



# سورة الشعراء

## The Poets

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Every surah in the Qura'an has a unique and different pattern. The pattern of this Surah, as well as its contents and wordings, are challenging. The rules of poetry don't apply to the Surah, it is beyond the rules of rhyme. It changes from one word to another, it is unpredictable. It is absolutely different from the balance of poetry. It's perfect in its own way, nothing is out of place.

Poets have to make an effort to make the poetry flow, and for it to be appealing to that ears. The Qura'an is not شعر, this is the challenge. It doesn't abide by any rules, it is unique. It can flow without rhythm and rhyme. It is كلام الله, the words of Allah. It is so challenging for the poets, who don't present the truth, they cheat people, play on their feelings, to get what they want from them. Poetry can affect the people when the words touch their feelings.

The Qura'an is الكتاب المبين, the clear book. True feelings are when you can feel the unseen, and have love of Allah in your heart, hoping for His reward, and fearing His punishment. But the problem with people is that they don't believe. They want tangible signs. The effect of the Qura'an is internal, emotional. But the disbelievers aren't affected by it.

Allah gives console to the Messenger صلى الله عليه و سلم, and at the same time, assures him that it is not necessary for them to believe. It is not about bringing what they desire. It is not a matter of Allah changing His way to make them believe. Allah doesn't care about numbers. The quality of the people who take the message is important. You don't have to give in and answer their demands of a tangible sign.

If they ask for a sign, this will be on their head, overpowering them. You should submit to the unseen. Whatever happens is already recorded in the Preserved Tablets. It is already planned and preordained. This is why Allah says إن نشأ.

If the ayah that they want would come to them, their reaction would be intense. The word ظل is a shade without sunlight. When the sun appears, the shade is called فيء. The word ظل also means honoured and protected. The time of fajr is dimmed, and honoured.

The word أعناق means necks. It also means a group of leaders. This ayah will affect them so much, their necks will be stretched and held in the same position, humbled. So Allah consoles His Messenger صلى الله عليه و سلم, not to be sad if they reject the Qura'an. It is not about bringing a miraculous sign, which will astound them, holding them spellbound, it is a matter of real belief, not just amazement. The religion speaks to the heart and mind. The Qura'an is what makes the belief strong. Allah can bring a compelling miracle, but this is not what He wants, because then where will the belief in the unseen? This is what is beneficial. Allah doesn't want them to believe by showing them some amazing sign. The ayaat are your test, chosen by Allah.

We see people being so amazed when scientists make discoveries proving what Allah has already stated to us. This is exactly how they react. After this kind of ayah, if they believe, it is not real belief. You must have feelings for the words of Allah. If we are shown the angels in the study circles, and then believe this fact, where is the belief in the unseen? Your heart should move with the words of Allah.

The ayaat of the Qura'an are the same, don't expect anything new. But they will be brought to you in a different way, a different look, another dimension of meaning. People get bored of the same thing in life. In Jannah, things will keep changing, the food will be the same but not the same. The fruit will look the same but will taste entirely different. The faces will become more beautiful every week.

In the same way, the ayaat and reminders are the same, but always in a new version. When something familiar is renewed, it brings more feelings. It is more inspiring when something you already know is renewed.

The way of Allah is the best way. Reminders are like gifts, they come to you unasked, and without any trials. The Divine messages from Allah are what He

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

وَمَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِنْ ذِكْرٍ مِنَ  
الرَّحْمَنِ مُحَدَّثٍ إِلَّا كَانُوا عَنْهُ  
مُعْرِضِينَ

And no revelation comes  
to them anew from the  
Most Merciful except that  
they turn away from it

26:5

brings, nor what you want. Reminders came to them, with commands and instructions, showing them the right way, and protecting them from all harm. These reminders are from the Most Merciful, they are covered with mercy. When you give a message with mercy, it is completely different. If you want to be an influencer, have mercy and compassion, and then the same message will have a greater impact. The message is the same, but it is presented in a new way. You may read it, or someone tells you, or you discover it while you are browsing, to name a few ways.

The disbelievers are odd. Allah deals with them with the best approach, but their reactions are messed up. They should follow and accept, but they have no feelings, because the Qura'an doesn't move their hearts. The most poetic and expressive person can be a rock in front of the Qura'an. So their feelings are not true. The heart must move with the unseen matters. These odd people react by turning away. The words of Allah have no affect upon them. They waste their emotions on something wrong, so when the truth comes, they have no feelings left for it.