

Surah 27 . An-Naml (The Ants)

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I begin in the Name of Allah, Hir Rahman Nir Raheem (the Compassionate the Merciful).

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1 . *Ta Seen*. These are the verses of the *Quran* and The Book that makes clear

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2 . A guidance and good news for the believers,

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3 . They are steadfast in prayer and pay the *Zakat* (almsgiving), and of the hereafter, they are certain.

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4 . As to those who do not believe in the hereafter, We have surely made their deeds fair-seeming to them, but they wander blindly in confusion.

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5 . These are they who shall have an evil punishment, and in the hereafter they shall be the greatest losers.

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6 . And most surely you are made to receive the *Quran* from *Hakeem-min Aleem* (The Wise, The Knower)

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7 . When *Musa* (Moses) said to his family: Surely I see fire; I will bring to you from it some news, or I will bring to you therefrom a burning firebrand so that you may warm yourselves.

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8 . So when he came to it a voice was uttered saying: Blessed is Whoever is in the fire and whatever is about it; and glory be to *Allah*, the '*Rabb*' of the worlds;

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9 . *Ya Musa* (O Moses)! surely I am *Allah*, *Azeez-zul-Hakeem* (The Mighty, The Wise)

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10 . And cast down your staff. So when he saw it in motion as if it were a serpent, he turned back retreating and did not return: *Ya Musa* (Moses) ! fear not; surely the messengers shall not fear in My presence;

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11 . Neither he who has been unjust, then he does good instead after evil, for surely I am *Ghafoor-rur Raheem* (The Forgiving, The Merciful)

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12 . And enter your hand into the opening of your bosom, it shall come forth white without evil; among nine signs to *Firon* (Pharoah) and his people, surely they are a transgressing people.

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13 . So when Our clear signs came to them, they said: This is clear enchantment.

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14 . And they denied them unjustly and proudly while their soul had been convinced of them; consider, then how was the end of the mischief-makers.

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15 . And certainly We gave knowledge to *Dawood* (David) and *Sulaiman* (Solomon), and they both said: Praise be to *Allah*, Who has made us to excel many of His believing servants.

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16 . And *Sulaiman* (Solomon) was *Dawood's* (David's) heir, and he said: *Ya Ayohan-Naso* (O men)! we have been taught the language of birds, and we have been given all things; most surely this is manifest grace.

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17 . And *Sulaiman* (Solomon) his hosts of the *jinn* and the men and the birds were gathered to him, and they were formed into groups.

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18 . Until when they came to the valley of the *Naml* (the Ants) a Namlite said: O Naml! enter your houses, (that) *Sulaiman* (Solomon) and his hosts may not crush you while they do not know.

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19 . So he smiled, wondering at her word, and said: My '*Rabb*'! grant me that I should be grateful for Your Favour which You have bestowed on me and on my parents, and that I should do good such as You are pleased with, and make me enter, by Your mercy, into Your servants, the good ones.

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20 . And he reviewed the birds, then said: How is it I see not the hoopoe or is it that he is of the absentees?

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21 . I will most certainly punish him with a severe punishment, or kill him, or he shall bring to me a clear plea.

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22 . And he tarried not long, then said: I comprehend that which you do not comprehend and I have brought to you a sure information from *Saba* (Sheba)

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23 . Surely I found a woman ruling over them, and she has been given abundance and she has a mighty throne:

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24 . I found her and her people adoring the sun instead of *Allah*, and the *Shaitan* (Satan) has made their deeds fair-seeming to them and thus turned them from the way, so they do not go aright

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25 . That they do not make obeisance to *Allah*, Who brings forth what is hidden in the heavens and the earth and knows what you hide and what you make manifest:

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26 . *Allah*, there is no god but He: He is the '*Rabb*' of mighty power.

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27 . He said: We will see whether you have told the truth or whether you are of the liars:

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28 . Take this my letter and hand it over to them, then turn away from them and see what they return.

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29 . She said: O chief! surely an honourable letter has been delivered to me

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30 . Surely it is from *Sulaiman* (Solomon), and surely it is *Bismillah*
Hir-Rahman Nir-Raheem (I start in the name of *Allah*, the Compassionate, the Merciful)

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31 . Saying: exalt not yourselves against me and come to me in submission.

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32 . She said: O chiefs! give me advice respecting my affair: I never decide an affair until you are in my presence.

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33 . They said: We are possessors of strength and possessors of mighty prowess, and the command is yours, therefore see what you will command.

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34 . She said: Surely the kings, when they enter a town, ruin it and make the noblest of its people to be low, and thus they do;

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35 . And surely I am going to send a present to them, and shall wait to see what do the messengers bring back.

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36 . So when he came to *Sulaiman* (Solomon), he said: What! will you help me with wealth? But what *Allah* has given me is better than what He has given you. No, you are exultant because of your present;

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37 . Go back to them, so we will most certainly come to them with hosts which they shall have no power to oppose, and we will most certainly expel them therefrom in abasement, and they shall be in a state of ignominy.

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38 . He said: O chiefs! which of you can bring to me her throne before they come to me in submission?

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39 . One audacious among the *jinn* said: I will bring it to you before you rise up from your place; and most surely I am strong trusty for it.

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40 . One who had the knowledge of The Book said: I will bring it to you in the twinkling of an eye. Then when he saw it settled beside him, he said: This is of the grace of my '*Rabb*' that He may try me whether I am grateful or ungrateful; and whoever is grateful, he is grateful only for his own soul, and whoever is ungrateful, then surely my '*Rabb*' is *Ghanee-un Kareem* (The Self Sufficient, The Generous)

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41. He said: Alter her throne for her, we will see whether she follows the right way or is of those who do not go aright.

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42. So when she came, it was said: Is your throne like this? She said: It is as it were the same, and we were given the knowledge before it, and we were submissive.

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43. And what she worshipped besides *Allah* prevented her, surely she was of an unbelieving people.

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44. It was said to her: Enter the palace; but when she saw it she deemed it to be a great expanse of water, and bared her legs. He said: Surely it is a palace made smooth with glass. She said: My '*Rabb*'! surely I have been unjust to myself, and I submit with *Sulaiman* (Solomon) to *Allah*, the '*Rabb*' of the worlds.

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45. And certainly We sent to *Samood* their brother *Salih*, saying: Serve *Allah*; and lo! they became two sects quarrelling with each other.

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46. He said: *Ya Qaome* (O my people)! why do you seek to haveen on the evil before the good? Why do you not ask forgiveness of **Allah** so that you may be dealt with mercifully?

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47. They said: We have met with ill luck on account of you and on account of those with you. He said: The cause of your evil fortune is with **Allah**; No, you are a people who are tried.

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48. And there were in the city nine persons who made mischief in the land and did not act aright.

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49. They said: Swear to each other by **Allah** that we will certainly make a sudden attack on him and his family by night, then we will say to his heir: We did not witness the destruction of his family, and we are most surely truthful.

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50. And they planned a plan, and We planned a plan while they perceived not.

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51 . See, then, how was the end of their plan that We destroyed them and their people, all.

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52 . So those are their houses fallen down because they were unjust, most surely there is a sign in that for a people who know.

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53 . And We delivered those who believed and who guarded (against evil).

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54 . And **Lut** (*Lot*), when he said to his people: What! do you commit indecency while you see?

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55 . What! do you indeed approach men lustfully rather than women? No, you are a people who act ignorantly.

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56 . But the answer of his people was no other except that they said: Turn out **Lut's** (*Lot's*) followers from your town; surely they are a people who would keep pure!

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57 . But We delivered him and his followers except his wife; We ordained her to be of those who remained behind.

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58 . And We rained on them a rain, and evil was the rain of those who had been warned.

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59 . Say: "Praise be to **Allah** and *Salaamun* (Peace) on His servants whom He has chosen: is **Allah** better, or what they associate?



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60 . **No, He Who created the heavens and the earth, and sent down** for you water from the cloud; then We cause to grow thereby beautiful gardens; it is not possible for you that you should make the trees thereof to grow. Is there a god with **Allah**? No! they are people who deviate.

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61 . Or, Who made the earth a resting place, and made in it rivers, and raised on it mountains and placed between the two seas a barrier. Is there a god with **Allah**? No! most of them do not know!

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62 . Or, Who answers the distressed one when he calls upon Him and removes the evil, and He will make you successors in the earth. Is there a god with **Allah**? Little is it that you mind!

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63 . Or, Who guides you in utter darkness of the land and the sea, and Who sends the winds as good news before His mercy. Is there a god with **Allah**? Exalted by **Allah** above what they associate.

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64 . Or, Who originates the creation, then reproduces it and Who gives you sustenance from the heaven and the earth. Is there a god with **Allah**? Say: "Bring your proof if you are truthful.

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65 . Say: "No one in the heavens and the earth knows the unseen but **Allah**; and they do not know when they shall be raised.

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66 . No, their knowledge respecting the hereafter is slight and havey; No, they are in doubt about it; No, they are quite blind to it

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67 . And those who disbelieve say: "What! when we have become dust and our fathers, shall we certainly be brought forth?"

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68 . We have certainly been promised this, we and our fathers before; these are nothing but stories of the ancients

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69 . Say: "Travel in the earth, then see how was the end of the guilty.

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70 . And grieve not for them and be not distressed because of what they plan.

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71 . And they say: "When will this threat come to pass, if you are truthful?"

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72 . Say: "Maybe there may have drawn near to you somewhat of that which you seek to have on.

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73 . And surely your '**Rabb**' is full of grace to men, but most of them are not grateful.

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74 . And most surely your '**Rabb**' knows what their breasts conceal and what they manifest.

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75 . And there is nothing concealed in the heaven and the earth but it is in a clear book.

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76 . Surely this *Quran* declares to the children of Israel most of what they differ in.

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77 . And most surely it is a guidance and a mercy for the believers.

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78 . Surely your '*Rabb*' will judge between them by his judgment, and He is *Azeez-zul Aleem* (The Mighty, The Knower)

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79 . Therefore rely on *Allah*; surely you are on the clear truth.

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80 . Surely you do not make the dead to hear, and you do not make the deaf to hear the call when they go back retreating.

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81 . Nor can you be a guide to the blind out of their error; you cannot make to bear except those who believe in Our communications, so they submit.

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82 . And when the word shall come to pass against them, We shall bring forth for them a creature from the earth that shall wound them, because people did not believe in Our communications and they were not sure.

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83 . And on the day when We will gather from every nation a party from among those who rejected Our communications, then they shall be formed into groups.

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84 . Until when they come, He will say: "Did you reject My communications while you had no comprehensive knowledge of them? Or what was it that you did?"

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85 . And the word shall come to pass against them because they were unjust, so they shall not speak.

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86 . Do they not consider that We have made the night that they may rest therein, and the day to give light? Most surely there are signs in that for a people who believe.

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87 . And on the day when the trumpet shall be blown, then those who are in the heavens and those who are in the earth shall be terrified except such as *Allah* please, and all shall come to him abased.

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88. And you see the mountains, you think them to be solid, and they shall pass away as the passing away of the cloud; the handiwork of Allah Who has made every thing thoroughly; surely He is Aware of what you do.

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89 . Whoever brings good, he shall have better than it; and they shall be secure from terror on the day.

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90 . And whoever brings evil, these shall be thrown down on their faces into the fire; shall you be rewarded anything except what you did?

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91 . I am commanded only that I should serve the 'Rabb' of this city, Who has made it sacred, and His are all things; and I am commanded that I should be of these who submit;

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92 . And that I should recite the *Quran*. Therefore whoever goes aright, he goes aright for his own soul, and whoever goes astray, then say: "I am only one of the warners.

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93 . And say: "Praise be to Allah, He will show you His signs so that you shall recognise them; nor is your 'Rabb' heedless of what you do.