath strayed from His Path: and He knoweth best those who receive (True) Guidance.

فَلَا تُطِيعِ الْمُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٨﴾

8. So hearken not to those who deny (the Truth).

وَدُّوا لَوْ تُدْهِنُ فَيُدْهِنُونَ ﴿٩﴾

9. Their desire is that thou shouldst be pliant; so would thy be pliant.

وَلَا تُطِيعُ كُلَّ حَلَّافٍ مَّهِينٍ ﴿١٠﴾

10. Need not the type of despicable man -- ready with oaths.

هَمَّازٍ مَّشَاءٍ بِنَمِيمٍ ﴿١١﴾

11. A slanderer, going about with calumnies.

مَنَّاعٍ لِلْخَيْرِ مُعْتَدٍ أَثِيمٍ ﴿١٢﴾

12. (Habitually) hindering (all) good, transgressing beyond bounds, deep in sin.

عُتُلٌّ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ زَنِيمٍ ﴿١٣﴾

13. Violent (and cruel) -- with all that, base-born --

أَنَّ كَانَ ذَا مَالٍ وَبَنِينَ ﴿١٤﴾

14. Because he possesses wealth and (numerous) sons.

إِذَا تُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِ ءَايَاتُنَا قَالِ اسْطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿١٥﴾

15. When to him are rehearsed Our Signs,
"Tales of the Ancients,"
he cries.

سَنَسِمُهُ عَلَى الْخُرْطُومِ ﴿١٦﴾

16. Soon shall We brand (the beast) on the snout!

إِنَّا بَلَوْنَهُمْ كَمَا بَلَوْنَا أَصْحَابَ الْجَنَّةِ

17. Verily We have tried them as We tried the people of the Garden

إِذْ أَقْسَمُوا لِيَصْرُمْنَهَا مُصْبِحِينَ ﴿١٧﴾

when they resolved to gather the fruits of the (garden) in the morning.

وَلَا يَسْتَتْنُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

18. But made no reservation, ("If it be Allah's Will").

فَطَافَ عَلَيْهَا طَآئِفٌ مِّن رَّبِّكَ

19. So there came, on the (garden) a visitation from thy from thy Lord,

وَهُمْ نَآئِبُونَ ﴿١٩﴾

(which swept away) all around, while they were asleep.

فَأَصْبَحَتْ كَالصَّرِيمِ ﴿٢٠﴾

20. So the (garden) became, by the morning, like a dark and desolate spot, (whose fruit had been gathered).

فَتَنَادَوْا مُصْبِحِينَ ﴿٢١﴾

21. As the morning broke, they called out, one to another --

أَنْ أَعْدُوا عَلَيَّ حَرْثَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَٰرِمِينَ ﴿٢٢﴾

22. "Go ye to your tilth (betimes) in morning, if ye would gather the fruits."

فَانْطَلَقُوا وَهُمْ يَتَخَفَتُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾

23. So they departed, conversing in secret low tones, (saying) --

أَنْ لَا يَدْخُلَهَا الْيَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ مَسْكِينٌ ﴿٢٤﴾

24. "Let not a single indigent person break in upon you into the (garden) this day."

وَعَدُوا عَلَيَّ حَرْدٍ قَدِيرِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾

25. And they opened the morning, strong in an (unjust) resolve.

فَلَمَّا رَأَوْهَا قَالُوا إِنَّا لَضَالُّونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

26. But when they saw the (garden), they said:

"We have surely lost our way:

بَلْ نَحْنُ مُحْرَمُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

27. "Indeed we are shut out (of the fruits of our labor)!"

قَالَ أَوْسَطُهُمْ أَلَمْ أَقُلْ لَكُمْ لَوْلَا تُسَبِّحُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

28. Said one of them, more just (than the rest):
"Did I not say to you, 'Why not glorify (Allah)?' "

قَالُوا سُبْحَانَ رَبِّنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا ظَالِمِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

29. They said:
"Glory to our Lord!

Verily we have been doing wrong!"

فَأَقْبَلَ بَعْضُهُمْ عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ يَتَلَوْمُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

30. Then they turned, one against another, in reproach.

قَالُوا يَوَيْلَنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا ظَالِمِينَ ﴿٣١﴾

31. They said:
"Alas for us!
We have indeed transgressed!

عَسَىٰ رَبُّنَا أَنْ يُبَدِّلَنَا خَيْرًا مِّنْهَا إِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا رَاغِبُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾

32. "It may be that our Lord will give us in exchange a better (garden) than this:
for we do turn to Him (in repentance)!"

كَذَٰلِكَ الْعَذَابُ ﴿٣٣﴾

33. Such is the Punishment (in this life);

وَلِلْعَذَابِ الْآخِرَةِ أَكْبَرُ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

but greater is the Punishment in the Hereafter -- if only they knew!

إِنَّ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٍ النَّعِيمِ ﴿٣٥﴾

34. Verily, for the righteous are Gardens of Delight, in the Presence of their Lord.

أَفَنَجْعَلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ كَالْجَرْمِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾

35. Shall We then treat the People of Faith like the People of Sin?

مَا لَكُمْ كَيْفَ تَحْكُمُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

36. What is the matter with you?
How judge ye?

أَمْ لَكُمْ كِتَابٌ فِيهِ تَدْرُسُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

37. Or have ye a Book through which ye learn --

إِنَّ لَكُمْ فِيهِ لَمَا تَخَيَّرُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

38. That ye shall have through it whatever ye choose?

أَمْ لَكُمْ أَيْمَانٌ عَلَيْنَا بَلِغَةٌ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّ لَكُمْ لَمَا تَحْكُمُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾

39. Or have ye Covenants with Us on oath, reaching to the Day of Judgment (providing) that ye shall have whatever ye shall demand?

سَأَلْتَهُمْ أَيُّهُمْ بِذَلِكَ زَعِيمٌ ﴿٣٠﴾

40. Ask thou of them, which of them will stand surety of that!

أَمْ لَهُمْ شُرَكَاءُ فُلْيَاتُوا بِشُرَكَائِهِمْ إِنْ كَانُوا صَادِقِينَ ﴿٣١﴾

41. Or have they some "Partners" (in Godhead)?
Then let them produce their "partners," if they are truthful!

يَوْمَ يُكْشَفُ عَن سَاقٍ وَيُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى السُّجُودِ فَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾

42. The Day that the shin shall be laid bare, and they shall be summoned to bow in adoration, but they shall not be able --

خَشِيعَةً أَبْصَرُهُمْ تَرَهِقُهُمْ ذِلَّةٌ

43. Their eyes will be cast down -- ignominy will cover them;

وَقَدْ كَانُوا يُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى السُّجُودِ وَهُمْ سَالِمُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾

seeing that they had been summoned aforetime to bow in adoration, while they were whole, (and had refused).

فَذَرْنِي وَمَنْ يُكَذِّبُ بِهَذَا الْحَدِيثِ

44. Then leave Me alone with such as reject this message:

سَنَسْتَدْرِجُهُمْ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

by degrees shall We punish them from directions they perceive not.

وَأُمْلِي لَهُمْ إِنَّ كَيْدِي مَتِينٌ

45. A (long) respite will I grant them:
truly powerful is My plan.

أَمْ تَسْأَلُهُمْ أَجْرًا فَهُمْ مِنْ مَّغْرَمٍ مُثْقَلُونَ

46. Or is it that thou dost ask them for a reward, so that they are burdened with a load of debt? --

أَمْ عِنْدَهُمُ الْغَيْبُ فَهُمْ يَكْتُبُونَ

47. Or that they Unseen is in their hands, so that they can write it down?

فَأَصْبِرْ لِحُكْمِ رَبِّكَ وَلَا تَكُنْ كَصَاحِبِ الْأُخْتِ إِذْ نَادَىٰ وَهُوَ مَكْظُومٌ

48. So wait with patience for the command of thy Lord, and be not like the Companion of the Fish --
when he cried out in agony.

لَوْلَا أَن تَدَارَكَهُ نِعْمَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِ لَنُبِذَ بِالْعَرَاءِ وَهُوَ مَذْمُومٌ

49. Had not Grace from His Lord reached him, he would indeed have been cast off on the naked shore, in disgrace.

فَأَجْتَبَاهُ رَبُّهُ فَجَعَلَهُ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ

50. Thus did his Lord choose him and make him of the company of the Righteous.

وَإِنْ يَكَادُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِيُزْلِقُونَكَ بِأَبْصَرِهِمْ

51. And the Unbelievers would almost trip thee up with their eyes

لَمَّا سَمِعُوا الذِّكْرَ وَيَقُولُونَ إِنَّهُ لَمَجْنُونٌ ﴿٥١﴾

when they hear the message; and they say:

"Surely he is possessed!"

وَمَا هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٥٢﴾

52. But it is nothing less than a Message to all the worlds.



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