

# The Lit Cave

## Surah Al Kahf

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In times of trials, we should be inside a cave, and what better than the cave of Surah Kahf from the Quran, a lit cave, filled with consolation, no matter how dark it is outside, and around it.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ الْكِتَابَ وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ عِوَجًا - 18:1

[All] praise is [due] to Allah, who has sent down upon His Servant the Book and has not made therein any deviance.

قِيَمًا لِّيُنْذِرَ بَأْسًا شَدِيدًا مِّنْ لَّدُنْهُ وَيُبَشِّرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا  
حَسَنًا - 18:2

[He has made it] straight, to warn of severe punishment from Him and to give good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a good reward.

مَّاكِثِينَ فِيهِ أَبَدًا - 18:3

In which they will remain forever.

The best security we need to have is the Quran, and before we go to the cave, we need to fill our scales with alhamdulillah, which is how this beautiful surah begins. We don't think negative, we start with praises to Allah SWT which will lift us up. We can never go wrong when we start with alhamdulillah. It will give us a strong light, and fill our scales.

And we give our praises to Allah SWT, who sent us down this Book, to our Nabi SAW. It is our biggest blessing, and it should comfort us and guide us in all time, especially times of trials. It is our refuge, our protection. And Allah SWT in His Perfection sent this book down to us, His slaves, and when we feel this slavery then we can let go of all our worries, our troubles. The Quran can only give us security when we accept our status as slaves of Allah SWT.

In times of trials, we don't want any crookedness, anything that removes any security from us, and Allah SWT gives us this reassurance - that this Book has no crookedness in it, which can disturb us. This is a comfort to us.

It leads us to the straight path, because it is upright in its information, and it will make us upright, and lead us to live our lives with honor. This is why it is our cave, our refuge and as long as we accept our status as slaves of Allah SWT, praise Him and we turn to the Quran which has no crookedness then there is no grief, no worry for us, only happiness and light. It has the best news, best commands for us, which is what we need in times of trials.

The commands of Allah SWT purify our souls, and bring us up and bring forth the best from us as well. When we are in the cave, it feels like a restriction because it is closed, but actually it is very vast and open.

There are two kinds of people - the people who don't follow the book deserve a warning, a strong warning, and those who follow it get glad tidings. Those who heed the warnings, can go inside the cave and safeguard themselves.

And those who don't heed this warning, then there is a severe punishment in this dunya and in the aakhirah, directly from Allah SWT. And this should make us hasten to be inside the cave, and those who accept the warning then for them are glad tidings because they are the believers. Who are the Mu'mineen? Those who react with faith, with righteous good deeds - the people of the cave, and the other stories in this surah.

For such people there is Paradise without discontinuity, it will be forever and ever. So in times of trials, we should be running and racing towards good deeds.