

Al Kahf – The Cave – Part 2 (4-15-11)

The Prophet (PBUH) said: Once Moses stood up and addressed Bani Israel. He was asked: who is the most knowledgeable/educated man amongst the people. He said: "I." Allah wanted to warn him as he did not attribute absolute knowledge to Him (Allah). So, Allah said to him: "Yes, at the junction of the two seas there is a slave of Mine who is more knowledgeable than you." Moses said: "O my Lord! How can I meet him?" Allah said: "Take a fish and put it in a large basket and you will find him at the place where you will lose the fish."

And when Musa said to his servant: I will not cease until I reach the junction of the two seas or I will keep going for years. (18:60)

So when they had reached the junction of the two seas they forgot their fish, and it took its way through the sea as in a tunnel (18:61)

When they had gone farther, he said to his servant: Bring to us our early meal; certainly we have met with fatigue from this our journey. (18:62)

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He said: Did you see when we took refuge on the rock then I forgot the fish, and nothing made me forget to speak of it but the Shaitan, and it took its way into the sea in a marvelous way (18:63)

Moses said: 'That was what we were seeking after.' So they retraced their footsteps. (18:64)

Then they found one from among Our servants whom We had granted mercy from Us and whom We had taught knowledge from Ourselves. (18:65)

Musa said to him: Shall I follow you so that you teach me something of that knowledge which you have been taught by Allah? (18:66)

He said: Surely you cannot have patience with me and how can you have patience with a thing which you don't know? (18:67-68)

He said: If Allah pleases, you will find me patient and I shall not disobey you in any matter. (18:69)

He said: If you would follow me, then do not question me about any thing until I myself speak to you about it (18:70)

So both of them set out walking. When they were on board the boat, a sparrow came and stood on the edge of the boat and dipped its beak once or twice into the sea. Al-Khidr said to Moses: "O Moses! My knowledge and your knowledge have not decreased Allah's knowledge except as much as this sparrow has decreased the water of the sea with its beak."

Then Al-Khidr made a hole in the boat. Moses said: Have you made a hole in it to drown its people? Certainly you have done a terrible thing. (18:71)

He said: Did I not say that you will not be able to have patience with me? (18:72)

He said: Do not blame me for what I forgot, and do not constrain me to a difficult thing in my affair. (18:73)

So they went until they met a boy, he killed him. Musa said: Have you killed an innocent person who had killed none certainly you have done an evil thing. (18:74)

He said: Did I not say to you that you will not be able to have patience with me?

He said: If I ask you about anything after this, keep me not in your company; indeed you have received an excuse from me. (18:75-76)

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So they went on until when they came to the people of a town, they asked them for food, but they refused to entertain them as guests. Then they found in it a wall which was on the point of falling, so he repaired it. (Musa) said: If you wished, surely, you could have been paid for it!" (18:77)

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He said: This shall be separation between me and you; now I will inform you of the interpretation of that with which you could not have patience. (18:78)

As for the ship, it belonged to poor people working in the sea. So I wished to damage it, and there was behind them a king who seized every ship by force. (18:79)

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And as for the boy, his parents were believers, and we feared that he should oppress them by rebellion and disbelief. So we intended that their Lord should change him for them for one better in righteousness and nearer to mercy. (18:80-81)

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And as for the wall, it belonged to two orphan boys in the town; and there was under it a treasure belonging to them; and their father was a righteous man, and your Lord intended that they should attain their age of full strength and take out their treasure as a mercy from your Lord. And I did not do it of my own accord. That is the interpretation of those (things) over which you could not hold patience. (18:82)

Be humble, don't be arrogant and defer everything to Allah.

Over everyone with knowledge there is one more knowing (12:76)

If you want to protect your children be a good Muslim

Things are not what they appear to be.

Don't rush in judging people based on appearance.

Accept Allah's decisions because they are best for you:

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and it may be that you dislike a thing while it is good for you, and it may be that you love a thing while it is evil for you, and Allah knows, while you do not know. (2:216)