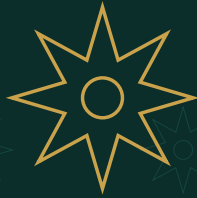


SURAH AS A STORY



Surah Al-Jumu'ah

Friday

The complete journey — the unlettered nation and the weekly Eid —
told the way a loving elder shares it with a child



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The Surah at a Glance

*Yusabbihu lillaahi maa fis-samaawaati wa maa
fil-ardil-Malikel-Quddoosil-'Azeezil-Hakeem*

1. Whatever is in the heavens and the earth glorifies Allah — the King, the Pure, the Almighty, the Wise.

*Huwal-lazee ba'asa fil-ummiyyeena
Rasoolam-minhum yatloo 'alayhim aayaatihee wa
yuzakkeehim wa yu'allimuhumul-Kitaaba
wal-Hikmah*

2. It is He who sent among the unlettered a Messenger from themselves — reciting to them His verses, purifying them, and teaching them the Book and wisdom.

*Masalul-lazeena hummiloot-Tawraata summa
lam yahmiloohee kamasalil-himaari yahmilu
asfaaraa*

5. The example of those charged with the Torah who then did not carry it, is like a donkey carrying volumes of books.

*Izaa noodiya lis-Salaati miny-yawmil-Jumu'ati
fas'aw ilaa zikril-laahi wa zarul-bay'*

9. When the call is made for prayer on Friday, hasten to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade.



*Fa-izaa qudiyatis-Salaatu fantashiroo fil-ardi
wabtaghoo min fadlil-laah*

10. Then when the prayer is concluded, disperse in the land and seek from the bounty of Allah.

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Four Names Before the Lesson

Beta, this surah opens the way a royal decree opens — with the titles of the King before the command:

'Whatever is in the heavens and the earth glorifies Allah — AL-MALIK, the King; AL-QUDDOOS, the Absolutely Pure; AL-'AZEEZ, the Almighty; AL-HAKEEM, the All-Wise.'

Four Names, beta, and each one is a doorway into the surah that follows. AL-MALIK — He is the King, so when His call comes on Friday, closing your shop is not a loss; it is a subject answering his Sovereign.

AL-QUDDOOS — the Pure, who purifies; and you will see 'yuzakkeehim' — He PURIFIES them — in the very next



ayah. AL-'AZEEZ — the Almighty, who raised a shepherd nation to teach the world. AL-HAKEEM — the Wise, who ordered the week so that work and worship both have their hour.

So before the surah teaches us anything about Friday, it teaches us WHO is calling. Half of obedience, beta, is knowing who is speaking.

The Miracle of the Unlettered

Then comes an ayah that measures the greatest transformation in human history: 'HUWAL-LAZI BA'ATHA FIL-UMMIYYEENA RASOOLAN MINHUM' — It is He who sent among the UNLETTERED a Messenger FROM THEMSELVES.'

Understand who these ummiyyeen were, beta. A people with almost no books, no schools, no libraries; most could not read their own names. They buried daughters alive, worshipped stones they carved with their own hands, and fought forty-year wars over a camel race. History had written them off as a footnote between two



great empires.

And what did the Messenger ﷺ do among them? The ayah names three works, in a precise order: 'YATLOO 'ALAYHIM AYATIHI' — reciting to them His verses; 'WA YUZAKKEEHIM' — and PURIFYING them; 'WA YU'ALLIMUHUMUL-KITABA WAL-HIKMAH' — and TEACHING them the Book and the wisdom.

Beta, look at the order, because it is the syllabus of every real change. First TILAWAH — the words enter the ears and the heart. Then TAZKIYAH — the soul is cleaned; arrogance, greed, cruelty are scrubbed out. Only then TA'LEEM — knowledge is poured into a vessel that has been washed. The modern world reverses it: fill the head first, never mind the heart — and so we produce brilliant people who are not good people. This deen washes the cup before pouring the drink.

And what was the result? Within ONE generation — not centuries, beta, one generation — those same tribes became the teachers of law, medicine, mathematics and



spirituality to half the earth. The ayah adds: 'though they were before in clear error.' And then it extends the gift to us: 'WA AKHAREENA MINHUM LAMMA YALHAQOO BIHIM' — and He sent him also to OTHERS of them who have not yet joined them. That is you and me, beta — every generation until Qiyamah is included in that sending. 'That is the bounty of Allah, which He gives to whom He wills.'

The Donkey and the Books

Then the surah gives a warning by contrast — one of the sharpest images in the Quran. It speaks of those who were charged with the Torah and then did not CARRY it: 'their example is like a DONKEY carrying volumes of books — kamathalil-himari yahmilu asfaara.'

Beta, picture it. A donkey plodding along with the world's finest library strapped to its back — commentaries, wisdom, law, guidance — and it feels nothing but the WEIGHT. It cannot read one line; it is not changed by one word. It carries treasure and knows



only burden.

And then ask the honest question, beta, because this ayah was not sent for other nations to be mocked; it was sent for us to be warned. The Quran memorised in the chest but never allowed to reach the tongue's honesty or the hand's mercy — that is the load. The degrees and certificates that never reached conduct. The lectures attended, notes taken, nothing moved. Knowledge is measured by what it does to the CARRIER, beta — not by what sits on his back.

The surah then reasons gently with those who claimed to be Allah's chosen ones: 'If you claim you are the allies of Allah, exclusive of other people, then WISH FOR DEATH, if you are truthful.' But 'they will NEVER wish for it, because of what their hands have put forth' — and here is the mirror for all of us: how ready is my file for that meeting? And the closing line silences every escape plan: 'Say — indeed, the death from which you FLEE will surely MEET you; then you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, and He



will inform you of what you used to do.'

Hasten — and Leave the Shop

And now the surah reaches its namesake, beta — the day Allah gave this ummah as its weekly Eid: 'YA AYYUHAL-LAZINA AMANU! When the call is made for prayer on the day of JUMU'AH — FAS'AW ILA ZIKRILLAH — HASTEN to the remembrance of Allah — WA ZARUL-BAY' — and LEAVE trade. That is BEST for you, IF YOU ONLY KNEW.'

Feel the two verbs, beta. 'Fas'aw' — move with purpose, hurry, go with your whole intention (not running with your feet, the scholars explain, but running with your heart). And 'zarul-bay' — LEAVE the selling. Not 'finish the deal first', not 'after this one customer' — leave it. The shutter comes down, the laptop closes, the negotiation pauses mid-sentence, because the week's most profitable hour has arrived.

And Allah adds the sentence that heals every anxious trader's heart: 'THAT IS BEST FOR YOU, IF YOU ONLY



KNEW.' Beta, the fear whispers: I will lose customers, I will lose the deal. The King replies: what I am giving you at that hour is BETTER than what you think you are losing — and you would see it, if your knowledge reached that far.

There is a story behind the firmness of these ayahs. One Friday, while the Prophet ﷺ was standing and delivering the khutbah, a trade caravan arrived in Madinah — with drums announcing its goods. The city had known hunger and scarcity, and people rushed out to it, until only a small group remained seated before the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. Then the last ayah of this surah came down, naming the moment gently but unmistakably: 'And when they saw a transaction or an amusement, they RUSHED to it and LEFT YOU STANDING. Say: what is with ALLAH is BETTER than amusement and than transaction — WALLAHU KHAYRUR-RAZIQEEN — and Allah is the BEST of providers.'



Beta, that ayah is not only about that caravan. Every Friday, in every city, a caravan of some kind still arrives — a meeting, a sale, a match, a notification. The question is only whether we stay seated.

Then Disperse — and Seek His Bounty

And now watch the balance, beta, that no other system holds so beautifully. The very next ayah, immediately after the command to abandon trade, says: 'FA-IZA QUDİYATIS-SALATU FANTASHIROO FIL-ARDI WABTAGHOO MIN FADLILLAH — then when the prayer is CONCLUDED, DISPERSE in the land and SEEK from the BOUNTY of Allah — and remember Allah MUCH, that you may succeed.'

Islam does not choose between the masjid and the market, beta — it ORDERS them. For one hour, the market must be silent before the King. After that hour, going back to your shop, your office, your field is not a retreat from worship; it is worship continued — 'ibtaghoo min fadlillah', seeking HIS bounty, walking on



His earth, with His name much on your tongue.

This is why some of the salaf, after Jumu'ah, would go out to their businesses saying: this is the hour of seeking Allah's bounty. Work with wudu in your heart, beta.

And notice the condition that ties the two halves together: 'WAZKURULLAHA KATHEERAN' — remember Allah MUCH. Dhikr is the thread that carries the masjid's light into the marketplace, so that the man selling cloth at 4 p.m. is still the man who prayed at 1.

And to help you love this day as the Prophet ﷺ loved it, beta, hold what he ﷺ taught about it: Friday is the best day upon which the sun rises; it is the day Adam was created; it contains an hour in which no Muslim asks Allah for good except that He gives it to him. He ﷺ urged ghusl on Friday, wearing one's best, using perfume if available, coming early, walking calmly, not stepping over people's necks, and listening to the khutbah in complete silence — for even saying 'be quiet' to your neighbour during the khutbah is idle talk. And he ﷺ told us to send abundant salawat upon him on this day, for



our salawat are presented to him ﷺ.

A believer's Friday, beta, should look different from his Tuesday. Ghusl, clean clothes, early steps toward the masjid, silence during the khutbah, then salawat, dua in that hidden hour, sadaqah if possible — and then out into the earth, seeking His fadl. That is one week, lived like a person who knows who the King is.

What This Surah Teaches Us

1. Know who calls before you answer: Al-Malik, Al-Quddoos, Al-'Azeez, Al-Hakeem — obedience begins in recognition.
2. Follow the Prophet's ﷺ own syllabus in that order: recite, purify, then learn — wash the cup before filling it.
3. Never be the donkey with the library: let every ayah you learn change something in your tongue, your hands, your home.



4. When the Friday call comes, leave the trade mid-sentence — and believe the promise: 'that is best for you, if you only knew.'

5. Guard the caravan test: some caravan arrives every Friday. Stay seated.

6. Honour Friday as a weekly Eid: ghusl, best clothes, early arrival, silence in the khutbah, abundant salawat, and dua in the hidden hour.

7. After salah, work IS worship — disperse and seek His bounty, with His remembrance much on your tongue.

Ya Malik, Ya Quddoos — make us carriers of Your Book, not carriers of its weight; and bless our Fridays, our worship and our rizq. Ameen.

— This is a simplified, faithful retelling for understanding, based on the Quran's translation and established tafseer (Ibn Kathir and others). For deeper study, always read with a qualified teacher. —

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