



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allāh,
the most Gracious, the most Merciful

As-salāmu ‘alaykum wa-rahmatullāhi
wa-barakātuhu



O Ḥāfiẓ!

Rejoice, for Allāh has chosen you for an extraordinary task. Not only has He honoured you by placing you in the Ummah of the Final Rasūl ﷺ, but He has also bestowed upon you the additional honour of being from among those choice individuals divinely selected for the memorisation of the Qur’ān.

You have been appointed as a manifestation of the Divine Decree of Allāh, a means through whom the living miracle of the Qur’ān is brought to light for the world to see!





A Jewish man once attended the court of the ‘Abbāsīd Khalīf, Ma’mūn. Impressed by his intelligence, Ma’mūn invited him to Islām, but, reluctant to abandon the religion of his forefathers, he hesitated.

A year later, the same man once again attended the court of Ma’mūn, this time as a Believer. When asked about what had inspired this change in course, he replied, “Having left your gathering, I wished to put the different religions to test.

I thus transcribed three copies of the Torāh, adding and subtracting as I did so, and had them sold at a synagogue. I then transcribed three copies of the Injīl, adding and subtracting as I did so, and had them sold at a church. Finally, I transcribed three copies of the Qur’ān, adding and subtracting as I did so.

However, when I attempted to sell these tampered copies, the errors therein were immediately discovered, and my manuscripts went unsold.

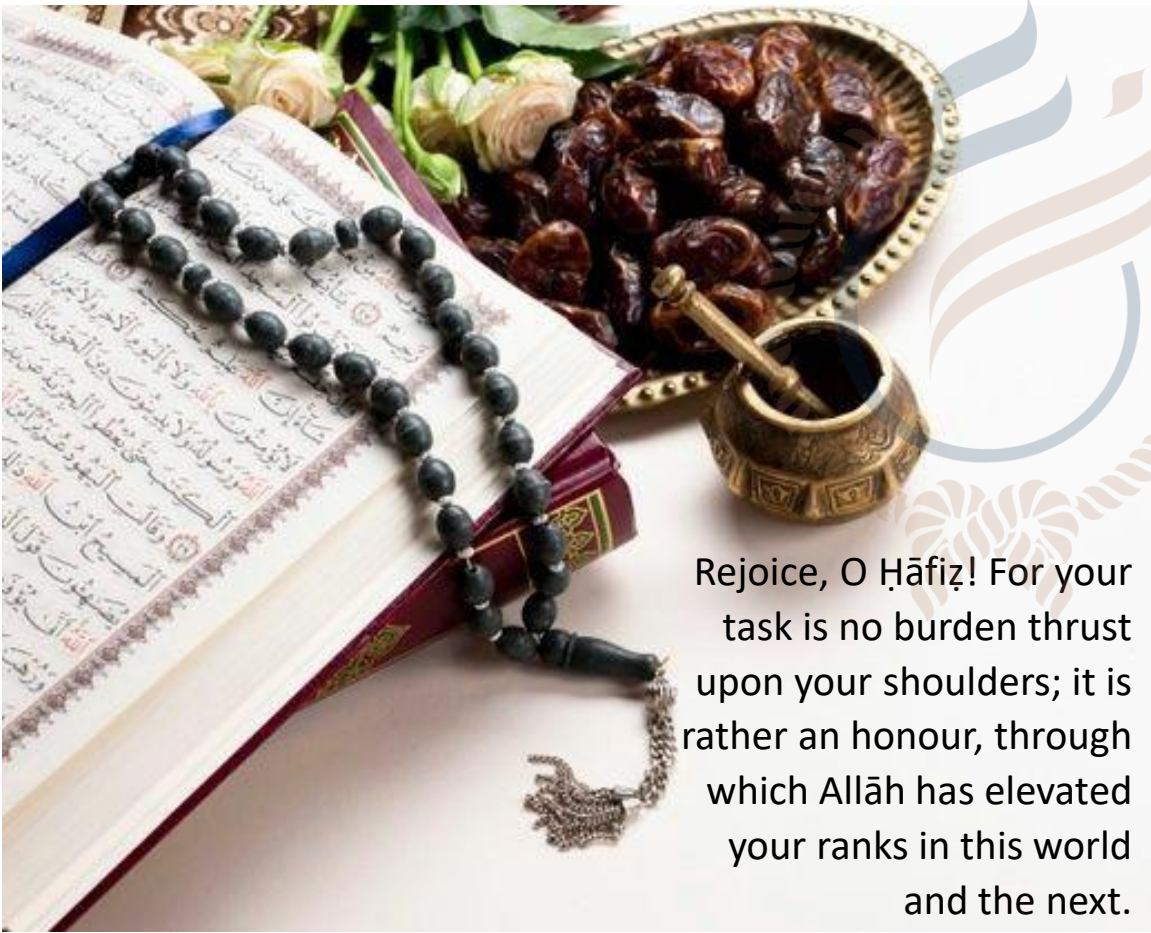
I thus realized that this Book must truly be protected by the Divine”.



When this incident was mentioned to Sufyān bin ‘Uyaynah رحمه الله, he remarked,

“The basis of this incident may be found in the Qur’ān itself: regarding the People of the Book, Allāh says, “... because of their being entrusted with the protection of the Book of Allāh”, whereas regarding the Ummah of Muḥammed ﷺ Allāh says, “It is We who revealed the Remembrance, and it is We who are the protectors thereof”.

The People of the Book were made responsible for protecting their Divine Books on their own, whereas the Ummah of Muḥammed ﷺ was guaranteed the protection of their Divine Book – be it in writing or by heart – by Allāh Himself.



Rejoice, O Ḥāfiẓ! For your task is no burden thrust upon your shoulders; it is rather an honour, through which Allāh has elevated your ranks in this world and the next.

Rejoice,
O Ḥāfiẓ!



It is narrated from Abū Hurayrah رضي الله عنه that Nabī ﷺ said, “The Qur’ān will come forth on the Day of Qiyāmah and intercede, “O Rabb! Adorn him.” He (the companion of the Qur’ān) will thus be given a crown of honour to wear. The Qur’ān will then say, “O Rabb! Give him more.” He will thus be given a garment of honour. The Qur’ān will then say, “O Rabb! Be pleased with him.” Hence Allāh will express His pleasure with him. He will then be told, “Read, and rise!” and for every verse, his reward will be increased.”





O Ḥāfiẓ!

May Allāh Ta'ālā ease the task ahead for us, and may He truly make us from the protectors of the Qur'ān – in word, meaning, and action.

May He grant us the honour of spending our lives in the protection of His Word, and may He raise us on the Day of Qiyāmah among the people of the Qur'ān.