



# سورة الشعراء

## The Poets

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Clarity is needed in order to express yourself well. If there are many issues in life, you cannot be clear in your words. If you want to deliver the message of Allah, truthfully, He will make you go forward, even if you cannot speak publicly by yourself. When your chest is tight with grief and distress, you cannot express yourself. In Jannah, the chest will be wide open, as there will be no grief or fear, so everyone will be so expressive. Life is not perfect, so you must make du'a to Allah to open your chest. A tight chest will put knots on the tongue.

If you want your worship to be good, make du'a to Allah. You can't live in jungles and deserts, so you must create an everlasting garden in your heart, which no one can take away. In the words of Sheikh Al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah : جنتي في صدري - my paradise is in my heart. The clarity of the Qura'an will open your chest, and make you expressive. When you live with the Qura'an, all the smoke from life will be erased.

Musa عليه السلام had to face Firawn, so surely his chest would be constricted. In addition, he had a speech disability. But in the end he was given wisdom, and was made from amongst the messengers. Allah took care of him step by step. The gift is only given after nurturing, when you and the environment are ready. So Musa عليه السلام conveyed the message with such clarity.

If someone is clear with the message, knows right and wrong, has the clarity to express it, but faces someone impenetrable like a rock, this will distress you. You have the Qura'an, so clear, and you are trying to convey to others, and you encounter a rock; you feel as if you are being killed. The person who faces rejection can feel really low.

Nothing is more clear than the Qura'an, but some people have hearts like rocks, they don't feel كلام الله. It doesn't touch them, and they do not believe. Allah is not affected by their rejection, but the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه و سلم was affected by these rocklike people. The Qura'an for the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه و سلم went directly to his heart, because it was the most pure heart, and the Qura'an touched him straightaway. He wanted everyone to feel the same way.

لَعَلَّكَ بَاخِعٌ نَفْسَكَ أَلَّا يَكُونُوا  
مُؤْمِنِينَ

Perhaps, [O Muhammad],  
you would kill yourself with  
grief that they will not be  
believers

26:3

لَعَلَّكَ بَاخِعٌ نَفْسَكَ

مهلك نفسك حرصا عليهم و حزنا عليهم

الا يكونوا مؤمنين

Sometimes you learn something and you are so excited, you go and you tell your loved ones, and they look at you look at you as if you are crazy. This touches your heart, but not theirs. Sometimes a single word can change a person if it is the truth.

Allah is the Most Perfect, and He makes His perfect words available to the people. Nothing is more eloquent than the Qura'an, so if you aren't affected by it, the problem is in yourself. The Qura'an is not only information, it connects with your emotions, making you feel so much love.

Allah is not affected by the rejection of the people, but the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه و سلم was very despondent. He couldn't put his grief into words, so Allah describes exactly how he felt. The word Allah uses is باخِع, from the verb بَخَعَ, to kill yourself with grief. The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه و سلم was so eager for them to believe in the message, and change themselves, that he was completely dejected when they rejected it, as if destroying himself with sadness. At the same time, he was not angry with them, he was sad for them. He wanted them to understand and believe. Even though the Qura'an is مبين, so clear, and he used the most eloquent words, they didn't appreciate the message.

It is not wrong to feel sadness and to express it; this is not ingratitude. In fact, it shows you are human, not perfect, so it removes shirk. If you suppress feelings of intense grief in your heart, you die inside, and it can give rise to physical sicknesses. The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه و سلم couldn't put in words exactly what he felt, so Allah explained it in the best words. This is special care from Allah. It makes you feel good when someone understands how you feel. It is not wrong to say I'm sad or I'm tired. This is not complaining.

The main mission for the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه و سلم was to make the people believe. To be a mo'min is to feel the unseen matters. To express your feelings is a way to remove the negativity. So Allah told Maryam عليها السلام don't grieve → فناداها من تحتها ألا تحزني → He called her from below her : Do not grieve (19:24). When you admit your grief it becomes easier to deal with it. The mother of Musa عليه السلام was sad and afraid, two

intense feelings. So Allah told her → **وَلَا تَخَافِي وَلَا تَحْزَنِي إِنَّا رَادُّوهُ إِلَيْكِ وَجَاعِلُوهُ مِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ** → and do not fear and do not grieve. Indeed, We will return him to you and will make him [one] of the messengers (28:7). Musa and Harun عليه السلام was afraid, so Allah said to them → **لَا تَخَافَا إِنِّي مَعَكُمْ أَسْمَعُ وَأَرَى** → Fear not. Indeed, I am with you both; I hear and I see (20:46).

Imagine the comfort and console when Allah takes care of your feelings. Even plants and animals, and inanimate objects such as rocks have feelings. The tree trunk cried like a baby when the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم was given a minbar, and he didn't lean on it anymore to give the khutbah, so the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم hugged it to comfort it. Rocks fall and shatter out of fear of Allah. We see them as animals, rocks, trees, but they are worshippers.

The belief spells tranquility, security, no fear, because you know and believe in the unseen. The disbeliever is fearful because he doesn't know who Allah is. Only the one who Allah deems as worthy will feel the delights of the Qura'an. The Qura'an will come to a sound heart, with room for love. The state of the receiving heart is important. You cannot go forward in da'wah if your heart is sad and tight. Negativity tightens the heart.

One of the names of Allah which is repeated 35 times in the Surah, more than anywhere else, is Ar-Rabb. Allah mentions ربك so many times, He nurtured His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم emotionally, by expressing what he felt.

Guidance is in the hands of Allah. If they don't believe, don't be sad. The clear ayaat came to them, which are stronger than the staff of Musa عليه السلام, stronger than any sword. They have everlasting feelings, while any tangible signs are transitory. If one ayah is absorbed by your heart, you will never forget it, until you get to Jannah.

The disbelievers remain unaffected by the Qura'an. Allah is Able to send a tangible sign from the sky, which they can see, and which they would submit to. But the numbers don't matter to Allah. Da'wah is not about numbers. Even if there is no one who believes, the message is still delivered successfully. Allah is very selective.

The message of this Surah is to broadcast, but not to increase the numbers. Everywhere around the world, the measure of success is numbers. But with deen, it is better to have only one person with a sincere heart, rather than thousands who are hypocrites. This is how Allah wants it, a pure heart. The words and approach is right, but the hearts which receive it are few. Only very few people will go to Jannah. On the Day of Judgement, messengers will come with no followers, but they are still successful. Don't be impressed by numbers.

If Allah wills, based on His perfect knowledge and complete wisdom, He would send a tangible sign. But it is not what people want, it is what Allah wants. If He wishes, He would give what the audience wants, only if it is beneficial. Allah has already sent a tangible sign, the Qura'an. The religion is not about the desires of people.

إِنْ نَشَاءُ نُنزِلْ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ  
السَّمَاءِ آيَةً فَظَلَّتْ أَعْنَاقُهُمْ  
لَهَا خَاضِعِينَ

If We willed, We could  
send down to them from  
the sky a sign for which  
their necks would remain  
humbled

26:4