

Quick Facts about Suratul-Jinn

Suratul-Jinn was revealed in **Makkah**,
before the Hijrah* to Madinah.

Suratul-Jinn tells us more about **the Jinn** (unseen
creatures made of smokeless fire) than any other
Surah in the Qur'aan.

Suratul-Jinn tells us things about the "**Ghaib**"
(unseen world) that we could never know if Allah did
not tell us.

Suratul-Jinn tells us about a group of Jinns that heard
Rasulullah ﷺ recite the Qur'aan, and then
became Muslims.

What is Suratul-Jin about?

**Suratul-Jinn is all about a group of Jinns
who heard the Qur'aan and decided to
become Muslims.**

*Hijrah is the journey Rasulullah ﷺ (and all those who followed him) made to Madinah after teaching Islam in
Makkah for many years and being rejected by his people. After the Hijrah Rasulullah ﷺ established the Islamic State in
Madinah and eventually returned to peacefully conquer Makkah.

Now let's learn what Suratul-Jinn says...



In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ
الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

We start Suratul-Jinn by
remembering Allah.

First let's learn a little about the Jinn...

The Jinn are creatures that are very much like us, they have families and friends, they travel and meet each other, they have homes and children, and they choose to be good or be bad...just like us. The only differences between the Jinn and humans are:

1. The Jinn are **"unseen"** (we cannot see them, but they can see us).
2. The Jinn **do not have any prophets** or books (like the Qur'aan) of their own. The Jinn learn about the books of Allah by listening to the human messengers (like Rasulullah ﷺ).
3. The Jinn like to **sit in the heavens** so that they can overhear what is going on (i.e. the angels carrying out the orders of Allah).

The Jinn are not scary, or bad, or able to hurt us like many people think. The Jinn are really just like us. Some of them are very good and some are bad.

The easiest way to understand is to compare them to what we see in humans. Some humans are good and some are bad. The bad ones, like thieves and magicians, may want to do bad things, but they cannot hurt anyone unless it is Allah's will. The same is true for the Jinn.

Now let's learn the **amaZing story** that Allah tells us about in Suratul-Jinn! Here is how the story goes...

The Jinn at the time of Rasulullah ﷺ used to go sit in certain places in the heavens and listen to what the angels were doing. They wanted to know what was happening, and what would be happening soon.

One day a group of the Jinn went to the heavens to listen, like they normally did, but this time they were chased away by **burning fires** that were thrown at them.

They wondered what was going on, so they went back to the other Jinn on Earth and asked about it. The leaders of the Jinn said that those burning flames were only put in the heavens when something very important was about to happen (because Allah did not want the Jinn to know what it was).

So the leaders of the Jinn sent groups of Jinn all over the Earth. They wanted to find out what was happening that was so important that the heavens were now being closed off to them.

The group traveled through the Earth until they came to a valley between Makkah and Al-Taif (a city near Makkah). This valley was called **"Nakh-lah"**. It just so happened that Rasulullah ﷺ and some of the Sahaba were at Nakhlah as well. They were on their way to a market call **"Oo-kaz"**, and had stopped in the valley to make their Fajr Prayer. When the Jinn heard Rasulullah ﷺ reciting the Qur'an, they told each other to be quiet and listen to what he said.

When Rasulullah ﷺ was finished the Jinn went back to their people to tell them about what had happened.

Rasulullah ﷺ did not know that the Jinn were listening, and he did not know what they said to their people about what they heard, but Allah knew, and He told Rasulullah ﷺ all about it in Suratul-Jinn...

Say: It has been revealed to me that a company of Jinns listened (to the Qur'an).
They said, 'We have really heard a wonderful Recital!

قُلْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيَّ أَنَّهُ اسْتَمَعَ نَفَرٌ مِّنَ الْجِنِّ فَقَالُوا إِنَّا
سَمِعْنَا قُرْءَانًا عَجَبًا

'It gives guidance to the Right, and we have believed therein: we shall not join (in worship) any (gods) with our Lord.

يَهْدِي إِلَى الرُّشْدِ فَآمَنَّا بِهِ وَلَنْ نُشْرِكَ
بِرَبِّنَا أَحَدًا

'And Exalted is the Majesty of our Lord: He has taken neither a wife nor a son.

وَأَنَّهُ تَعَالَى جَدُّ رَبِّنَا مَا اتَّخَذَ صَاحِبَةً
وَلَا وَلَدًا

'There were some foolish ones among us, who used to utter extravagant lies against Allah.

وَأَنَّهُ كَانَ يَقُولُ سَفِيهُنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ شَطَطًا

The Jinn had learned a lot on their trip and when they got back home they told the other Jinn all about it...

1. They said that they had found out the reason why the Jinn could no longer go to the heavens and listen to what was going on there. They said it was because a **new prophet** (Rasulullah ﷺ) had come to Makkah to teach people the Qur'aan.
2. They said that they had heard the **most wonderful words** recited by Rasulallah ﷺ (the Qur'aan).
3. They said that what they heard taught them to **worship only Allah** and nothing else.
4. They said now they know the truth about Allah, they have **become Muslims!**
5. They said they will **not worship anything with Allah** anymore.
6. They said now that they know that **Allah does not have a wife or a son**, like Iblees (Shaytaan) used to say.
7. They said that was just a **HUGE lie**, that is not true! The Jinns realized that all the things they had been doing before were just misguidance.

'But we do think that no man or spirit should say aught
that untrue against Allah.

وَأَنَّا ظَنَنَّا أَن لَّنْ نَقُولَ الْإِنسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَلَى
اللَّهِ كَذِبًا

'True, there were persons among mankind who took shelter with persons
among the Jinns, but they increased them in folly.

وَأَنَّهُ كَانَ رِجَالٌ مِّنَ الْإِنسِ يَعُوذُونَ
بِرِجَالٍ مِّنَ الْجِنِّ فَزَادُوهُمْ رَهَقًا

'And they (came to) think as ye thought, that Allah would
not raise up any one (to Judgment).

وَأَنَّهُمْ ظَنُّوا كَمَا ظَنَنْتُمْ أَن لَّنْ يَبْعَثَ اللَّهُ
أَحَدًا

The Jinn and Mankind misguided each other...

You see the Jinn at the time of Rasulallah ﷺ used
to be afraid of human beings, even more afraid than
human beings were of them!

It is sort of like when you see a raccoon outside
your house, you may be afraid of the raccoon, but
really the raccoon is more scared of you. It will run
away in fear if you start to come near it.

But the people at the time of Rasulallah ﷺ (who
did not know about Islam yet) did not know this. They
thought that the Jinns had some powers to help or
hurt them. **So they would ask protection from the Jinns!**

Whenever they would travel and they would
stop to rest somewhere, they would say something
like, "I seek refuge with the Master Jinn of this valley."
They foolishly thought that the Jinns would protect
them, and would make sure they had a safe trip!

When the Jinn realized that the humans were
scared of them, and asked them for help, the Jinn
were no longer afraid. In fact, they decided to **play
tricks** on the humans, and scare them more, so that
they would do more foolish things.

This continued until both the Jinn and the
humans were **so busy with each other**, that they both
forgot about Allah and the messengers. They began to
think that there would be no time when they would
have to answer for what they had done.