

*Sūrah an-Naml*¹⁰⁰⁰

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. Ṭā, Seen.¹⁰⁰¹ These are the verses of the Qur'ān [i.e., recitation] and a clear Book
2. As guidance and good tidings for the believers
3. Who establish prayer and give zakāh, and of the Hereafter they are certain [in faith].
4. Indeed, for those who do not believe in the Hereafter, We have made pleasing to them their deeds, so they wander blindly.
5. Those are the ones for whom there will be the worst of punishment, and in the Hereafter they are the greatest losers.
6. And indeed, [O Muḥammad], you receive the Qur'ān from one Wise and Knowing.
7. [Mention] when Moses said to his family, "Indeed, I have perceived a fire. I will bring you from there information or will bring you a burning torch that you may warm yourselves."
8. But when he came to it, he was called, "Blessed is whoever is at the fire and whoever is around it. And exalted is Allāh, Lord of the worlds.
9. O Moses, indeed it is I – Allāh, the Exalted in Might, the Wise."
10. And [he was told], "Throw down your staff." But when he saw it writhing as if it were a snake, he turned in flight and did not return.¹⁰⁰² [Allāh said], "O Moses, fear not. Indeed, in My presence the messengers do not fear.
11. Otherwise, he who wrongs, then substitutes good after evil – indeed, I am Forgiving and Merciful.
12. And put your hand into the opening of your garment [at the

¹⁰⁰⁰ *An-Naml*: The Ants.

¹⁰⁰¹ See footnote to 2:1.

¹⁰⁰² Or "did not look back."

- breast]; it will come out white without disease. [These are] among the nine signs [you will take] to Pharaoh and his people. Indeed, they have been a people defiantly disobedient."
13. But when there came to them Our visible signs, they said, "This is obvious magic."
 14. And they rejected them, while their [inner] selves were convinced thereof, out of injustice and haughtiness. So see how was the end of the corrupters.
 15. And We had certainly given to David and Solomon knowledge, and they said, "Praise [is due] to Allāh, who has favored us over many of His believing servants."
 16. And Solomon inherited David. He said, "O people, we have been taught the language of birds, and we have been given from all things. Indeed, this is evident bounty."
 17. And gathered for Solomon were his soldiers of the jinn and men and birds, and they were [marching] in rows
 18. Until, when they came upon the valley of the ants, an ant said, "O ants, enter your dwellings that you not be crushed by Solomon and his soldiers while they perceive not."
 19. So [Solomon] smiled, amused at her speech, and said, "My Lord, enable me¹⁰⁰³ to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to do righteousness of which You approve. And admit me by Your mercy into [the ranks of] Your righteous servants."¹⁰⁰⁴
 20. And he took attendance of the birds and said, "Why do I not see the hoopoe – or is he among the absent?"
 21. I will surely punish him with a severe punishment or slaughter him unless he brings me clear authorization."
 22. But he [i.e., the hoopoe] stayed not long and said, "I have encompassed [in knowledge] that which you have not

¹⁰⁰³More literally, "gather within me the utmost strength and ability."

¹⁰⁰⁴Or "with Your righteous servants [into Paradise]."