

*Sūrah al-Jinn*¹⁶³⁸

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. Say, [O Muḥammad], "It has been revealed to me that a group of the jinn listened and said, 'Indeed, we have heard an amazing Qur'an [i.e., recitation].
2. It guides to the right course, and we have believed in it. And we will never associate with our Lord anyone.
3. And [it teaches] that exalted is the nobleness of our Lord; He has not taken a wife or a son
4. And that our foolish one [i.e., Iblees]¹⁶³⁹ has been saying about Allāh an excessive transgression.
5. And we had thought that mankind and the jinn would never speak about Allāh a lie.
6. And there were men from mankind who sought refuge in men from the jinn, so they [only] increased them in burden [i.e., sin].
7. And they had thought, as you thought, that Allāh would never send anyone [as a messenger].
8. And we have sought [to reach] the heaven but found it filled with powerful guards and burning flames.
9. And we used to sit therein in positions for hearing,¹⁶⁴⁰ but whoever listens now will find a burning flame lying in wait for him.
10. And we do not know [therefore] whether evil is intended for those on earth or whether their Lord intends for them a right course.

¹⁶³⁸ *Al-Jinn*: The Jinn, a species of beings created by Allāh from fire.

¹⁶³⁹ A plural form may also be understood, i.e., "the foolish ones among us."

¹⁶⁴⁰ Before the prophethood of Muḥammad (ﷺ) the *jinn* used to collect information by eavesdropping on the angels and then pass it on to fortunetellers and soothsayers.

11. And among us are the righteous, and among us are [others] not so; we were [of] divided ways.¹⁶⁴¹
12. And we have become certain that we will never cause failure to Allāh upon earth, nor can we escape Him by flight.
13. And when we heard the guidance [i.e., the Qur'ān], we believed in it. And whoever believes in his Lord will not fear deprivation or burden.¹⁶⁴²
14. And among us are Muslims [in submission to Allāh], and among us are the unjust.¹⁶⁴³ And whoever has become Muslim – those have sought out the right course.
15. But as for the unjust, they will be, for Hell, firewood.'
16. And [Allāh revealed] that if they had remained straight on the way, We would have given them abundant rain [i.e., provision]
17. So We might test them therein. And whoever turns away from the remembrance of his Lord¹⁶⁴⁴ He will put into arduous punishment.
18. And [He revealed] that the masjids¹⁶⁴⁵ are for Allāh, so do not invoke with Allāh anyone.
19. And that when the Servant [i.e., Prophet] of Allāh stood up supplicating Him, they almost became about him a compacted mass.¹⁶⁴⁶
20. Say, [O Muḥammad], "I only invoke my Lord and do not associate with Him anyone."

¹⁶⁴¹In opinion, belief and religious practice.

¹⁶⁴²In regard to his account in the Hereafter. Nothing of his good will be diminished, nor will the evil of another be placed upon him.

¹⁶⁴³i.e., those who deviate from the truth and act tyrannically.

¹⁶⁴⁴i.e., refuses obedience to Him.

¹⁶⁴⁵The term "*masjid*" here includes every place of worship or the earth in general.

¹⁶⁴⁶Crowding on top of each other in the manner of locusts in order to hear him (ﷺ). "They" may refer to the *jinn* or to the disbelievers among the Arabs.