

## The Prophet (□) said to me: "Recite to me

'Abdullah ibn Mas'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet ([]) said to me: "Recite to me". I said: O Messenger of Allah, shall I recite to you while it has been revealed to you? He replied: "Yes." So I recited Surat an-Nisā' until I reached this verse: {How will it be when We bring a witness from every community, and bring you [O Prophet] as a witness against these [people]?} [Surat an-Nisā': 41] He said: "Enough for now." As I looked at him, I saw that his eyes were shedding tears.

The Prophet ([]) asked 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) to recite something from the Qur'an to him. Ibn Mas'ūd said: O Messenger of Allah, how can I recite it to you when it was revealed to you? The Prophet ([]) replied: Indeed, I love to hear it from others. So he recited to him from Surat an-Nisā' and upon reaching the verse that reads: {How will it be when We bring a witness from every community, and bring you [O Prophet] as a witness against these [people]?} Meaning: What will be your condition—and that of your Ummah—when We bring you as a witness over your people, testifying that you conveyed to them your Lord's message? At that point, the Prophet ([]) said: Stop reading now. Ibn Mas'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) said: I turned to him, and his eyes were flowing with tears—out of awe for that scene and mercy for his Ummah.

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