

المسابقة الثانية والعشرون لحفظ القرآن الكريم وتجويده

SURAT AL KAHF



Lifeboats from trials
and tribulations



Dear Participant,

- The assessment for understanding will be conducted orally.
- The participant is only required to review and read all about the surah.
- The participant is required to be able to recall their understanding of five keys included in this publication.



IN THE SHADE OF THE SURAH

Surah Al-Kahf is a magnificent chapter that Muslims should recite every Friday, as it protects against the trial of the Dajjal if one memorizes the first ten verses, as mentioned in the authentic hadith.

The name of the surah, Al-Kahf [The Cave], gives us an insight into its theme. A cave has always been a place where people seek refuge for safety and protection, just as companions of the cave, who sought refuge in the cave from the tyrannical king who was persecuting them for their faith in Allah. The surah discusses various types of trials that a Muslim may face in life and how to successfully overcome them:

1. **The Trial of Faith:** The story of the Companions of the Cave, who clung to their faith despite immense challenges.
2. **The Trial of Wealth:** The story of the man with the two gardens, who became arrogant due to his wealth.
3. **The Trial of Knowledge:** The story of Moses and Al-Khidr, highlighting the importance of humility and patience in seeking knowledge.
4. **The Trial of Power:** The story of Dhul-Qarnayn, who used his authority and justice to serve and protect people.

Each of these stories conveys a singular message: **Seeking refuge in Allah is the only path to salvation from these trials.**

Surah Al-Kahf teaches us how to guard ourselves against the trials of this world and follow the path of Allah to succeed in both this life and the Hereafter.

1

DISTANCING ONESELF FROM A CORRUPT ENVIRONMENT

A Muslim safeguards their faith by distancing themselves from bad companions at school, university, or work after advising them and seeing their persistence in disobedience to Allah.



“And when you have withdrawn from them and that which they worship other than Allah, retreat to the cave.”

18:16



THE LIFEBOAT FROM THE TRIAL OF FAITH

The trial of faith occurs when a person is tested in their religion, leading them to abandon it, whether due to harm, fear, bad company, or worldly temptations. The sign of success in this test is holding firmly to one's faith, while failure is marked by forsaking it.



2

SEEKING REFUGE IN ALLAH

A Muslim safeguards their faith by continuously remembering Allah and regularly supplicating for steadfastness and guidance, as only Allah can grant these.



“And remember your Lord when you forget and say, ‘Perhaps my Lord will guide me to what is nearer than this to right conduct.’”

18:24

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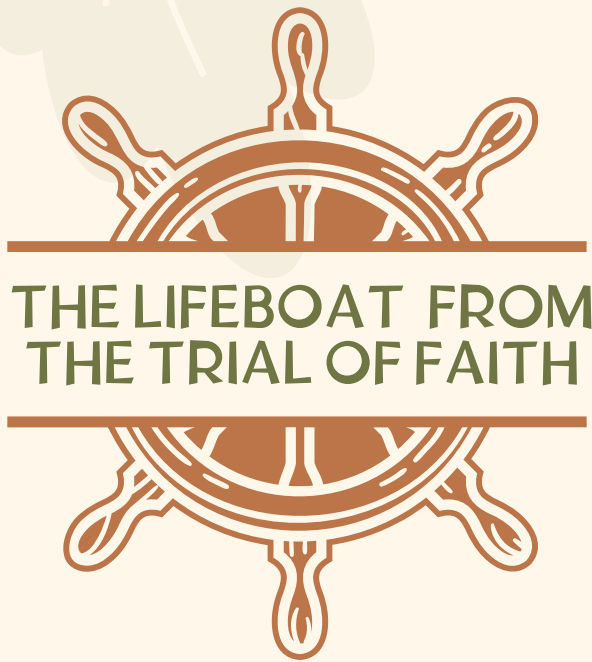
RIGHTEOUS COMPANIONSHIP

A Muslim safeguards their faith through good companionship and patience in maintaining it. Righteous friends encourage acts of obedience, while bad companions lead one to sin.



“And keep yourself patient with those who call upon their Lord in the morning and the evening, seeking His countenance.”

18:28



4

RESISTING DESIRES

A Muslim safeguards their faith by striving against following their whims and desires, which are among the greatest causes of deviation from Allah's guidance. When we are inclined to say or do something that contradicts Islamic teachings, we must always prioritize what pleases Allah over what our souls desire.

And do not obey one whose heart We have made heedless of Our remembrance and who follows his desire, and whose affair is ever [in] neglect

18:28

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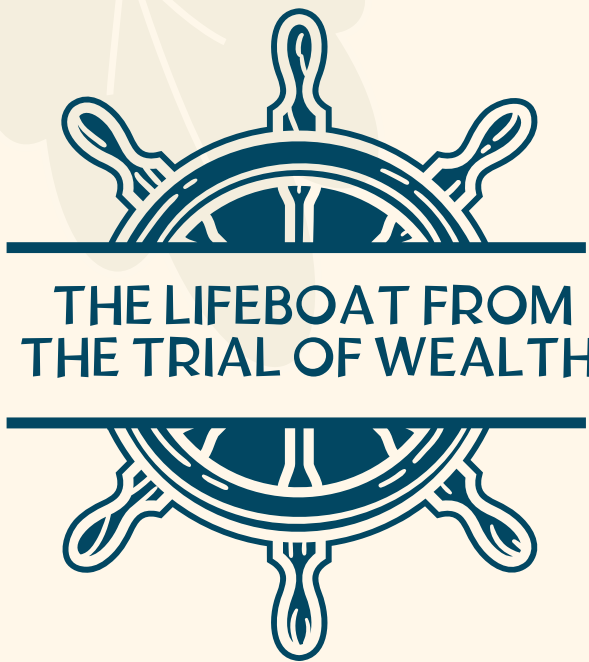
A Muslim overcomes the trial of wealth by firmly believing that this worldly life is fleeting and temporary.

Their heart remains detached, enjoying Allah's provisions without excess or injustice, while constantly remembering to work for the Hereafter, the eternal abode.

“And present to them the example of the life of this world: [It is] like rain which We send down from the sky, and the vegetation of the earth mingles with it; then it becomes dry remnants, scattered by the winds.

And Allah is over all things competent.”

18:45



The trial of wealth arises when a person is granted abundant wealth, leading them to believe they no longer need Allah, which may result in disbelief.

The sign of success in this trial is consistently praising Allah and attributing all blessings and provisions to Him. Conversely, failure is marked by denying Allah's favor and being ungrateful for His blessings.



2

SEEKING REFUGE IN ALLAH

A Muslim navigates the trial of wealth by remembering Allah when seeing blessings, praising Him, and reminding themselves that everything they own is by Allah's grace.



“And why did you not, when you entered your garden, say, ‘What Allah willed [has occurred]; there is no power except in Allah’?”

18:39

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REMEMBERING THE HEREAFTER

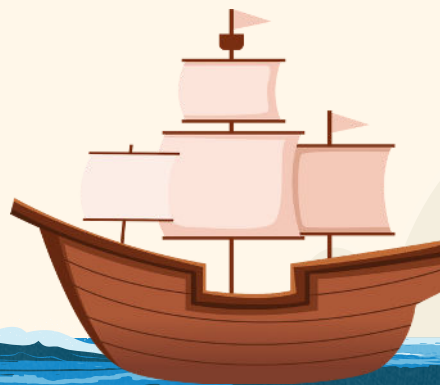
A Muslim succeeds the trial of wealth by constantly reminding themselves of the Hereafter. They focus on working for it, understanding that every expenditure will be accounted for—whether used for good or bad



“And they will find what they did present [before them]. And your Lord does injustice to no one.”

18:49

THE LIFEBOAT FROM THE TRIAL OF WEALTH



4

WEALTH IS A TEST, NOT A MEASURE OF ALLAH'S FAVOR

A Muslim succeeds in the trial of wealth when they realize that worldly adornments, like wealth and children, are tests from Allah to see their patience or gratitude. Abundant provision is not necessarily a sign of Allah's pleasure, nor is scarcity a sign of His displeasure.



Wealth and children are [but]“ .adornment of the worldly life But the enduring good deeds are better to your Lord for reward “and better for [one’s] hope

18:46

1

HUMILITY AND AVOIDING ARROGANCE IN KNOWLEDGE

A Muslim overcomes the trial of knowledge by remaining humble before Allah, recognizing that no matter how much they know, there is infinitely more they do not know. They also remain humble toward their teachers, acknowledging their role in imparting knowledge.

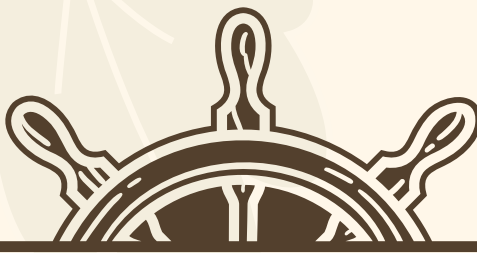
One should not be deceived by academic degrees, acquired sciences, or even the memorization of the Qur'an, believing themselves superior to others.

Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) despite his vast knowledge, humbled himself before Al-Khidr and sought to learn from him



“[Moses] said to him, ‘May I follow you on [the condition] that you teach me from what you have been taught of sound judgment?’”

18:66



THE LIFEBOAT FROM THE TRIAL OF KNOWLEDGE



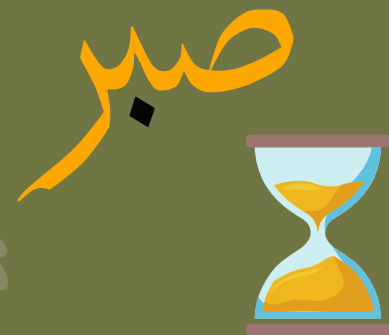
The trial of knowledge arises when a person becomes proud of their knowledge, believing no one surpasses them, leading to a lack of humility and denial of Allah's favor in granting that knowledge.



2

PATIENCE IN SEEKING KNOWLEDGE

A Muslim overcomes the trial of knowledge by practicing patience and perseverance in acquiring both worldly and religious sciences, relying on Allah for support.



Moses assured 'him', "You will find me patient, Allah willing, and I will not disobey any of your orders."

18:69

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SINCERITY TO ALLAH

A Muslim overcomes the trial of authority by firmly believing that sovereignty and power come solely from Allah. They seek His help to fulfill their responsibilities justly and faithfully.

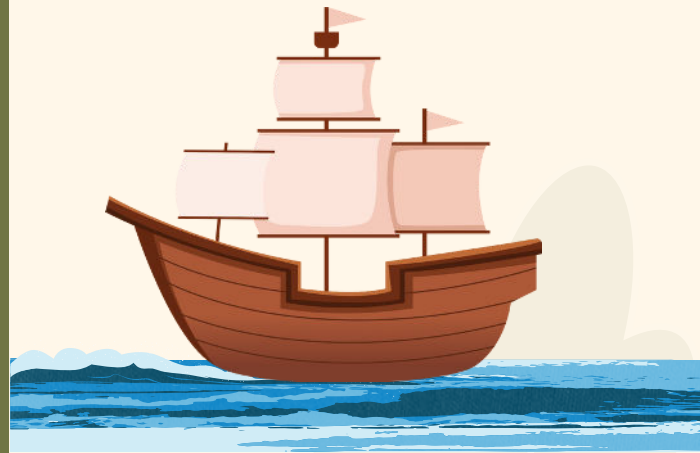


“He said, ‘This is a mercy from my Lord.’”

18:98

THE LIFEBOAT FROM THE TRIAL OF AUTHORITY

The trial of authority occurs when individuals or societies are granted great power, prosperity, or advanced technology, leading them to pride, disbelief, and oppression.



2

REMEMBERING THE HEREAFTER

A Muslim overcomes the trial of authority by constantly remembering that they will stand before Allah on the Day of Judgment, when all dominion will belong to Him alone. They will be held accountable for their deeds, whether they ruled with justice or committed oppression.



“And We will present Hell that Day to the disbelievers, on display.”

18:100