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Quran Stories

The Generation of the Caliphate - Preliminary Level

THE OWNER OF THE TWO GARDENS



The disbelievers refused to sit with the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) and listen to what Allah had revealed to him unless he expelled the poor believers from his gathering, they would not sit with the poor out of their arrogance.

So, Allah, the Almighty, revealed verses from Surah Al-Kahf to His Messenger (peace be upon him) to relate a story to these arrogant disbelievers, hoping they might take heed and fear the true God.





This story is about two men, one of whom was a disbeliever and the other a believer.

Allah had blessed the disbeliever with a beautiful and large garden surrounded by palm trees, filled with grapevines, and abundant with other delicious crops that people loved.

A beautiful river flowed through the garden, which the disbeliever used to water his garden with.





The disbeliever invited his friend Abdullah
to his garden.

When Abdullah entered the garden and saw
its beauty, he said: "What Allah wills; there is
no power except by Allah."

The disbeliever, proud of his garden, said to
him boastfully: "I own what you do not have
of wealth, children, family, and
abundant provisions."





He pointed to the good fruits and numerous
crops in his garden, which were
blessed by Allah.

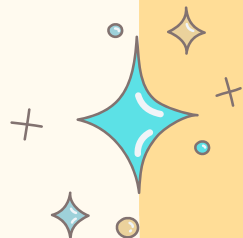
He said: "Look at the beauty of this garden.
It's impossible for its fruits to decrease or
for anything to afflict it; it is always beautiful
and splendid."





Abdullah was greatly astonished by this statement and said to him: "This world will come to an end, and your garden and other gardens will come to an end. You, I and all people will perish.

Then Allah will resurrect all people on the Day of Judgment to hold them accountable for everything."





The disbeliever, deceived, replied: "Even if the Day of Judgment comes as you say, and people are resurrected along with me, I will find something better and more beautiful than this garden."

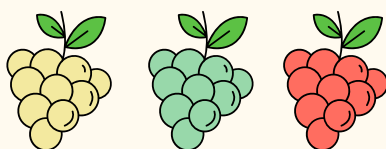
Abdullah became angry and said: "Have you disbelieved in Allah who created you from dust and provided you with this garden and the fruits you boast about?"





It would have been more appropriate for you to say: 'What Allah wills; there is no power except by Allah'—the One who provided you with this and was good to you.

Even if you find me less than you in wealth and children, perhaps my Lord will grant me something better than what He has given you and purer!





He will punish you for your denial of His blessings and your arrogance by sending a punishment upon your garden so that it becomes barren, where no crops will grow and it will be of no benefit, or the river in the garden will dry up, so you will not be able to water your crops and they will die."

It did not take a day or two after Abdullah's words when a severe storm destroyed the garden's walls and uprooted the palm trees and grapevines.





The man, his children, and his family could not save anything from it; it became ruins with no benefit.

The disbeliever was shocked and remembered Abdullah's words, realizing that this was Allah's punishment for his arrogance and pride.

He began to weep over his garden and his crops, which he had labored hard to cultivate.





He said: "I wish I had not disbelieved in my
Lord. I wish I had attributed the favor to
Him for what He provided me with and
praised Him for His provision
and blessings."



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