

# Unique perspective on Surah Rehman

This is the only surah in Quran, where in addition to humans, other creation Jinns are directly addressed. (These two creations Allah has given power to act/think independently and do deeds with their own free will). This Surah also confirms in unequivocal terms that Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and Quran's message is both for humans and Jinns and Prophet's (SAW) message is not limited to only humans.

In the beginning this Surah addresses only humans because humans are given earth governance according to Allah's commandments and all the Allah's Prophets came from them and His books were revealed in their languages. After Ayats 13 onwards, both humans and Jinns are addressed simultaneously and are given the same message.

This Surah is the master piece of Quran in terms of mystical lyric, best wordy meaning (Although all Quran's words have best meaning), best chosen words and its apparent rhythmic tone. Apart from its message to both humans and Jinns, Allah ask question to them about His favors, miracles, His never ending rewards and punishments in hereafter.

This Surah addresses 4 top, unique and climax realities from Allah (SWT). These top most realities are addressed in the first four Ayats of this Surah.

## Aya #1 الرَّحْمَنُ

What is Rehman? It is Allah's name. Have anyone ever thought what is the best and most loving name of Allah is? It must be "Rehman", why? Because it's root word is from word "Rahma"(Mercy) and what is the biggest thing we humans need in this and the hereafter life is Rahmat (Mercy). Remember our beloved Prophet (SAW) said, that nobody including me will not enter Jannah (Paradise) with his or her own good deeds unless Allah envelopes him with His Rahmat (Mercy). If our beloved Prophet needs Allah's Rahmat then who are we who do not need Allah's mercy all the time. Now this Mercy of Allah comes in Quran with two words (Rehman and Raheem). The Arabic root word "Ramah" has these two meanings. Raheem means continuous and constant level of mercy and it is reserved for believers in the hereafter especially, but Rehman is extremely highest form of loving and caring (Like Ocean with its full might and fury), This mercy is available to everybody, believer or non believer.. His Mercy is beyond human comprehension and imagination. The multiple facet of the meaning of

“AR-REHMAN” conveys the all encompassing nature of our Merciful creator, whose extreme love and care informs the minutest aspect of our existence. So “Rehman” is the best and top most and climax of Allah’s attributes and name.

## **Aya # 2** عَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ

Meaning Rehman taught the Quran. So the biggest knowledge Rehman gave to us is Quran. It is Allah’s indicative, indicatory, revelatory, significative and suggestive mercy that Allah and Rehman Revealed Quran to us. Now think that whatever knowledge creation got is given by whom? of course from Allah. Who gave the knowledge of science? Allah says in Quran “We taught Adam (AS) all the names “so all the knowledge humans has acquired , are acquiring and will acquire in future has all its source derived from the knowledge Allah taught to first Human being , that is Adam (AS). Allah also says in famous Ayat ul Kursi “No one grasp any of his knowledge except what He wills to reveal”. But the climax of all the knowledge is Quran.

The significance of this knowledge in the eyes of Allah is also mentioned in Surah “Hashr”, Aya 21

لَوْ أَنْزَلْنَا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ عَلَى جَبَلٍ لَرَأَيْتَهُ خَاشِعًا مُتَصَدِّعًا مِّنْ خَشْيَةِ اللَّهِ وَتِلْكَ الْأَمْثَالُ نَضْرِبُهَا لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

“Had we sent down the Quran upon a mountain, you would have certainly seen it humbled and torn apart in awe of Allah, We set forth such comparisons for people, “so” perhaps they may reflect”.

So look again, the top most and best name of Allah is Rehman, best, top most knowledge and climax of all the knowledge is Quran.

## **Aya # 3** خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ

Meaning, He created Insaan (Humans). Now the question is who created all other creatures, sun, moon, stars, earth, skies etc? But why mention only خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ, it is the climax and best creation of Allah (SWT) among all the creations

Allah also mentioned in Surah At-Tin Aya 4

لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ

“ Indeed, We created humans in the best form”

Insaan (humans) also got the distinction that Angeles prostrated to him (as a respect not as to worship him)

Now reflecting back to first three Ayas of this Surah

- 1) Best name of Allah is Rehman (AYA #1)
- 2) Best and climax knowledge among all other knowledge is Quran.(AYA #2)
- 3) Best OF His creation among all other His creation is Insaan (humans)

#### **Aya # 4** عَلَّمَهُ الْبَيَانَ

He taught human eloquent speech. Again question is didn't He gave faculty of seeing, hearing, walking, all other senses of human body internally and externally? But why He mentioned faculty of speech only in this Aya? Because again the faculty of speech is the top most and climax faculty of a human being.

People who know medical sciences know that in human brain, there is an area called gray matter and there is a coating which is highest evolved form and it has the largest area called speech. That is why humans are differentiated with animals because of their speech faculty.

Now sum up all first four AYATS of this Surah

- 1) Rehman (top most best name of Allah)
- 2) Quran (top most and climax of all the knowledge)
- 3) INSAAN (Humans ) (top most, the best and climax from all of Allah's creations)
- 4) Speech (top most and climax of all human faculties)

Result of these 4 Ayats was best described by our beloved Prophet (SAW) in a Hadith:

“The best people among you are those who learn Quran and teach to others”.

**Summary:** Rehman (best name of Allah) gave His best knowledge Quran to His best creation Humans and gave human's best faculty of speech to read and spread this message of Quran. Anyone who does not use this

faculty of speech for this purpose will not fulfill the rights of Rehman, His knowledge and the faculty of speech He gave us.

**Note:** It is obvious from this Quranic Surah that our tongue (Faculty of speech) must never be used for, lying, abusing, backbiting, slandering, cursing, complaining etc, but must be used for truthfulness, spreading peace (SALAM) and tranquility, saying kind words, teaching good manners, for repentance and doing Zikr (Remembrance of Allah) etc and foremost to read and spread the message of Quran, Allah's ultimate knowledge and guidance given to humanity.