

# The Fortress

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سورة الحجر



The beginning of Surah Al-Hijr is about protection from the evil of the shaitan, who wants to change the Qura'an. When the Qura'an was sent from the sky on the Night of Decree, it was carried straight away by Jibreel, who is so strong, to the heart of the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم. This Qura'an is المبين, clear, and is protected by Allah.

We are on the earth, facing the disbelievers, who want the dunya. We see them eating and drinking, enjoying life. So Allah says leave them, don't think of them. This is protection. They called the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم names, but Allah didn't say answer them, because it is not logical to get into arguments. Allah answered on behalf of His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم. This is also protection for him. Look at the way Allah is giving support to him. The حجر here is not to answer them. Allah tells him that this is what happened through the ages with different nations and their messengers.

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم was sad and his heart felt so tight, so Allah consoles him. When you face enemies mocking you, focus on the Qura'an; this will protect you. When you have issues with people criticizing you, go to the Qura'an.

The last verses of the surah connect with the beginning. There are some advices for the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم. In the beginning, Allah gives him strength through the stories. Then, when the heart is settled and tranquil, the commands come at the end. When someone accuses you, you need protection from your own words; if you talk when you are angry, you will transgress. So you keep quiet for three day; this is protection.

You cannot escape the battle, you must worship Allah until you die. So the commands come concentrated in the end. Don't give up, declare your position, be humble, continue on your way, make tasbeeh and salah. When you focus on the commands of Allah, this is protection. Ikhlas is also your protective armour.

The stories start with glad tidings, and and with destruction. The disbelievers were terminated because of their evil and corrupt actions, Allah stopped their lives. Their lives looked so good, but don't be deceived by that. The same day that they rejoiced in falsehood, while the believers were distressed, they were destroyed. That was their end. Allah was able to destroy the Quraysh as well, but He didn't. So the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم needed the protection of the commands of Allah. The other nations were destroyed for protection, but the Quraysh weren't destroyed. Their words and actions will not be stopped, so the حجر has to be in your own actions.



And We have not created the heavens and earth and that between them except in truth. And indeed, the Hour is coming; so forgive with gracious forgiveness.

وَمَا خَلَقْنَا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَإِنَّ

السَّاعَةَ لَأَنِيَةٌ فَاَصْفَحْ الصَّفْحَ الْجَمِيلَ ﴿٨٥﴾

The end is very tough : pardon them. How can we do this? Allah gives some information for support. Don't ever think something will happen unless it is decreed. Even the way the disbelievers behave is decreed. The universe has a purpose, it is not in vain. All the movements and stillness, the sounds and silences, are decreed, they are the truth. The previous nations were destined, but the Quraysh were not; this is also haq, decreed, part of a grand plan.

لَخَلْقُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَكْبَرُ مِنْ خَلْقِ النَّاسِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

The creation of the heavens and earth is greater than the creation of mankind, but most of the people do not know  
سورة غافر  
40:57

Nothing is in vain. This shows the perfect ability of Allah, His wisdom, mercy, and that His knowledge surrounds everything. This points to لا اله الا الله.

وما خلقنا السماوات و الارض و ما بينهما الا بالحق

كمال خلقهما  
اقتداره  
سعة رحمته  
و حكمته  
علمه المحيط  
لا اله الا الله

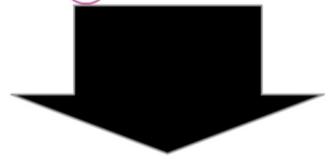
Allah says the Day of Judgement is surely coming, so don't worry. This makes it easier to pardon. Our lives are very short, an average of 60-65 years. For the previous generations to be patient was mire long drawn out. Imagine being patient for 950 years!

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وَإِنَّ السَّاعَةَ لَأَتِيَةٌ

توكيد

Our difficulties are only for a few years. So Allah shows His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم how to deal with it. The Day of Judgement is surely coming, there will be accounts. There is no droughts about this. The challenges of the other messengers were different, and because the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم is the best one, his challenges were more intense.



فاصفح الصفح الجميل

الحسن الذي سلم من الحقد و الاذية  
القولية و الفعلية

These two important pieces of information lead to the command to pardon. Fill your system with this information, this gives tranquility, so that it's easy to submit.

دون الصفح الذي ليس في محله

You have to go through the whole surah before you can obey the command. Turn a beautiful page, a pardon which is free from any negativity, hatred and harm, whether verbal or physical. This is protection. Turn a new page, white and pure, with no bad feelings, not even for the disbelievers. This doesn't mean you should pardon criminals; anyone who does wrong must be punished. Pardon personal insults, as they did for the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, they mocked and insulted him.

There were other commands and tasks waiting for the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم. If his heart was filled with negativity, he wouldn't be able to move forward. So he had to get rid of these negative feelings first, by not taking personal revenge.

Indeed, your Lord - He is the Knowing Creator

إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ الْخَلَّاقُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٨٦﴾

He is the Rabb, He can change things, create different creations. He is the All-Knower. Your requirement is that when you are hurt, don't harm the perpetrator, pardon him instead. It is a comfort that the Rabb is Allah, He will reform you if you pardon. Leave the others and think of your own reform. Allah knows better than you. He creates based on His perfect knowledge. The name of Allah الخالق is

أَوَلَيْسَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِقَادِرٍ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يَخْلُقَ مِثْلَهُمْ ۚ بَلَىٰ ۚ وَهُوَ الْخَلَّاقُ  
الْعَلِيمُ

Is not He who created the heavens and the earth Able to create the likes of them? Yes, [it is so]; and He is the Knowing Creator.

سورة يس

36:81

mentioned here; He creates and recreates. We are constantly changing, and so are they. He is the All-Knower. He upgrades and changes His creation. This is reform, taking us higher, from stage to stage.