

**Surah 68 . Al-Qalam (The Pen) or Noon (Muqattat Letter Noon)**

**بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ**

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

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1 . Noon. And the pen and what the angels write,

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2 . By the grace of your '*Rabb*' you are not mad.

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3 . And most surely you shall have a reward never to be cut off.

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4 . And most surely you conform to sublime morality.

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5 . So you shall see, and they shall see,

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6 . Which of you is afflicted with madness.

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7 . Surely your '*Rabb*' best knows him who strayed from His way, and He best knows the followers of the right course.

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8 . So do not yield to the rejecters.

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9 . They wish that you should be pliant so they would be pliant.

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10 . And yield not to any mean swearer

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11 . Defamer, going about with slander

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12 . Forbidder of good, outstepping the limits, sinful,

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13 . Violent, besides all that, base-born;

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14 . Because he possesses wealth and sons.

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15 . When Our communications are recited to him, he says: Stories of those of long ago.

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16 . We will brand him on the nose.

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17 . Surely We will try them as We tried the owners of the garden, when they swore that they would certainly cut off the produce in the morning,

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18 . And were not willing to set aside a portion.

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19 . Then there encompassed it a visitation from your '*Rabb*' while they were sleeping.

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20 . So it became as black, barren land.

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21 . And they called out to each other in the morning,

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22 . Saying: Go early to your tith if you would cut.

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23 . So they went, while they consulted together secretly,

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24 . Saying: No poor man shall enter it today upon you.

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25 . And in the morning they went, having the power to prevent.

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26 . But when they saw it, they said: Most surely we have gone astray

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27 . No! we are made to suffer privation.

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28 . The best of them said: Did I not say to you, Why do you not glorify?

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29 . They said: Glory be to our '*Rabb*', surely we were unjust.

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30 . Then some of them advanced against others, blaming each other.

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31 . Said they: O woe to us! surely we were inordinate:

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32 . Maybe, our '*Rabb*' will give us instead one better than it; surely to our '*Rabb*' do we make our humble petition.

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33 . Thus is the punishment, and certainly the punishment of the hereafter is greater, did they but know!

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34 . Surely those who ward off evil shall have with their '*Rabb*', *Jannat* (garden) of bliss.

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35 . What! shall We then make, those who submit as the guilty?

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36 . What has happened to you? How do you judge?

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37 . Or have you a book wherein you read,

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38 . That you have surely therein what you choose?

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39 . Or have you received from Us an agreement confirmed by an oath extending to *Qiyammah* (the day of resurrection) that you shall surely have what you demand?

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40 . Ask them which of them will vouch for that,

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41 . Or have they associates if they are truthful.

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42. On the day when there shall be a severe affliction, and they shall be called upon to make obeisance, but they shall not be able,

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43. Their looks cast down, abasement shall overtake them; and they were called upon to make obeisance indeed while yet they were safe.

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44. So leave Me and him who rejects this announcement; We will overtake them by degrees, from whence they perceive not:

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45. And I do bear with them, surely My plan is firm.

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46. Or do you ask from them a reward, so that they are burdened with debt?

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47. Or have they (the knowledge of) the unseen, so that they write it down?

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48. So wait patiently for the judgment of your '*Rabb*', and be not like the companion of the fish, when he cried while he was in distress.

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49. Were it not that Favour from his '*Rabb*' had overtaken him, he would certainly have been cast down upon the naked shore while he was blamed.

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50. Then his '*Rabb*' chose him, and He made him of the good.

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51 . And those who disbelieve would almost smite you with their eyes when they hear the reminder, and they say: "Most surely he is mad.

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52 . And it is nothing but a reminder to the nations.