

Surah Al-Kahf English Translation

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

1. All praise is due to Allah, Who has revealed this Book to His servant and has not made any crookedness in it.
2. (He has made it) straight, to give warning of stern punishment from Him and to give good tidings to the believers, who do righteous deeds, that they shall have an excellent reward,
3. They will abide therein forever.
4. And to warn those who say, "Allah has taken a son."
5. They have no knowledge of this, nor did their forefathers. Grave is the word that comes out of their mouths; they speak not except a lie.
6. Then maybe, you will kill yourself with grief, sorrowing after them, if they do not believe in this Message.
7. Surely, We have made all that is on the earth an adornment for it, in order that We test them as to which of them is best in deeds.
8. And surely, We shall make all that is on it a bare, dry soil.
9. Or do you think that the Fellows of the Cave and the Inscription were of Our wonderful signs?
10. When the young men sought refuge in the cave, they said: "Our Lord! Give us mercy from Yourself, and furnish us with rectitude in our affair."
11. So We put a cover over their ears in the cave for a number of years.
12. Then We raised them up, that We might know which of the two parties would best calculate the time period that they had stayed.
13. We narrate to you their story with truth. Verily, they were young men who believed in their Lord, and We increased them in guidance.
14. And We made their hearts firm and strong when they stood up and said: "Our Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth. Never shall we call upon any god other than Him, if we did, we would say an outrageous thing."
15. "These people of ours have taken gods besides Him. Why do they not bring clear evidence about them? Who is more unjust than he who fabricates a lie against Allah?"

16. "And when you withdraw from them and from what they worship except Allah, seek refuge in the cave; your Lord will spread out for you of His mercy and furnish you with a gentle disposition, to make your affair easy."
17. And you might have seen the sun when it rose move away from their cave towards the right, and when it set turn aside from them towards the left, and they were in the open space thereof. That is of the signs of Allah; whomever Allah guides, he is indeed guided, and whomever He sends astray, for him there is no guide.
18. And you might have thought that they were awake, although they were sleeping, and We turned them to the right and to the left. And their dog stretching forth his two forelegs on the threshold was witnessing.
19. Had you come upon them, you would have surely turned away from them in flight and would have surely been filled with awe of them.
20. And similarly, We raised them up that they might question one another. A speaker among them said, "How long have you stayed here?" They said, "We have stayed here a day or a part of a day." They said, "Your Lord knows best how long you have stayed here. Now send one of you with this money to the city and let him see which food is more lawful there, and bring you some provision from there and let him act with care and let no one become aware of you."
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24. And similarly, We made them known so that they might know that Allah's promise is true, and that there is no doubt about the Hour. When they disputed among themselves about their matter and said, "Erect a building over them, their Lord knows best about them." Those who prevailed in their matter said, "We will certainly build a place of worship over them."
25. They will say, "(They were) three, the fourth of them being their dog; and (others will) say, "(They were) five, the sixth of them being their dog" - guessing at the unseen. And (others) will say, "(They were) seven, and the eighth of them was their dog." Say: "My Lord knows best about their number. None knows them except a few." So, do not dispute with them except for a plain argument and do not question any of them about them.

26. And never say about anything, "I shall do this tomorrow,"
27. Except if Allah wills. And remember your Lord when you forget, and say: "Perhaps my Lord will guide me to a nearer course to the right than this."
28. And they stayed in their cave three hundred years and increased by nine more.
29. Say: "Allah knows best how long they stayed. To Him belong the unseen of the heavens and the earth. How clear His sight and keen His hearing! There is no protector for them against Him, and He makes none to share in His judgment."
30. And relate the story to them of the two men. We gave each of them two gardens of vine, and We surrounded both with date palms and placed crops in between them.
31. Both gardens yielded their produce and did not fail in any way. And We made a river to flow in between them,
32. So, he had fruits, and he said to his companion, while conversing with him: "I am greater in wealth than you and stronger in respect of men."
33. And he went into his garden while he was unjust to himself. He said: "I do not think that this will ever perish,"
34. And I do not think the Hour will ever come. And even if I am brought back to my Lord, I shall surely find something better than this in exchange."
35. His companion said to him, while conversing with him: "Do you disbelieve in Him Who created you from dust, then from a small life germ, then He fashioned you into a man?"
36. "But as for me, He is Allah, my Lord, and I do not associate anyone with my Lord."
37. "And why did you not, when you entered your garden, say, 'It is as Allah has pleased, there is no power except in Allah'? If you see that I have less than you in wealth and children,"
38. "Then it is possible that my Lord may give me something better than your garden, and He may send down on your garden thunderbolts from the sky, so that it will become bare and become as if it had never existed."
39. "Or the water of it will become deep-sunken, so that you will never be able to find it."
40. So his fruits were encompassed with destruction, and he began wringing his hands for all that he had spent on it while it lay fallen on its trellises, and he said, "Would that I had not associated anyone with my Lord."
41. And there was no group to help him other than Allah, and he could not even protect himself.

42. In such a situation, the one who had a high position over him called out to him, while he was in grief: "Do you still believe that it is not likely that you will return to your garden?"
43. "Would that my Lord give me something better than it in exchange and as a punishment from Him, and that a severe punishment from Him may not come upon it before it is restored."
44. And on that Day he was abandoned by those who had believed before, and his affectionate relations too, if they return.
45. And they all tried to blame each other.
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47. Those who were closest to him said: "Did I not say to you, 'Why do you not glorify Allah?'"
48. He said: "Glory be to my Lord! I was indeed in wrong."
49. They continued to address one another in blame.
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51. Maybe, our Lord will give us a better than this in exchange; to our Lord do we make our humble petition.
52. Such was the punishment, but greater still was the punishment in the Hereafter. If only they knew.
53. As for those who believed and did righteous deeds, for them will be gardens of Paradise as a place of hospitality for all that they did.
54. And as for those who did evil, their abode will be the Fire. Whenever they wish to get out of it, they will be brought back in it, and it will be said to them, "Taste the punishment of the Fire which you used to belie."
55. And, indeed, We made all that is on the earth an embellishment for it, in order that We might test them, to see which of them is the best in deeds.
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102. Wherein they shall live forever; they shall desire no change from it.
103. Say: "If the sea were ink for the Words of my Lord, surely the sea would be exhausted before the Words of my Lord are finished, even though We brought the like thereof as further help."

104. Say: "I am but a man like you, it is revealed to me that your God is One God. So, whoever hopes for the meeting with his Lord, let him do righteous deeds and make no one share in the worship of his Lord."
105. And they think that they have a clear understanding of the different factions, whereas they themselves are a disunited group.
106. Verily, your Lord fully knows the one who strays from His path, and He knows well those who are guided.
107. So do not yield to those who deny the truth, and strive hard against them with this Qur'an, a mighty struggle.
108. It is He who has sent forth both the two seas, this one sweet and thirst quenching, and that one salty and bitter, and has set a barrier between them, a partition that is forbidden to be trespassed.
109. And it is He who has created human beings from water, then has made for them blood-relationships and marriage relationships, and your Lord has the power to do anything.
110. Yet they worship, besides Allah, that which can neither profit them nor harm them. The disbeliever has invariably turned his back on his Lord.