

The Lit Cave

Surah Al Kahf

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Both Musa and Khidr were taught different kinds of knowledge.

When a situation comes into our lives, we can go one of two ways, either we are patient and wait for the best to come to us or we can start guessing, assuming, and be troubled about it.

Ilm and amal decide how fast we pass over the sirat.

There are three situations that we all go through - deficiency in money/wealth, with self and people, protection/prevention. We just need to be patient in all situations, and this is what will make us firm and fast on the sirat.

Ayaat 71-73

The first day of knowledge with Khidr, is when we realize we don't know who Khidr is. The first incident is about harm to the property of the people. Musa and Khidr AS get on the boat, and he made a hole in the boat, and didn't want to discuss it. But Musa AS could not be patient with it.

We do this too, when we have some knowledge then we assume things about a situation. But sometimes we don't have the full picture, we just have to be patient and have hope. Musa AS mother put him in the river and he was saved and lived a long life, and even though he knew this, Musa AS could not be patient with what was happening with Khidr AS.

Khidr AS doesn't change his words, he keeps saying that he, Musa AS, will not be patient. That the qadr would not change. Khidr was given the knowledge of the unseen, and Allah SWT gives what He wills to whomever He wills. What matters is that we learn from this decree, from the qadr.

Musa AS wants to continue on this path, and reminds Khidr that if he forgets, he shouldn't hold it against him. There is no accountability for forgetfulness, and he asks for gentleness for himself. Musa AS was very strong, and very suitable for Bani Israeel, and he was hard on his brother when he saw the people were worshipping the cow. With Khidr, he learns his lesson, and his training is not easy.

Another important lesson here is to be immensely respectful of your teachers. Knowledge through decree is harder than that of the book, and it only enhances the knowledge in the book. It teaches you control over your thinking, and teaches you so many different kinds of

knowledge. We should think that we always have things to learn, and improve ourselves - Allah swt will show us that there are always people who are better than us - fitna of ilm. Students and teachers both need to appreciate one another.

Musa AS is a first-time student with him so Khidr lets it go.