

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْمَلِكِ الْحَكِيمِ الْوَهَّابِ، الْعَظِيمِ التَّوَّابِ، أَنْزَلَ الْكِتَابَ هُدًى وَذِكْرًا لِأُولِي  
الْأَلْبَابِ، نَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ كَمَا يَنْبَغِي لِجَلَالِ وَجْهِهِ وَعَظِيمِ سُلْطَانِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ  
إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ،  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، الشَّافِعُ الْمُشَفِّعُ يَوْمَ الْحِسَابِ،  
صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّمْ وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَعَلَى جَمِيعِ الْأَصْحَابِ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ  
بِإِحْسَانٍ عَلَى طَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالصَّوَابِ.

All praise and thank be to Allah, the Exalted, the Bestower. He sent the Scripture as guidance and a reminder for those of understanding. We extol Him as is befitting to His great sovereignty and glorious status, and bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship, except for Allah alone without any partners or peers. To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is within them.

I also testify that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger, the Intercessor, the one whose intercession is accepted on the Last Day. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

## The Honoured Ones Of Allah ﷻ

What is honour? high respect; great esteem - the quality of knowing and doing what is morally right - a reward, prize, or title that publicly expresses admiration or respect

Who are the 'Honoured' or 'Al-Mukramūn' according to Allah ﷻ?

The trilateral root kāf rā mīm ك ر م occurs 47x in the Quran, in eight derived forms:

2(كُرِّمَ) 4(أَكْرَمَ) 2(أَكْرَمَ) 30(كَرِيمَ) 1(مُكْرَمَةً) 2(إِكْرَامَ) 1(مُكْرَمَ) 5(مُكْرَمُونَ)

وَقَالُوا اتَّخَذَ الرَّحْمَنُ وَلَدًا سُبْحَانَهُ بَلْ عِبَادٌ مُّكْرَمُونَ

“And they say 'The Most Gracious has taken a child'. Exalter be He! Rather they are honoured servants.” (21:26)

This verse primarily refers to those Arab tribes such as Khuzā‘ah who used to believe that the angels were the daughters of Allah ﷻ. So why are angels honoured?

لَا يَسْبِقُونَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ وَهُمْ بِأَمْرِهِ يَعْمَلُونَ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلَا يَشْفَعُونَ إِلَّا لِمَنِ ارْتَضَىٰ وَهُمْ مِّنْ خَشِيَّتِهِ مُتَسَفِّفُونَ

“They cannot precede Him in Word and they act by His command. He knows what is before them and what will be after them, and they cannot intercede except on behalf of one whom He approves. And they, stand in reverent awe of Him”(21:27-28)

**The Prophet ﷺ mentioned, “The heavens creak and they have a right to creak. There is not an area of a four finger span except upon it is an angel with its forehead prostrating to Allah.”**

## The Honoured Ones Of Allah ﷻ

As one worships more, one learns more about Allah ﷻ, which increases him in Khashyah. It is for this reason that Allah describes the scholars as those who truly have Khashyah of Him.

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ وَالذَّوَابِّ وَالْأَنْعَامِ مُخْتَلِفٌ أَلْوَانُهُ كَذَلِكَ إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ

And among people and moving creatures and grazing livestock are various colours similarly. Only those fear Allah, from among His servants, who have knowledge.  
(35:28)

The second passage of the Qur'ān to speak about the honoured is in Sūrah Yā Sīn. It is mentioned in the context of the story of those people of the city to whom the messengers were sent.

When the people rejected the messengers, a man from the farthest end of the city came imploring them to follow the messengers. This man; a carpenter named Ḥabīb according to some scholars of tafsīr, was killed by his people. Allah says that the man said,

إِنِّي آمَنْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ فَاسْمَعُونِ قِيلَ ادْخُلِ الْجَنَّةَ قَالَ يَا لَيْتَ قَوْمِي يَعْلَمُونَ بِمَا غَفَرَ لِي رَبِّي وَجَعَلَنِي مِنَ الْمُكْرَمِينَ

“Indeed I have believed in Your Lord so listen to me. It was said, 'Enter into Paradise'. He said, 'If only my people knew.’” (36:25-27)

Knew what exactly? Two things as Allah ﷻ mentions, “...Of how my Lord has forgiven me and placed me among the honoured.” Only through knowledge, worship and conviction can you achieve that Honour and Status.

## The Honoured Ones Of Allah ﷺ

In Sūrah al-Ṣāffāt, wherein Allah ﷻ in the opening pages of this chapter speaks about the disbelievers and their condition on the Day of Judgement.

There will be reprisals amongst them, each one blaming the other. Allah ﷻ says concerning these people,

إِنَّكُمْ لَذَائِقُوا الْعَذَابِ الْأَلِيمِ وَمَا تُجْزَوْنَ إِلَّا مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ

“Indeed you will be tasters of the painful torment. And you will not be recompensed except for what you used to do.” (37:38-39)

إِلَّا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ الْمُخْلِصِينَ أُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ رِزْقٌ مَّعْلُومٌ فَوَاكِهُ

However there are exceptions to these people, “Except for the sincere slaves of Allah. They will have a provision which is known.”(37:40-41)

Some of the exegetes said it will be known in terms of its sweetness and taste, others said it will be known in terms of the timings and delicious fruits.

But the greatest fruit and provision given to you by Allah is Honour, because you Honoured Him, His Qur’an and His Messenger.

وَهُمْ مُكْرَمُونَ

“And they will be honoured.” (37:42)