



سورة الشعراء The Poets

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Musa عليه السلام exuded firmness and stability, through all the transitions and situations. This is the mercy of Allah. Firawn wanted to show he was strong, but whenever he was pushed into a corner, he diverted defensively, and each time this took him further into destruction. Allah showed him so many signs → stop you are wrong, but he didn't heed them. Every time he diverted, the truth was more and more apparent. The more he denied, the more he failed, until he drowned.

Allah slowly shows us what Firawn is really like, he gradually unraveled, and showed his true colours. He couldn't hide it forever, his real face was exposed eventually. He consulted with his chiefs, who were listening to the debate. At the same time, though he was convinced of the truth of the message of Musa عليه السلام, he didn't want to show any weakness, so he chose his words carefully. He gave his chiefs a chance to speak, but they didn't say anything.

Instead, Musa عليه السلام took the opportunity to give further information about رب العالمين. He wanted to connect the people to the Rabb, so he added that رب العالمين was the Rabb of all the people, present and past.

Firawn didn't ask for more information, but Musa عليه السلام continued speaking. So he stressed that not only is He the Rabb of Musa, and the heavens and the earth, but also the Rabb of all the people. This was important to clarify, because Firawn had declared himself their rabb, when he said أنا ربكم الأعلى. So Musa drove home the point that Firawn is not their rabb, رب العالمين is. The Lordship of Allah had to be clear in their minds, before being advised of any worship. It is essential to get the foundation correct first.

Firawn challenged Musa, when he said so arrogantly → وما رب العالمين. So Musa challenged him back, by saying رب السموات والأرض وما بينهما. For the people, he was gentle. This made them think. They had a need to be taken care of, and Firawn was so moody. This was a vast message.

قَالَ رَبُّكُمْ وَرَبُّ آبَائِكُمُ الْأُولِينَ
[Moses] said : Your Lord
and the Lord of your first
forefathers
26:26

قَالَ إِنَّ رَسُولَكُمْ الَّذِي أُرْسِلَ
إِلَيْكُمْ لَمَجْنُونٌ

[Pharaoh] said : Indeed,
your 'messenger' who has
been sent to you is mad
26:27

Firawn was very smart, he could sense that the chiefs were wavering, the words of the truth were affecting them, they were thinking. So he changed his tone yet again, dismissing Musa, to squash all interest which was growing in their minds.

He dissociated Musa from the minds of the people. His complex statement showed disinterest and mockery. He called Musa a mad man. The message of Musa was the truth, so it was loud and clear, and it's truthfulness could be seen by everyone, affecting them all. Firawn had to do something to bring them out of its effect. He distanced himself from the people also. He said

رسولكم, and this shows they had accepted the words of Musa, but maybe they didn't have the courage to say it. So he dismissed the words of Musa. But he was digging his own grave by his words, pushing them more towards Musa by saying رسولكم.

Firawn paved the way for the next attack by Musa عليه السلام. So many of the messengers were accused of being madmen and insane. This was a way to distract the people from the truth, because the words of a mad person cannot be taken seriously.

Now comes the rebuttal of Musa عليه السلام. He had defended himself before, when Firawn had accused him of being a kafir, by diffusing the accusation and saying he was misguided when he committed the crime of murder, not a disbeliever. Now he had been accused of being mad, so he stated facts, which would show he was not mad, because a mad man cannot speak so rationally and intelligently. The words of Musa عليه السلام, taken on their own, are a perfect description of الرب.

Now he played his last card, the most powerful, giving a very complicated detail. رب العالمين was the Rabb of the sunrise and sunset. How can anyone control and take care of the sun, a heavenly body? This is an irresistible definition, which will make everyone بهت الذي كفر amaze the disbeliever (2:258). No one can claim to make the

قَالَ رَبِّ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَمَا
بَيْنَهُمَا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ
[Moses] said : Lord of the
east and the west and that
between them, if you were
to reason
26:28

sun rise and set. Firawn is not the rabb of the heavens and the earth, this was very obvious. مكان المشرق is the place of sunrise, and مكان المغرب is the place of sunset. This is so specific. Allah takes care of the timing and location. This is the whole world, because the sun rises and sets all the time somewhere in the world, at some time. The One who takes care of this is Allah. How can you deny Him?

Musa عليه السلام puts a condition here. To understand this needs intelligence. Not everyone can grasp this. So Musa is not mad, but maybe Firawn is, if he cannot understand this fact. This literally rotated his brain. Is Musa عليه السلام showing pride? No, he is stating the facts, and that he knows and understands this information. This is honouring the truth. Musa عليه السلام showed Firawn that he was smarter than him.

There is no need to be humble in front of disbelievers. Show your knowledge and intelligence. Show your prowess in technology. You are no less than them, you are more, because you know Allah and they don't. The one who doesn't use his brain to know his Rabb, is a madman, he has covered his brain. The one who knows Allah is not مجنون.