

# The Lit Cave

## Surah Al Kahf

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When we are at home in these days, safe and surrounded by our families, and other good people, and with the Quran, then we must truly be grateful, and content. We must upgrade our feelings, of shukr, of hope and positivity. We shouldn't limit our goals, but bigger goals - increase our love for Allah SWT, and work for His Mercy, increase our longing to meet Him. Don't limit yourself with a time-frame, people, buildings and places.

We should maximize our worship, but worshipping as if we see Him. This is indeed the best time for us to do this, to show gratitude. If not now, then when? Be grateful for every moment, every little blessing and we should work to spread this attitude among people that we know as well, subhanAllah. Don't let this trial distract us from gratitude. Clarity and awareness is so important.

Ayah 54 is about the blessing of the Quran, ayah 55 is about the warning for those who don't take the Quran seriously and ayah 56 is about the messengers and the challenges of each.

وَلَقَدْ صَرَّفْنَا فِي هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ لِلنَّاسِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَثَلٍ ۚ وَكَانَ الْإِنْسَانُ أَكْثَرَ شَيْءٍ جَدَلًا -  
18:54

And We have certainly diversified in this Qur'an for the people from every [kind of] example; but man has ever been, most of anything, [prone to] dispute.

If there is a warning, we should take it seriously, as these warnings are for our safety. In these ayaat, we will see there will be some people who make a joke of the afflictions or signs of Allah SWT. There are arguments and disputes as well. This is a form of weakening faith. When the young men wake up in the cave, they don't fall into this arguing. Their aim is Ihsan and the highest level of Paradise. Those who want to see the truth are always safe.

And we've seen that in times of trials, we should limit our movements, and focus on increasing our worship, our love of Allah SWT. And those who want to go see the fitna, then it will get into him and he will debate, argue and fall into making fun of it.

In a hadith, Nabi SAW said that in order to be forgiven, then we should stay in our homes, and control our words and cry over our sins.

The Quran is a diversion for us, especially in times of trials, so many different paths to bring us to beneficial knowledge, to eternal happiness. It will protect us from all evil, all methods of

destruction. It is a nourishment for the soul. Sarrafa means derivatives, so the Quran gives us so many different combinations, paths to attain good. The challenge is to protect ourselves, from our own natures which is to argue out of stubbornness despite the Qur'an being clear, and full of examples. They are so distracted with their arguing that they lose out on the benefits from the Quran, their faith, their istighfar. For these people then is only and only Hellfire.

وَمَا مَنَعَ النَّاسَ أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا إِذْ جَاءَهُمُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمْ سُنَّةُ الْأَوَّلِينَ  
أَوْ يَأْتِيَهُمُ الْعَذَابُ قُبُلًا - 18:55

And nothing has prevented the people from believing when Guidance came to them and from asking forgiveness of their Lord except that there [must] befall them the [accustomed] precedent of the former peoples or that the punishment should come [directly] before them.

In times of fitna, then we should stay home with the Quran and ask for forgiveness. When guidance from Allah SWT comes, in the form of the Quran, there is nothing stopping them from accepting it but they will be busy doing bad deeds until punishment reaches them. Allah nurtured them in order that they will ask forgiveness, but they didn't accept it. Faith or asking for forgiveness has no value once the punishment is seen, but the best time to do it is when guidance comes our way.

Imagine we are constantly being warned, and yet you don't take heed until you are struck. We should ask for protection from ever seeing any azaab face to face, audhobillah. Ask for forgiveness now and heed any warnings and follow any guidance that comes our way.

وَمَا نُرْسِلُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ إِلَّا مُبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ ۚ وَيَجَادِلُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِالْبَاطِلِ لِيُدْحِضُوا بِهِ  
الْحَقَّ ۖ وَاتَّخَذُوا آيَاتِي وَمَا أُنذِرُوا هُزُوًا - 18:56

And We send not the messengers except as bringers of good tidings and warners. And those who disbelieve dispute by [using] falsehood to [attempt to] invalidate thereby the truth and have taken My verses, and that of which they are warned, in ridicule.

Allah SWT tells us that He didn't send the messengers in vain, but with a purpose. We shouldn't exaggerate their purpose as well, they are calling us to deen, not to themselves so don't worship them. Our attachment should be to Allah SWT. Their task is to bring glad tidings and brings true news/commands/warnings.

They give glad tidings of Paradise, of the pleasure of seeing the Face of Allah and victory for those who believe and those who ask for forgiveness from Allah SWT. For people who do not believe in Allah SWT or ask for His forgiveness, there is a need to be warned. They do not force them, and yet people will argue, and these are the disbelievers and they do this to push away the truth with their falsehoods.

This is like our current situation, it is not a joke, and we cannot make a mockery on the signs or warnings of Allah SWT. They deserve utmost respect subhanAllah. This virus is from Allah's ayaat and we should take it seriously. Mocking Allah's ayat, warnings, and glad tidings is a type of disbelief.