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قَالَ يَا أَيُّهَا الْمَلَأُ أَيُّكُمْ يَأْتِينِي بِعَرْشِهَا قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتُونِي مُسْلِمِينَ

[Sulayman] said, "O assembly [of jinn], which of you will bring me her throne before they come to me in submission?"

Sins can take you out of blessings, and forgiveness brings more blessings. Balqis and her nation had so many blessings, but they worshipped the sun; they

were the means of their own problems.

The messengers returned with the gift, and informed Balqis of the warning that Sulayman عليه السلام had issued. Then they all prepared to go to Ash-Sham, submitting to what Sulayman عليه السلام had commanded in his first missive.

Allah inspired Sulayman عليه السلام that they were coming from Yemen, submitting to him. Balqis didn't want to be dragged out of her country, and she wanted to show Sulayman عليه السلام that she didn't want war. So she decided to submit with honour.

We learn from each ayah. Come to Allah willingly, submitting to Him, before the Day of Judgement comes, and you are dragged to the hellfire.

The throne of Balqis was very big and ornate, special and precious, so she had it locked in her palace when she left, leaving it well guarded.

Sulayman عليه السلام held court every day, at a set time; this was his routine. His armies of jinn, human and birds were present, as were their chiefs. He consulted the chiefs in a shura before he made decisions. So Sulayman عليه السلام addressed the chiefs, for whom he had an important and specific task. He wanted someone to bring the throne of Balqis to Jerusalem from Yemen, before Balqis arrived. He wanted this huge throne to be brought to him. He didn't want to possess it, but he wanted to show them his power.

Yemen was at a traveling distance of two months from Ash-Sham. Whoever volunteered to fetch it would need four months to get back. Sulayman عليه السلام wanted the work of four months to be done in less than two months; this seemed impossible.

A powerful one from among the jinn said, "I will bring it to you before you rise from your place,

and indeed, I am for this [task] strong and trustworthy."

قَالَ عِفْرِيتٌ مِّنَ الْجِنِّ أَنَا آتِيكَ بِهِ قَبْلَ أَنْ تَقُومَ مِنْ مَّقَامِكَ وَإِنِّي عَلَيْهِ

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Among the chiefs were jinn. The jinn have different rankings. There are the common jinn, the workers, builders and divers, then there are ifreet, and then maarid. Sulayman عليه السلام challenged them, with a seemingly

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سليمان لديه مجلس شورى

ايكم ياتيني بعرشها

عرش بلقيس

لا يريد ملك العرش

انما يريد اظهار القوة

قبل ان ياتوني مسلمين

اوحى اليه انهم سيأتون مسلمين

اظهار القوة امام الاعداء

impossible task. The throne signifies power, and showing the enemy your power is a tactic, which will weaken them.

The ifreet spoke up, accepting the challenge. This kind of jinn is energetic and strong, active and smart. So he jumped at the challenge. A human being can also have these characteristics, and will be called ifreet. This is why it is specified that he was from the jinn. This kind of jinn are generally wicked, using their energy to make the lives of human beings miserable. But they were subjected to Sulayman عليه السلام, so they couldn't wreak havoc in the lives of people, and had to obey him. This shows his power and firmness.

The ifreet offered his services, and even gave a time frame; he said he would be back with the throne before Sulayman عليه السلام left from his place. The throne was obviously huge and heavy, but the ifreet was confident that he would be able to accomplish the task in the given time frame. The jinn have the ability to fly and carry heavy loads; they don't need any means of transport. They have the power and strength given to them by Allah.

The timings of the gatherings of Sulayman عليه السلام were fixed and known, and he came and left at specific times. Sulayman عليه السلام had organized his time according to his agenda, and everyone knew these times.

The ifreet also specified that he would protect the throne on the journey, and wouldn't steal any of the precious gems from it.

We learn from different species. The ants are so organized, and they help each other. The hudhud was so brave and truthful because of his strong belief and knowledge about Allah. The ifreet was strong and he was trustworthy too. Use your strength in whatever talent Allah has given you, and follow His commandments.

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قال عفريت من الجن

في ملأ سليمان جن
الجن القوي النشيط
تسخير الجن له

انا اتيك به قبل ان تقوم من مقامك

قوة الجن في حمل العرش
يجوز للانسان ان يصف نفسه
يأتيه بوقت عينه
رتب سليمان شؤون حياته
المبادرة في تنفيذ الامر

واني عليه لقوي امين
القوي
العمل
الامين