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COMMENTARY OF SURAH AL-QALAM (c.68) PART EIGHT

THEME: Don't be intimidated by the rich and influential people

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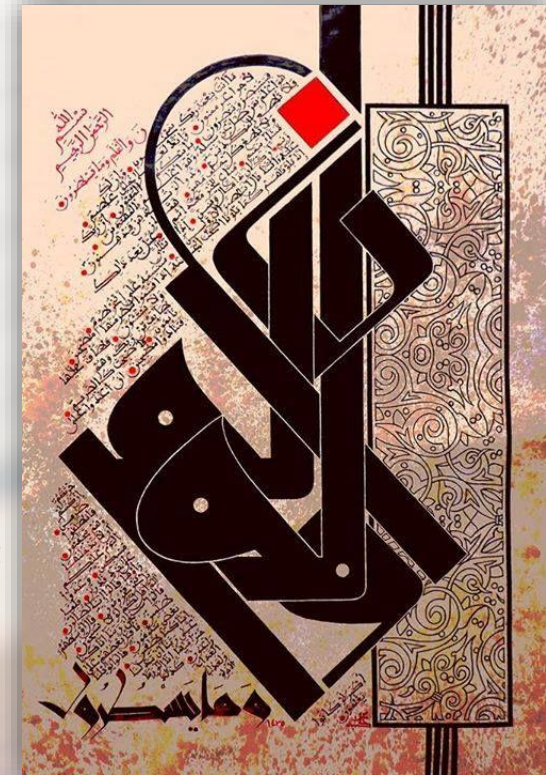
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أَنْ كَانَ ذَا مَالٍ وَبَنِينَ ﴿١٤﴾ إِذَا تُلِيٰ عَلَيْهِ آيَاتُنَا قَالَ أَسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ

“Because he possesses a *large* amount of wealth and sons;
when Our communications are recited to him, he *simply*
responds by saying: ‘These are nothing but stories of those of the
past.’”



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وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ

“And bear in mind that your wealth *and possessions* and your children are but an test *for you*.” (8:28)

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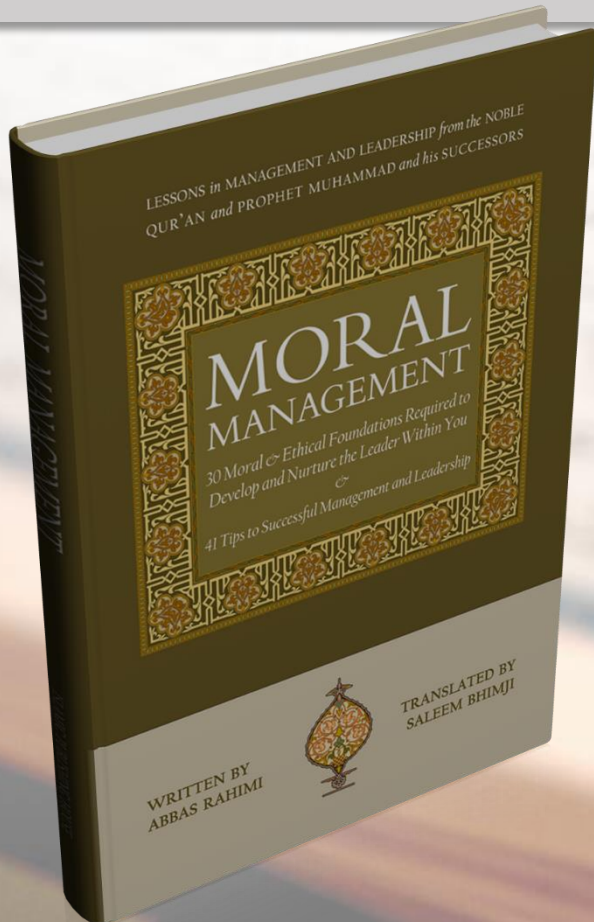
وَقَالَ لَهُمْ نَبِيُّهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ بَعَثَ لَكُمْ طَالُوتَ مَلِكًا قَالُوا أَنَّى يَكُونُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ عَلَيْنَا وَنَحْنُ أَحَقُّ بِالْمُلْكِ مِنْهُ وَلَمْ يُؤْتَ سَعَةً مِنَ الْمَالِ قَالَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَاهُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَزَادَهُ بَسْطَةً فِي الْعِلْمِ وَالْجِسْمِ وَاللَّهُ يُؤْتِي مَلَكُهُ مَن يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ

“And their Prophet said to them, ‘Verily, Allah has appointed Tālūt (Saul) to be a controlling authority over you.’ They, *his people*, said: ‘How can he have governance over us, whereas we are better entitled to control than he, and **he has not been given abundance of wealth?**’ He, *their Prophet of God*, replied, ‘Surely, Allah has chosen him above you and **He has given him a vast deal of knowledge and bodily strength.**’ And Allah gives His sovereignty to whom He wills, for Allah is All-Embracing, All-Knowing.” (2:282)

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Some traditions from the Infallibles on the issue of leadership as taken from “Moral Management”

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مَنْ طَلَبَ الرِّيَّاسَةَ بِغَيْرِ حَقِّ حُرْمِ الطَّاعَةِ لَهُ

“A person who seeks leadership while one does not have the right to do so *because he does not have the credentials* will be deprived of the obedience *of the people.*”

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إِقْبَلِ الْحَقَّ مِمَّنْ أَتَاكَ بِهِ صَغِيرًا أَوْ كَبِيرًا وَإِنْ كَانَ بَغِيضًا وَأَزْدُ الْبَاطِلِ عَلَى مَنْ جَاءَ بِهِ صَغِيرًا أَوْ كَبِيرًا وَإِنْ كَانَ حَبِيبًا

“Accept the truth regardless of who it comes from – a young person or an old person – even if the person is your adversary; and reject falsehood no matter who it comes from – a young person or an old person – even if the person is a close friend.”

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لَا تَنْقُضَنَّ سُنَّةَ صَالِحَةٍ عُمِلَ بِهَا وَاجْتَمَعَتِ الْأُفُفَةُ عَلَيْهَا وَصَلَحَتِ الرَّعِيَّةُ عَلَيْهَا

“*As a leader, do not oppose a righteous practice which has been acted upon before you took over or has become familiar and accepted practice among the people.*”

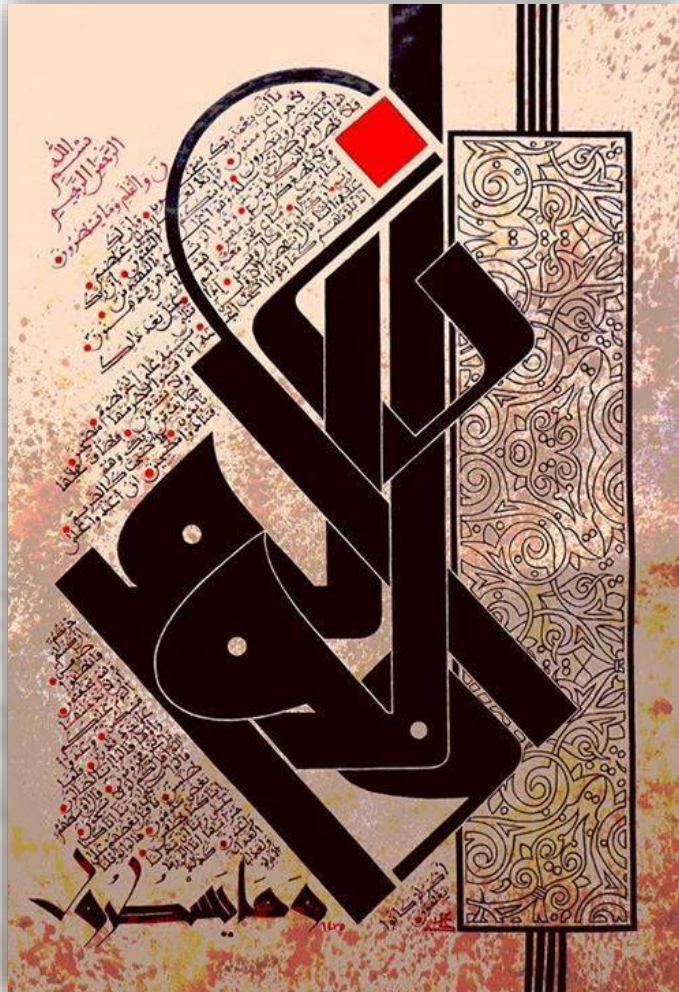
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تَوَلَّى الْأَرَاذِلَ وَالْأَحْدَاثِ الدُّوَلِ دَلِيلٌ عَلَىٰ إِنْجِلَالِهَا وَإِدْبَارِهَا

“Entrusting the leadership to a person who is inferior and inexperienced leads to dissolution and failure.”



End of Part Eight