

26. And He brought down those who supported them among the People of the Scripture<sup>1193</sup> from their fortresses and cast terror into their hearts [so that] a party [i.e., their men] you killed, and you took captive a party [i.e., the women and children].

وَأَنْزَلَ الَّذِينَ ظَاهَرُوهُمْ مِّنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ  
مِنْ صِيَاصِيهِمْ وَقَذَفَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الرُّعْبَ  
فَرِيقًا تَقْتُلُونَ وَتَأْسِرُونَ فَرِيقًا ﴿٢٦﴾

27. And He caused you to inherit their land and their homes and their properties and a land which you have not trodden.<sup>1194</sup> And ever is Allāh, over all things, competent.

وَأَوْزَنَكُمْ أَرْضَهُمْ وَدِيَارَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ وَأَرْضًا  
لَّمْ تَطُوتُوهَا وَكَرَبَ اللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
قَدِيرًا ﴿٢٧﴾

28. O Prophet, say to your wives, "If you should desire the worldly life and its adornment, then come, I will provide for you and give you a gracious release.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لِّأَزْوَاجِكَ إِن كُنْتُنَّ تُرِدْنَ  
الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا وَزِينَتَهَا فَتَعَالَيْنَ أُمَتِّعْكُنَّ  
وَأُسَرِّحْكُنَّ سَرَاحًا جَمِيلًا ﴿٢٨﴾

29. But if you should desire Allāh and His Messenger and the home of the Hereafter – then indeed, Allāh has prepared for the doers of good among you a great reward."

وَإِن كُنْتُنَّ تُرِدْنَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَالدَّارَ  
الْآخِرَةَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ أَعَدَّ لِلْمُحْسِنَاتِ مِنكُنَّ  
أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٢٩﴾

30. O wives of the Prophet, whoever of you should commit a clear immorality – for her the punishment would be doubled twofold, and ever is that, for Allāh, easy.

يَا نِسَاءَ النَّبِيِّ مَن يَأْتِ مِنكُنَّ بِفَاحِشَةٍ  
مُّبِينَةٍ يُضَعَّفْ لَهَا الْعَذَابُ ضِعْفَيْنِ  
وَكَرَبَ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرًا ﴿٣٠﴾

31. And whoever of you devoutly obeys Allāh and His Messenger and does righteousness – We will give her her reward twice; and We have prepared for her a noble provision.

وَمَن يَفْعَلْ مِنكُنَّ لِلَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وِتَعَمَلْ  
صَالِحًا نُؤْتِيهَا أَجْرَهَا مَرَّتَيْنِ وَأَعَدَدْنَا لَهَا  
رِزْقًا كَرِيمًا ﴿٣١﴾

<sup>1193</sup>The Jews of Banū Qurayyah, who had violated their treaty with the Muslims.

<sup>1194</sup>i.e., that taken in subsequent conquests.

32. O wives of the Prophet, you are not like anyone among women. If you fear Allāh, then do not be soft in speech [to men],<sup>1195</sup> lest he in whose heart is disease should covet, but speak with appropriate speech.

يٰۤاَيُّهَا النِّسَاءُ اَلنَّبِيِّ لَسْتُنَّ كَاَحَدٍ مِّنَ النِّسَاءِ  
اِنَّ اَتَّقِيْنَ فَلَا تَخْضَعْنَ بِالْقَوْلِ فَيَطْمَعَ  
الَّذِي فِي قَلْبِهِ مَرَضٌ وَقُلْنَ قَوْلًا مَّعْرُوفًا ﴿٣٢﴾

33. And abide in your houses and do not display yourselves as [was] the display of the former times of ignorance. And establish prayer and give zakāh and obey Allāh and His Messenger. Allāh intends only to remove from you the impurity [of sin], O people of the [Prophet's] household, and to purify you with [extensive] purification.

وَقَرْنَ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ وَلَا تَبَرَّجْنَ تَبَرُّجَ  
الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ الْأُولَىٰ وَأَقِمْنَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتِينَ  
الزَّكَاةَ وَأَطِعْنَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ  
اللَّهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ  
وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ تَطْهِيرًا ﴿٣٣﴾

34. And remember what is recited in your houses of the verses of Allāh and wisdom.<sup>1196</sup> Indeed, Allāh is ever Subtle<sup>1197</sup> and Aware.

وَاذْكُرْنَ مَا يُتْلَىٰ فِي بُيُوتِكُنَّ مِنْ  
آيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَالْحِكْمَةِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ  
لَطِيفًا خَبِيرًا ﴿٣٤﴾

35. Indeed, the Muslim men and Muslim women, the believing men and believing women, the obedient men and obedient women, the truthful men and truthful women, the patient men and patient women, the humble men and humble women, the charitable men and charitable women, the fasting men and fasting women, the men who guard their private parts and the women who do so, and the men who remember Allāh often and the women who do so – for them

إِنَّ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ  
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْقَنِينَ وَالْقَنَاتِ وَالصَّادِقِينَ  
وَالصَّادِقَاتِ وَالصَّابِرِينَ وَالصَّابِرَاتِ وَالْخَاشِعِينَ  
وَالْخَاشِعَاتِ وَالْمُتَصَدِّقِينَ وَالْمُتَصَدِّقَاتِ  
وَالصَّيِّمِينَ وَالصَّيِّمَاتِ وَالْحَافِظِينَ فُرُوجَهُمْ  
وَالْحَافِظَاتِ وَالذَّاكِرِينَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا  
وَالذَّاكِرَاتِ أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا  
عَظِيمًا ﴿٣٥﴾

<sup>1195</sup> The meaning has also been given as "You are not like any among women if you fear Allāh. So do not be soft in speech..."

<sup>1196</sup> The teachings of the Prophet (ﷺ) or his *sunnah*.

<sup>1197</sup> Refer to footnote of 6:103.

Allāh has prepared forgiveness and a great reward.

36. It is not for a believing man or a believing woman, when Allāh and His Messenger have decided a matter, that they should [thereafter] have any choice about their affair. And whoever disobeys Allāh and His Messenger has certainly strayed into clear error.

وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَلَا مُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَىٰ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَمْرًا أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ ۗ وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ صِلًا مَبِينًا ﴿٦٦﴾

37. And [remember, O Muḥammad], when you said to the one on whom Allāh bestowed favor and you bestowed favor,<sup>1198</sup> "Keep your wife and fear Allāh," while you concealed within yourself that which Allāh is to disclose.<sup>1199</sup> And you feared the people,<sup>1200</sup> while Allāh has more right that you fear Him.<sup>1201</sup> So when Zayd had no longer any need for her, We married her to you in order that there not be upon the believers any discomfort [i.e., guilt] concerning the wives of their claimed [i.e., adopted] sons when they no longer have need of them. And ever is the command [i.e., decree] of Allāh accomplished.

وَإِذْ تَقُولُ لِلَّذِي أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَأَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِ أَمْسِكْ عَلَيْكَ زَوْجَكَ وَاتَّقِ اللَّهَ وَتُخْفِي فِي نَفْسِكَ مَا اللَّهُ مُبْدِيهِ وَتَخْشَى النَّاسَ وَاللَّهُ أَحَقُّ أَنْ تَخْشَاهُ ۖ فَلَمَّا قَضَىٰ زَيْدٌ مِنْهَا وَطَرًا زَوَّجْنَاهَا لَكَ لَا يَكُونَ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ حَرَجٌ فِي أَزْوَاجِ أَدْعِيَائِهِمْ إِذَا قَضَوْا مِنْهُنَّ وَطَرًا ۚ وَكَانَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ مَفْعُولًا ﴿٦٧﴾

38. There is not to be upon the Prophet any discomfort concerning that which Allāh has imposed upon him.<sup>1202</sup> [This is] the established

مَا كَانَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ مِنْ حَرَجٍ فِيمَا فَرَضَ اللَّهُ لَهُ ۖ سُنَّةَ اللَّهِ فِي الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِنْ قَبْلُ ۗ

<sup>1198</sup>Referring to the Prophet's freed slave, Zayd bin Hārithah.

<sup>1199</sup>i.e., Allāh's command to the Prophet (ﷺ) to marry Zaynab after Zayd divorced her. This was to demonstrate that a man may marry a woman formerly married to his adopted son.

<sup>1200</sup>i.e., feared their saying that the Prophet (ﷺ) had married the (former) wife of his son (which is prohibited by Allāh in the case of a true, begotten son).

<sup>1201</sup>By making known His command.

<sup>1202</sup>Or permitted to him.

way of Allāh with those [prophets] who have passed on before. And ever is the command of Allāh a destiny decreed.

وَكَانَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ قَدَرًا مَّقْدُورًا ﴿٣٨﴾

39. [Allāh praises] those who convey the messages of Allāh<sup>1203</sup> and fear Him and do not fear anyone but Allāh. And sufficient is Allāh as Accountant.

الَّذِينَ يُبَلِّغُونَ رِسَالَاتِ اللَّهِ وَخَشَوْنَهُ  
وَلَا تَخْشَوْنَ أَحَدًا إِلَّا اللَّهَ ۚ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ  
حَسِيبًا ﴿٣٩﴾

40. Muḥammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allāh and seal [i.e., last] of the prophets. And ever is Allāh, of all things, Knowing.

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن  
رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ ۚ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ  
شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا ﴿٤٠﴾

41. O you who have believed, remember Allāh with much remembrance

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا كَثِيرًا  
﴿٤١﴾

42. And exalt Him morning and afternoon.

وَسَبِّحْهُ بَكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا ﴿٤٢﴾

43. It is He who confers blessing upon you,<sup>1204</sup> and His angels [ask Him to do so] that He may bring you out from darknesses into the light. And ever is He, to the believers, Merciful.

هُوَ الَّذِي يُصَلِّيٰ عَلَيْكُمْ وَمَلَائِكَتُهُ  
لِيُخْرِجَكُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ ۚ وَكَانَ  
بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَحِيمًا ﴿٤٣﴾

44. Their greeting the Day they meet Him will be, "Peace." And He has prepared for them a noble reward.

تَحِيَّتُهُمْ يَوْمَ يَلْقَوْنَهُ سَلَامٌ ۚ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا  
كَرِيمًا ﴿٤٤﴾

45. O Prophet, indeed We have sent you as a witness and a bringer of good tidings and a warner

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَهِيدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا  
وَنَذِيرًا ﴿٤٥﴾

<sup>1203</sup>i.e., the prophets (peace be upon them all) and after them, the followers of the final prophet, Muḥammad (ﷺ), who honestly convey Allāh's message to the people.

<sup>1204</sup>i.e., Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*) cares for you and covers you with His mercy. An additional meaning is that He praises you in the presence of the angels.

46. And one who invites to Allāh, by His permission, and an illuminating lamp. وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا ﴿٤٦﴾
47. And give good tidings to the believers that they will have from Allāh great bounty. وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِأَنَّ لَهُم مِّنَ اللَّهِ فَضْلًا كَبِيرًا ﴿٤٧﴾
48. And do not obey the disbelievers and the hypocrites and disregard their annoyance, and rely upon Allāh. And sufficient is Allāh as Disposer of affairs. وَلَا تُطِيعِ الْكَافِرِينَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ وَدَعْ أَذُنَهُمْ تَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَكَفَى بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا ﴿٤٨﴾
49. O you who have believed, when you marry believing women and then divorce them before you have touched them [i.e., consummated the marriage], then there is not for you any waiting period to count concerning them. So provide for them and give them a gracious release. يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا نَكَحْتُمُ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ثُمَّ طَلَقْتُمُوهُنَّ مِن قَبْلِ أَنْ تَمْسُوهُنَّ ۖ فَمَا لَكُمْ عَلَيْهِنَّ مِنْ عِدَّةٍ تَعْتَدُونَهَا فَمَعْتَوهُنَّ وَسَرَخُوهُنَّ سَرَاحًا جَمِيلًا ﴿٤٩﴾
50. O Prophet, indeed We have made lawful to you your wives to whom you have given their due compensation<sup>1205</sup> and those your right hand possesses from what Allāh has returned to you [of captives] and the daughters of your paternal uncles and the daughters of your paternal aunts and the daughters of your maternal uncles and the daughters of your maternal aunts who emigrated with you and a believing woman if she gives herself to the Prophet [and] if the Prophet wishes to marry her; [this is] only for you, excluding the [other] believers. يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَحْلَلْنَا لَكَ أَزْوَاجَكَ الَّتِي ءَاتَيْتَ أُجُورَهُنَّ ۖ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ يَمِينُكَ مِمَّا أَفَاءَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ وَبَنَاتِ عِمَّاكَ وَبَنَاتِ حَلَائِكِ الَّتِي هَاجَرْنَ مَعَكَ وَاتْرَأَةً مُّؤْمِنَةً إِن وَهَبْتَ نَفْسَهَا لِلنَّبِيِّ إِنْ أَرَادَ النَّبِيُّ أَنْ يَسْتَنْكِحَهَا خَالِصَةً لَّكَ مِن دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۗ قَدْ عَلِمْنَا مَا فَرَضْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ فِي أَزْوَاجِهِمْ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُمْ لِكَيْلَا يَكُونَ عَلَيْكَ حَرَجٌ ۗ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَّحِيمًا ﴿٥٠﴾

<sup>1205</sup>i.e., bridal gifts (*mahr*).

We certainly know what We have made obligatory upon them concerning their wives and those their right hands possess, [but this is for you] in order that there will be upon you no discomfort [i.e., difficulty]. And ever is Allāh Forgiving and Merciful.

51. You, [O Muḥammad], may put aside whom you will of them<sup>1206</sup> or take to yourself whom you will. And any that you desire of those [wives] from whom you had [temporarily] separated – there is no blame upon you [in returning her]. That is more suitable that they should be content and not grieve and that they should be satisfied with what you have given them – all of them. And Allāh knows what is in your hearts. And ever is Allāh Knowing and Forbearing.

﴿ تَرْجِي مَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْهُنَّ وَتَوِيَّ إِلَيْكَ مَنْ  
تَشَاءُ وَمَنْ أَبْتَغَيْتَ مِمَّنْ عَزَلْتَ فَلَا جُنَاحَ  
عَلَيْكَ ذَلِكَ أَدْنَىٰ أَنْ تَقَرَّ أَعْيُنُهُنَّ وَلَا  
تَحْزَنَ ۚ وَبَرَّصْتَ بِمَا ءَاتَيْتَهُنَّ كُلُّهُنَّ  
وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ ۚ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ  
عَلِيمًا حَلِيمًا ۝﴾

52. Not lawful to you, [O Muḥammad], are [any additional] women after [this], nor [is it] for you to exchange them for [other] wives, even if their beauty were to please you, except what your right hand possesses. And ever is Allāh, over all things, an Observer.<sup>1207</sup>

﴿ لَا يَحِلُّ لَكَ النِّسَاءَ مِنْ بَعْدُ وَلَا أَنْ  
تَبَدَّلَ بِهِنَّ مِنْ أَزْوَاجٍ وَلَوْ أَعْجَبَكَ  
حُسْنُهُنَّ إِلَّا مَا مَلَكَتْ يَمِينُكَ ۚ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ  
عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ رَقِيبًا ۝﴾

53. O you who have believed, do not enter the houses of the Prophet except when you are permitted

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَدْخُلُوا بُيُوتَ  
النَّبِيِّ إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْذَنَ لَكُمْ إِلَىٰ طَعَامٍ

<sup>1206</sup>Those mentioned in the previous verse as being lawful to the Prophet (ﷺ) or his wives to which he was married.

<sup>1207</sup>See footnote to verse 4:1.

for a meal, without awaiting its readiness. But when you are invited, then enter; and when you have eaten, disperse without seeking to remain for conversation. Indeed, that [behavior] was troubling the Prophet, and he is shy of [dismissing] you. But Allāh is not shy of the truth. And when you ask [his wives] for something, ask them from behind a partition. That is purer for your hearts and their hearts. And it is not [conceivable or lawful] for you to harm the Messenger of Allāh or to marry his wives after him, ever. Indeed, that would be in the sight of Allāh an enormity.

غَيْرَ نَظَرِينَ إِنَّهُ وَلَكِنْ إِذَا دُعِيتُمْ فَادْخُلُوا  
فَإِذَا طَعِمْتُمْ فَانْتَشِرُوا وَلَا مُسْتَقْنَسِينَ  
لِلْحَدِيثِ إِنَّ ذَلِكُمْ كَانَ يُؤْذِي النَّبِيَّ  
فَيَسْتَحْيِي مِنْكُمْ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَسْتَحْيِي مِنَ  
الْحَقِّ وَإِذَا سَأَلْتُمُوهُنَّ مَتَاعًا فَسْأَلُوهُنَّ  
مِنْ وَرَاءِ حِجَابٍ ذَلِكُمْ أَطْهَرُ لِقُلُوبِكُمْ  
وَقُلُوبِهِنَّ وَمَا كَانَ لَكُمْ أَنْ تُؤْذُوا  
رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَلَا أَنْ تَنْكِحُوا أَزْوَاجَهُ مِنْ  
بَعْدِهِ أَبَدًا إِنَّ ذَلِكُمْ كَانَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ  
عَظِيمًا ﴿٣٣﴾

54. Whether you reveal a thing or conceal it, indeed Allāh is ever, of all things, Knowing.

إِنْ تُبْدُوا شَيْئًا أَوْ تُخْفُوهُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ  
بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا ﴿٣٤﴾

55. There is no blame upon them [i.e., women] concerning their fathers or their sons or their brothers or their brothers' sons or their sisters' sons or their women or those their right hands possess [i.e., slaves].<sup>1208</sup> And fear Allāh. Indeed Allāh is ever, over all things, Witness.

لَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِنَ فِي آبَائِهِنَّ وَلَا أَبْنَائِهِنَّ  
وَلَا إِخْوَانِهِنَّ وَلَا أَبْنَاءَ إِخْوَانِهِنَّ وَلَا  
أَخَوَاتِهِنَّ وَلَا نِسَائِهِنَّ وَلَا مَا مَلَكَتْ  
أَيْمَانُهُنَّ وَآتَيْنَ اللَّهُ إِنْ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَى  
كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدًا ﴿٣٥﴾

56. Indeed, Allāh confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allāh to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allāh to grant him] peace.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا  
تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٣٦﴾

<sup>1208</sup> It is permissible for a woman to appear before these people without complete covering and to be alone with them. The brothers of both parents (uncles) are included as "fathers" or "parents," according to *ḥadīth*.

57. Indeed, those who abuse Allāh and His Messenger – Allāh has cursed them in this world and the Hereafter and prepared for them a humiliating punishment.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُؤْذُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ لَعَنَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ عَذَابًا مُهِينًا ﴿٥٧﴾

58. And those who harm believing men and believing women for [something] other than what they have earned [i.e., deserved] have certainly borne upon themselves a slander and manifest sin.

وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْذُونَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ بغيرِ مَا اكْتَسَبُوا فَقَدْ احْتَمَلُوا بُهْتَانًا وَإِثْمًا مُبِينًا ﴿٥٨﴾

59. O Prophet, tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to bring down over themselves [part] of their outer garments.<sup>1209</sup> That is more suitable that they will be known<sup>1210</sup> and not be abused. And ever is Allāh Forgiving and Merciful.<sup>1211</sup>

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لِّأَزْوَاجِكَ وَبَنَاتِكَ وَنِسَاءِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ يُدْنِينَ عَلَيْهِنَّ مِنْ جَلْبِيبِهِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ أَدْنَىٰ أَنْ يُعْرَفْنَ فَلَا يُؤْذَيْنَ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَّحِيمًا ﴿٥٩﴾

60. If the hypocrites and those in whose hearts is disease<sup>1212</sup> and those who spread rumors in al-Madīnah do not cease, We will surely incite you against them; then they will not remain your neighbors therein except for a little,

لَّيْن لَّمْ يَنْتَهِ الْمُنَافِقُونَ وَالَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ وَالْمُرْجِفُونَ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ لَنُغَوِّنَنَّكَ بِهِمْ ثُمَّ لَا يُحَاطُوا رَوْعَكَ فِيهَا إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿٦٠﴾

61. Accursed wherever they are found, [being] seized and massacred completely.

مَلْعُونِينَ أَيْمَنَّا تُفَفُّوهُمُ احْذَرُوا وَتُتْلُوا نَقْتِيلًا ﴿٦١﴾

62. [This is] the established way of Allāh with those who passed on before; and you will not find in the way of Allāh any change.

سُنَّةَ اللَّهِ فِي الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَلَن تَجِدَ لِسُنَّةِ اللَّهِ تَبْدِيلًا ﴿٦٢﴾

<sup>1209</sup>The *jilbāb*, which is defined as a cloak covering the head and reaching to the ground, thereby covering the woman's entire body.

<sup>1210</sup>As chaste believing women.

<sup>1211</sup>Or "and Allāh was Forgiving and Merciful" of what occurred before this injunction or before knowledge of it.

<sup>1212</sup>Referring here to those who commit adultery or fornication.



63. People ask you concerning the Hour. Say, "Knowledge of it is only with Allāh. And what may make you perceive? Perhaps the Hour is near."

يَسْأَلُكَ النَّاسُ عَنِ السَّاعَةِ ۖ قُلْ إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ۖ وَمَا يُدْرِيكَ لَعَلَّ السَّاعَةَ تَكُونُ قَرِيبًا ﴿٦٣﴾

64. Indeed, Allāh has cursed the disbelievers and prepared for them a Blaze.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَنَ الْكَافِرِينَ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ سَعِيرًا ﴿٦٤﴾

65. Abiding therein forever, they will not find a protector or a helper.

خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ۖ لَا يَجِدُونَ وَلِيًّا وَلَا نَصِيرًا ﴿٦٥﴾

66. The Day their faces will be turned about in the Fire, they will say, "How we wish we had obeyed Allāh and obeyed the Messenger."

يَوْمَ تُقَلَّبُ وُجُوهُهُمْ فِي النَّارِ يَقُولُونَ يَلَيْتَنَّا أَطَعْنَا اللَّهَ وَأَطَعْنَا الرَّسُولَ ﴿٦٦﴾

67. And they will say, "Our Lord, indeed we obeyed our masters and our dignitaries,<sup>1213</sup> and they led us astray from the [right] way.

وَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّا أَطَعْنَا سَادَتَنَا وَكُبَرَاءَنَا فَأَضَلُّونَا السَّبِيلَ ﴿٦٧﴾

68. Our Lord, give them double the punishment and curse them with a great curse."

رَبَّنَا آتِهِمْ ضِعْفَيْنِ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ وَالْعَنَاءَ كَبِيرًا ﴿٦٨﴾

69. O you who have believed, be not like those who abused Moses; then Allāh cleared him of what they said. And he, in the sight of Allāh, was distinguished.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ ءَادَوْا مُوسَىٰ فَبَرَأَهُ اللَّهُ مِمَّا قَالُوا ۚ وَكَانَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَجِيهًا ﴿٦٩﴾

70. O you who have believed, fear Allāh and speak words of appropriate justice.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا ﴿٧٠﴾

71. He will [then] amend for you your deeds and forgive you your sins. And whoever obeys Allāh and His Messenger has certainly attained a great attainment.

يُصْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٧١﴾

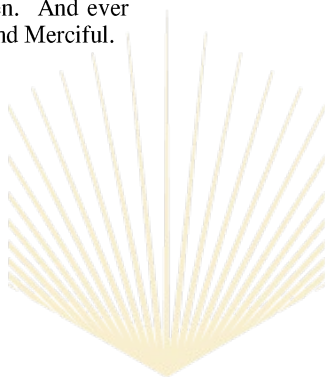
<sup>1213</sup>Also interpreted to mean "our noble ones and our elders [i.e., distinguished scholars]."

72. Indeed, We offered the Trust<sup>1214</sup> to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, and they declined to bear it and feared it; but man [undertook to] bear it. Indeed, he was unjust and ignorant.<sup>1215</sup>

إِنَّا عَرَضْنَا الْأَمَانَةَ عَلَى السَّمَوَاتِ  
وَالْأَرْضِ وَالْجِبَالِ فَأَبَيْنَ أَنْ تَحْمِلَهَا  
وَأَشْفَقْنَ مِنْهَا وَحَمَلَهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ  
ظَلُومًا جَهُولًا ﴿٣٣﴾

73. [It<sup>1216</sup> was] so that Allāh may punish the hypocrite men and hypocrite women and the men and women who associate others with Him and that Allāh may accept repentance from the believing men and believing women. And ever is Allāh Forgiving and Merciful.

لِيُعَذِّبَ اللَّهُ الْمُنَافِقِينَ وَالْمُنَافِقَاتِ  
وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَالْمُشْرِكَاتِ وَيَتُوبَ اللَّهُ  
عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ  
غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿٣٤﴾



<sup>1214</sup>The acceptance of obligations and obedience to Allāh.

<sup>1215</sup>Coveting its reward while forgetting the penalty for failure to keep his commitment.

<sup>1216</sup>The reason for which mankind was permitted to carry the Trust.

Sūrah Saba'<sup>1217</sup>

Bismillāh-Raḥmān-Raḥeem

## سُورَةُ سَبَأٍ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. [All] praise is [due] to Allāh, to whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth, and to Him belongs [all] praise in the Hereafter. And He is the Wise, the Aware.
2. He knows what penetrates into the earth and what emerges from it and what descends from the heaven and what ascends therein. And He is the Merciful, the Forgiving.
3. But those who disbelieve say, "The Hour will not come to us." Say, "Yes, by my Lord, it will surely come to you [from] the Knower of the unseen." Not absent from Him is an atom's weight<sup>1218</sup> within the heavens or within the earth or [what is] smaller than that or greater, except that it is in a clear register –
4. That He may reward those who believe and do righteous deeds. Those will have forgiveness and noble provision.
5. But those who strive against Our verses [seeking] to cause failure<sup>1219</sup> – for them will be a painful punishment of foul nature.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ وَهُوَ الْحَكِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ ﴿١﴾

يَعْلَمُ مَا يَلْجُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا وَهُوَ الرَّحِيمُ الْغَفُورُ ﴿٢﴾

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَأْتِينَا السَّاعَةُ قُلْ بَلَىٰ وَرَبِّي لَتَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ عَلِيمٌ الْغَيْبُ لَا يَعْزُبُ عَنْهُ مِثْقَالُ ذَرَّةٍ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا أَصْغَرُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَلَا أَكْبَرُ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٣﴾

لَيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٤﴾

وَالَّذِينَ سَعَوْا فِي ءَايَاتِنَا مُعْجِزِينَ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمْ عَذَابٌ مِّن رَّجْزٍ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٥﴾

<sup>1217</sup>Saba': (The People of) Saba' or Sabaeans.

<sup>1218</sup>Or "the weight of a small ant."

<sup>1219</sup>i.e., to undermine their credibility in order to defeat the Prophet (ﷺ).

6. And those who have been given knowledge see that what is revealed to you from your Lord is the truth, and it guides to the path of the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy.
7. But those who disbelieve say, "Shall we direct you to a man who will inform you [that] when you have disintegrated in complete disintegration, you will [then] be [recreated] in a new creation?"
8. Has he invented about Allāh a lie or is there in him madness?" Rather, they who do not believe in the Hereafter will be in the punishment and [are in] extreme error.
9. Then, do they not look at what is before them and what is behind them of the heaven and earth? If We should will, We could cause the earth to swallow them or [could] let fall upon them fragments from the sky. Indeed in that is a sign for every servant turning back [to Allāh].
10. And We certainly gave David from Us bounty. [We said], "O mountains, repeat [Our] praises with him, and the birds [as well]." And We made pliable for him iron,
11. [Commanding him], "Make full coats of mail and calculate [precisely] the links, and work [all of you] righteousness. Indeed I, of what you do, am Seeing."

وَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَيَهْدِي إِلَى صِرَاطٍ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ ﴿٦﴾

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا هَلْ نَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَى رَجُلٍ يُنَبِّئُكُمْ إِذَا مُزِقْتُمْ كُلٌّ مَزْقٍ إِنْكُمْ لَفِي خَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ ﴿٧﴾

أَفَتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَمْ بِهِ جِنَّةٌ بَلِ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ فِي الْعَذَابِ وَالضَّلَالِ الْبَعِيدِ ﴿٨﴾

أَفَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ مِنْ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِنْ نَشَأْ نُخَسِّفْ بِهِمُ الْأَرْضَ أَوْ نُسْقِطَ عَلَيْهِمْ كِسَفًا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِكُلِّ عَبْدٍ مُنِيبٍ ﴿٩﴾

وَلَقَدْ ءَاتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ مِنَّا فَضْلًا يَجِبَالُ أَوْبَى مَعَهُ وَالطَّيْرُ وَأَلْنَا لَهُ الْحَدِيدَ ﴿١٠﴾

أَنْ أَعْمَلَ سَبْعِينَ وَفَقْدَرٍ فِي السَّرْدِ وَعَمَلُوا صَالِحًا إِنَّي بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١١﴾

12. And to Solomon [We subjected] the wind – its morning [journey was that of] a month – and its afternoon [journey was that of] a month, and We made flow for him a spring of [liquid] copper. And among the jinn were those who worked for him by the permission of his Lord. And whoever deviated among them from Our command – We will make him taste of the punishment of the Blaze.

وَلَسَّيْمَنَ الْريِّحِ غُدُوها سَهْرٌ وَرَوَّاحُها  
سَهْرٌ وَأَسْلَنَّا لَهُ عَيْنَ الْقَطْرِ وَمِنَ الْجِنِّ مَن  
يَعْمَلُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهٖ وَمَن يَزِغْ مِنْهُم  
عَن أَمْرِنَا نُذِقْهُ مِّنْ عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ ﴿١٢﴾

13. They made for him what he willed of elevated chambers,<sup>1220</sup> statues,<sup>1221</sup> bowls like reservoirs, and stationary kettles. [We said], "Work, O family of David, in gratitude." And few of My servants are grateful.

يَعْمَلُونَ لَهُ مَا يَشَاءُ مِنْ مَّحْتَرِبٍ وَتَمَثَّلُوا  
وَجْفَانٍ كَأَلْجُوبٍ وَقُدُورٍ رَّاسِيَتٍ أَعْمَلُوا  
ءَالَ دَاوُدَ شُكْرًا وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنْ عِبَادِيَ  
الشَّكُورُ ﴿١٣﴾

14. And when We decreed for him [i.e., Solomon] death, nothing indicated to them [i.e., the jinn] his death except a creature of the earth eating his staff.<sup>1222</sup> But when he fell, it became clear to the jinn that if they had known the unseen, they would not have remained in humiliating punishment.<sup>1223</sup>

فَلَمَّا قَضَيْنَا عَلَيْهِ الْمَوْتَ مَا دَهَمَهُمْ عَلَى  
مَوْتِهٖ إِلَّا دَابَّةُ الْأَرْضِ تَأْكُلُ مِن سَاقِهِ  
فَلَمَّا خَرَّ تَبَيَّنَتِ الْجِنُّ أَن لَّوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ  
الْغَيْبَ مَا لَبِثُوا فِي الْعَذَابِ الْمُهِينِ ﴿١٤﴾

15. There was for [the tribe of] Saba' in their dwelling place a sign: two [fields of] gardens on the right and on the left. [They were

لَقَدْ كَانَ لِسَبَإٍ فِي مَسْكِنِهِمْ ءَايَةٌ جَنَّتَانِ  
عَن يَمِينٍ وَشِمَالٍ كُلُّوا مِن رِّزْقِ رَبِّكُمْ

<sup>1220</sup>Described by commentators as palaces, dwellings, or places of prayer.

<sup>1221</sup>Which were not prohibited until the time of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ).

<sup>1222</sup>Upon which he was leaning at the time of his death. A termite continued to gnaw into the stick until it collapsed under his weight.

<sup>1223</sup>i.e., hard labor. This verse is evidence that the jinn do not possess knowledge of the unseen, which belongs exclusively to Allāh (*subhānahu wa ta'ālā*).

told], "Eat from the provisions of your Lord and be grateful to Him. A good land [have you], and a forgiving Lord."

وَأَشْكُرُوا لَهُٓ بَلَدَةَ طَيْبَةً وَرَبُّ غَفُورٌ ﴿٣٥﴾

16. But they turned away [refusing], so We sent upon them the flood of the dam,<sup>1224</sup> and We replaced their two [fields of] gardens with gardens of bitter fruit, tamarisks and something of sparse lote trees.

فَأَعْرَضُوا فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ سَيْلَ الْعَرِمِ  
وَبَدَّلْنَاهُمْ بِجَنَّتَيْهِمْ جَنَّتَيْنِ ذَوَاتِ أُكُلٍ  
خَمْطٍ وَأُتْلٍ وَسَقِئٍ مِّنْ سِدْرٍ قَلِيلٍ ﴿٣٦﴾

17. [By] that We repaid them because they disbelieved. And do We [thus] repay except the ungrateful?

ذَٰلِكَ جَزَيْنَاهُمْ بِمَا كَفَرُوا ۖ وَهَلْ يُجْزَىٰ إِلَّا  
الْكُفُورَ ﴿٣٧﴾

18. And We placed between them and the cities which We had blessed<sup>1225</sup> [many] visible cities. And We determined between them the [distances of] journey,<sup>1226</sup> [saying], "Travel between them by night or by day in safety."

وَجَعَلْنَا بَيْنَهُمُ الْوَادِيَّ الَّتِي بَرَكْنَا  
فِيهَا قُرًى ظَهْرَةً وَقَدَرْنَا فِيهَا السَّيْرَ ۖ سِيرُوا  
فِيهَا لَيَالٍ وَأَيَّامًا ءَامِنِينَ ﴿٣٨﴾

19. But [insolently] they said, "Our Lord, lengthen the distance between our journeys," and wronged themselves, so We made them narrations<sup>1227</sup> and dispersed them in total dispersion. Indeed in that are signs for everyone patient and grateful.

فَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا بَعِدْ بَيْنَ أَسْفَارِنَا وَظَلَمُوا  
أَنْفُسَهُمْ فَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ أَحَادِيثَ وَمَزَّقْنَاهُمْ كُلَّ  
مُمِزِقٍ ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَايَسَتٍ لِّكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ  
شَكُورٍ ﴿٣٩﴾

20. And Iblees had already confirmed through them<sup>1228</sup> his

وَلَقَدْ صَدَّقَ عَلَيْهِمْ إِبْلِيسُ ظَنَّهُ فَاتَّبَعُوهُ

<sup>1224</sup> i.e., caused by a break in their dam. Another meaning is "the overwhelming flood."

<sup>1225</sup> In the lands of what is now southern Syria and Palestine.

<sup>1226</sup> i.e., We placed the intermediate settlements at calculated distances for the convenience of travelers.

<sup>1227</sup> Stories related to others as lessons or examples.

<sup>1228</sup> i.e., the people of Saba' or mankind in general.

assumption,<sup>1229</sup> so they followed him, except for a party of believers.

إِلَّا فَرِيقًا مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٢٢٩﴾

21. And he had over them no authority except [it was decreed] that We might make evident who believes in the Hereafter from who is thereof in doubt. And your Lord, over all things, is Guardian.<sup>1230</sup>

وَمَا كَانَ لَهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِّن سُلْطَانٍ إِلَّا لِنَعْلَمَ مَن يُّؤْمِنُ بِالْآخِرَةِ مِمَّنْ هُوَ مِنهَا فِي شَكٍّ ۚ وَرَبُّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَفِيفٌ ﴿١٢٣٠﴾

22. Say, [O Muḥammad], "Invoke those you claim [as deities] besides Allāh." They do not possess an atom's weight [of ability] in the heavens or on the earth, and they do not have therein any partnership [with Him], nor is there for Him from among them any assistant.

قُلْ ادْعُوا الَّذِينَ زَعَمْتُمْ مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا لَهُمْ فِيهِمَا مِن شِرْكٍ ۚ وَمَا لَهُ مِنْهُمْ مِّن ظَهِيرٍ ﴿١٢٣١﴾

23. And intercession does not benefit with Him except for one whom He permits. [And those wait] until, when terror is removed from their hearts,<sup>1231</sup> they will say [to one another], "What has your Lord said?" They will say, "The truth." And He is the Most High, the Grand.

وَلَا تَنْفَعُ الشَّفَعَةُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا لِمَن أَذِنَ لَهُ ۚ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا فُزِعَ عَن قُلُوبِهِمْ قَالُوا مَاذَا قَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ۖ قَالُوا الْحَقُّ ۖ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ ﴿١٢٣٢﴾

24. Say, "Who provides for you from the heavens and the earth?" Say, "Allāh. And indeed, we or you are either upon guidance or in clear error."

قُلْ مَن يَرْزُقُكُم مِّنَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ قُلِ اللَّهُ ۖ وَإِنَّا أَوْ إِبَائُكُمْ لَعَلَىٰ هُدًى أَوْ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿١٢٣٣﴾

25. Say, "You will not be asked about what we committed, and we will not be asked about what you do."

قُلْ لَا تَسْأَلُونِي عَمَّا أَجْرَمْنَا وَلَا نَسْأَلُكُمْ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٢٣٤﴾

<sup>1229</sup> That mankind could readily be misled by him.

<sup>1230</sup> Protecting and preserving the existence and attributes of His creations.

<sup>1231</sup> i.e., the hearts of the angels who will be permitted to intercede.

26. Say, "Our Lord will bring us together; then He will judge between us in truth. And He is the Knowing Judge."<sup>1232</sup>

قُلْ يَجْمَعُ بَيْنَنَا رَبُّنَا ثُمَّ يَفْتَحُ بَيْنَنَا بِالْحَقِّ  
وَهُوَ الْفَاتِحُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٢٦﴾

27. Say, "Show me those whom you have attached to Him as partners. No! Rather, He [alone] is Allāh, the Exalted in Might, the Wise."

قُلْ أُرِوْنِي الَّذِينَ أَلْحَقْتُمْ بِهِ شُرَكَاءَ  
كَلَّا بَلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٢٧﴾

28. And We have not sent you except comprehensively<sup>1233</sup> to mankind as a bringer of good tidings and a warner. But most of the people do not know.

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا  
وَنَذِيرًا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا  
يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

29. And they say, "When is this promise, if you should be truthful?"

وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هَذَا الْوَعْدُ إِن كُنتُمْ  
صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

30. Say, "For you is the appointment of a Day [when] you will not remain thereafter an hour, nor will you precede [it]."

قُلْ لَّكُمْ مِيعَادُ يَوْمٍ لَا تَسْتَجِرُونَ عَنْهُ  
سَاعَةً وَلَا تَسْتَقْدِمُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

31. And those who disbelieve say, "We will never believe in this Qur'an nor in that before it." But if you could see when the wrongdoers are made to stand before their Lord, refuting each others' words...<sup>1234</sup> Those who were oppressed will say to those who were arrogant, "If not for you, we would have been believers."

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَن نُّؤْمِنَ بِهِدَا  
الْقُرْآنَ وَلَا بِالَّذِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَلَوْ تَرَى إِذِ  
الظَّالِمُونَ مَوْقُوفُونَ عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ  
يَرْجِعُ بَعْضُهُمْ إِلَى بَعْضٍ الْقَوْلَ يَقُولُ  
الَّذِينَ اسْتَضَعُّوا لِّلَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا لَوْلَا  
أَنْتُمْ لَكُنَّا مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٣١﴾

32. Those who were arrogant will say to those who were oppressed, "Did we avert you from guidance

قَالَ الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا لِّلَّذِينَ اسْتَضَعُّوا  
أَحْنُ صَدَدْتَكُمْ عَنْ الْهُدَى بَعْدَ إِذْ

<sup>1232</sup> Literally, "Opener," i.e., He who decides and lays open all matters in truth and justice and who opens the way to victory, success, relief, knowledge and understanding.

<sup>1233</sup> Literally, "inclusively, without exception."

<sup>1234</sup> Having been left to the imagination, the conclusion of this sentence is estimated to be "...you would see a dreadful sight."



after it had come to you? Rather, you were criminals."

جَاءَكُمْ بَلٌّ كُنْتُمْ مُجْرِمِينَ ﴿١٠﴾

33. Those who were oppressed will say to those who were arrogant, "Rather, [it was your] conspiracy of night and day when you were ordering us to disbelieve in Allāh and attribute to Him equals." But they will [all] confide regret when they see the punishment; and We will put shackles on the necks of those who disbelieved. Will they be recompensed except for what they used to do?

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ اسْتَضَعُوا لِلَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا بَلْ مَكْرُ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ إِذْ تَأْمُرُونَنَا أَنْ نَكْفُرَ بِاللَّهِ وَنَجْعَلَ لَهُ أَنْدَادًا وَأَسْرُوا الدَّامَةَ لَمَّا رَأَوْا الْعَذَابَ وَجَعَلْنَا الْأَعْتَلَّ فِي أَعْنَاقِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا هَلْ تُجْزَوْنَ إِلَّا مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١١﴾

34. And We did not send into a city any warner except that its affluent said, "Indeed we, in that with which you were sent, are disbelievers."

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِي قَرْيَةٍ مِنْ نَذِيرٍ إِلَّا قَالَ مُتْرَفُوهَا إِنَّا بِمَا أُرْسِلْتُمْ بِهِ كَافِرُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

35. And they<sup>1235</sup> said, "We are more [than the believers] in wealth and children, and we are not to be punished."

وَقَالُوا خَنَ أَكْثَرُ أَمْوَالًا وَأَوْلَدًا وَمَا خَنَ بِمُعَذِّبِينَ ﴿١٣﴾

36. Say, "Indeed, my Lord extends provision for whom He wills and restricts [it], but most of the people do not know."

قُلْ إِنْ رَبِّي يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَقْدِرُ وَلَكِنْ أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

37. And it is not your wealth or your children that bring you nearer to Us in position, but it is [by being] one who has believed and done righteousness. For them there will be the double reward for what they did, and they will be in the upper chambers [of Paradise], safe [and secure].

وَمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُكُمْ بِالَّتِي تُقَرِّبُكُمْ عِندَنَا زُلْفَىٰ إِلَّا مَنْ ءَامَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمْ جَزَاءُ الضَّعْفِ بِمَا عَمِلُوا وَهُمْ فِي الْغُرُفَاتِ ءَامِنُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

<sup>1235</sup>The affluent ones in general or the people of Makkah specifically.

38. And the ones who strive against Our verses to cause [them] failure<sup>1236</sup> – those will be brought into the punishment [to remain].
39. Say, "Indeed, my Lord extends provision for whom He wills of His servants and restricts [it] for him. But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] – He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers."
40. And [mention] the Day when He will gather them all and then say to the angels, "Did these [people] used to worship you?"
41. They will say, "Exalted are You! You, [O Allāh], are our benefactor excluding [i.e., not] them. Rather, they used to worship the jinn; most of them were believers in them."
42. But today [i.e., the Day of Judgement] you do not hold for one another [the power of] benefit or harm, and We will say to those who wronged, "Taste the punishment of the Fire, which you used to deny."
43. And when Our verses are recited to them as clear evidences, they say, "This is not but a man who wishes to avert you from that which your fathers were worshipping." And they say, "This is not except a lie invented." And those who disbelieve say of the truth

وَالَّذِينَ يَسْعَوْنَ فِي آيَاتِنَا مُعْجِزِينَ  
أُولَٰئِكَ فِي الْعَذَابِ مُحْضَرُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾

قُلْ إِنْ رَبِّي يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ  
عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرُ لَهُ ۖ وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ  
فَهُوَ مُخْلِفُهُ ۖ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾

وَيَوْمَ نَحْشُرُهُمْ جَمِيعًا ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لِلْمَلَكِ  
أَهَٰؤُلَاءِ إِيَّاكُمْ كَانُوا يَعْبُدُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾

قَالُوا سُبْحَنَكَ أَنْتَ وَلِيُّنَا مِنْ دُونِهِمْ  
بَلْ كَانُوا يَعْبُدُونَ الْجِنَّ أَكْثَرُهُمْ بِهِمْ  
مُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

فَالْيَوْمَ لَا يَمْلِكُ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ نَفْعًا وَلَا  
ضَرًّا وَنَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا ذُوقُوا عَذَابَ  
النَّارِ الَّتِي كُنْتُمْ بِهَا تُكَذِّبُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾

وَإِذَا تُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا نَيَّتْ قَالُوا مَا  
هَٰذَا إِلَّا رَجُلٌ يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَصُدَّكُمْ عَنْ  
مَا كَانُوا يَعْبُدُونَ ۖ قَالُوا مَا هَٰذَا إِلَّا  
إِنْكَارٌ مُفْتَرٍ ۖ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلْحَقِّ لَمَّا  
جَاءَهُمْ إِنَّ هَٰذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٤٣﴾

<sup>1236</sup>See footnote to 34:5.

when it has come to them, "This is not but obvious magic."

44. And We had not given them any scriptures which they could study, and We had not sent to them before you, [O Muḥammad], any warner.

وَمَا ءَاتَيْنَهُمْ مِّنْ كُتُبٍ يَدْرُسُونَهَا وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْهِمْ قَبْلَكَ مِن نَّذِيرٍ ﴿٤٤﴾

45. And those before them denied, and they [i.e., the people of Makkah] have not attained a tenth of what We had given them. But they [i.e., the former peoples] denied My messengers, so how [terrible] was My reproach.

وَكَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَمَا بَلَّغُوا مِعْشَارَ مَا ءَاتَيْنَهُمْ فَكَذَّبُوا رُسُلِي فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ ﴿٤٥﴾

46. Say, "I only advise you of one [thing] – that you stand for Allāh, [seeking truth] in pairs and individually, and then give thought." There is not in your companion any madness. He is only a warner to you before a severe punishment.

﴿ قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَعِظُكُم بِوَاحِدَةٍ أَن تَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ مَتَىٰ وَفُرَدَىٰ ثُمَّ تَتَفَكَّرُوا ۚ مَا بِصَاحِبِكُم مِّن جِنَّةٍ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ لَّكُم بَيْنَ يَدَيْ عَذَابٍ شَدِيدٍ ﴾ ﴿٤٦﴾

47. Say, "Whatever payment I might have asked of you – it is yours. My payment is only from Allāh, and He is, over all things, Witness."

قُلْ مَا سَأَلْتُكُم مِّنْ أَجْرٍ فَهُوَ لَكُمْ إِنْ أَجْرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ﴿٤٧﴾

48. Say, "Indeed, my Lord projects the truth, Knower of the unseen."

قُلْ إِنْ رَبِّي يَقْذِفُ بِالْحَقِّ عَلَٰمُ الْغُيُوبِ ﴿٤٨﴾

49. Say, "The truth has come, and falsehood can neither begin [anything] nor repeat [it]."<sup>1237</sup>

قُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَمَا يُبْدِئُ الْبَاطِلُ وَمَا يُعِيدُ ﴿٤٩﴾

50. Say, "If I should err, I would only err against myself. But if I am guided, it is by what my Lord

قُلْ إِنْ صَلَّيْتُ فَلِنَمَّا أَضِلُّ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِي وَإِنْ أَهْتَدَيْتُ فِيمَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ رَبِّ إِنَّهُ

<sup>1237</sup>This expression alludes to complete inability, meaning that falsehood was abolished.

reveals to me. Indeed, He is Hearing and near."

سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ ﴿٥١﴾

51. And if you could see<sup>1238</sup> when they are terrified but there is no escape, and they will be seized from a place nearby.

وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذْ فِرْعَوْنُ فَلَا قُوَّةَ وَأَخِذُوا مِنْ

مَكَانٍ قَرِيبٍ ﴿٥٢﴾

52. And they will [then] say, "We believe in it!" But how for them will be the taking<sup>1239</sup> [of faith] from a place far away?<sup>1240</sup>

وَقَالُوا ءَامَنَّا بِهِمْ وَأَنَّى لَهُمُ التَّنَاقُشُ مِنْ

مَكَانٍ بَعِيدٍ ﴿٥٣﴾

53. And they had already disbelieved in it before and would assault<sup>1241</sup> the unseen from a place far away.<sup>1242</sup>

وَقَدْ كَفَرُوا بِهِمْ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَيَقْذِفُونَ

بِالْغَيْبِ مِنْ مَّكَانٍ بَعِيدٍ ﴿٥٤﴾

54. And prevention will be placed between them and what they desire,<sup>1243</sup> as was done with their kind before. Indeed, they were in disquieting doubt [i.e., denial].

وَحِيلَ بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ مَا يَشْتَهُونَ كَمَا فُعِلَ  
بِأَشْيَاعِهِمْ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۚ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا فِي شَكٍّ

مُرِيبٍ ﴿٥٥﴾

<sup>1238</sup>i.e., have a glimpse of the Hereafter.

<sup>1239</sup>Literally, "taking of something within easy reach," in other words, "How can they expect to obtain faith at this point?"

<sup>1240</sup>i.e., their former life on earth, wherein they had every opportunity but which is now gone, never to return.

<sup>1241</sup>Verbally, by conjecture and denial.

<sup>1242</sup>i.e., a position far from truth.

<sup>1243</sup>Meaning the attainment of faith and its benefits or entrance into Paradise.

Sūrah Fāṭir<sup>1244</sup>

Bismillāh-Raḥmān-Raḥeem

## سُورَةُ فَاطِرٍ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

- [All] praise is [due] to Allāh, Creator of the heavens and the earth, [who] made the angels messengers having wings, two or three or four. He increases in creation what He wills. Indeed, Allāh is over all things competent.
- Whatever Allāh grants to people of mercy – none can withhold it; and whatever He withholds – none can release it thereafter. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.
- O mankind, remember the favor of Allāh upon you. Is there any creator other than Allāh who provides for you from the heaven and earth? There is no deity except Him, so how are you deluded?
- And if they deny you, [O Muḥammad] – already were messengers denied before you. And to Allāh are returned [all] matters.
- O mankind, indeed the promise of Allāh is truth, so let not the worldly life delude you and be not deceived about Allāh by the Deceiver [i.e., Satan].
- Indeed, Satan is an enemy to you; so take him as an enemy. He only invites his party to be among the companions of the Blaze.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ فَاطِرِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
جَاعِلِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ رُسُلًا أُولَى أَجْنَحَةٍ مَّتَنَّى  
وَتَلَتْ وَرُسَعَ بَرِيدٌ فِي الْخَلْقِ مَا يَشَاءُ إِنَّ  
اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١﴾

مَا يَفْتَحُ اللَّهُ لِلنَّاسِ مِنْ رَحْمَةٍ فَلَا مُمْسِكَ  
لَهَا وَمَا يُمْسِكُ فَلَا مُرْسِلَ لَهُ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ  
وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٢﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ هَلْ  
مِنْ خَلْقٍ غَيْرِ اللَّهِ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ  
وَالْأَرْضِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَاتَى تَوْفُكُورٌ ﴿٣﴾

وَإِنْ يُكَذِّبُوكَ فَقَدْ كُذِّبَتْ رُسُلٌ مِنْ  
قَبْلِكَ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ ﴿٤﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ فَلَا تَغُرَّنَّكُمْ  
الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا وَلَا يَغُرَّنَّكُمْ بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ ﴿٥﴾

إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ فَاتَّخِذُوهُ عَدُوًّا إِنَّمَا  
يَدْعُو حِزْبَهُ لِيَكُونُوا مِنْ أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ ﴿٦﴾

<sup>1244</sup>Fāṭir: The Creator, Originator (of creation), or He who brings (it) into existence from nothing. Also called *al-Malā'ikah* (The Angels).

7. Those who disbelieve will have a severe punishment, and those who believe and do righteous deeds will have forgiveness and great reward.
8. Then is one to whom the evil of his deed has been made attractive so he considers it good [like one rightly guided]? For indeed, Allāh sends astray whom He wills and guides whom He wills. So do not let yourself perish over them in regret. Indeed, Allāh is Knowing of what they do.
9. And it is Allāh who sends the winds, and they stir the clouds, and We drive them to a dead land and give life thereby to the earth after its lifelessness. Thus is the resurrection.
10. Whoever desires honor [through power] – then to Allāh belongs all honor.<sup>1245</sup> To Him ascends good speech, and righteous work raises it.<sup>1246</sup> But they who plot evil deeds will have a severe punishment, and the plotting of those – it will perish.
11. And Allāh created you from dust, then from a sperm-drop; then He made you mates. And no female conceives nor does she give birth except with His knowledge. And no aged person is granted [additional] life nor is his lifespan

الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ وَالَّذِينَ  
ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ  
وَأَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ ﴿٧﴾

أَفَمَنْ زُيِّنَ لَهُ سُوءُ عَمَلِهِ فَرَآهُ حَسَنًا  
فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَضِلُّ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ  
فَلَا تَذْهَبْ نَفْسُكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَسْرَةً إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
عَلِيمٌ بِمَا يَصْنَعُونَ ﴿٨﴾

وَاللَّهُ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ الرِّيحَ فَتُثِيرُ سَحَابًا  
فَسَقَنَهُ إِلَىٰ بَلَدٍ مَّيِّتٍ فَأَحْيَيْنَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ  
بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا كَذَٰلِكَ النُّشُورُ ﴿٩﴾

مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ الْعِزَّةَ فَلِلَّهِ الْعِزَّةُ جَمِيعًا إِلَيْهِ  
يَصْعَدُ الْكَلِمُ الطَّيِّبُ وَالْعَمَلُ الصَّالِحُ  
يَرْفَعُهُ وَالَّذِينَ يَمْكُرُونَ السَّيِّئَاتِ لَهُمْ  
عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَكْرُ أُولَٰئِكَ هُوَ يُبْورُ ﴿١٠﴾

وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ  
جَعَلَكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَمَا تَحْمِلُ مِنْ أُنْثَىٰ وَلَا  
تَضَعُ إِلَّا بِعِلْمِهِ وَمَا يُعَمَّرُ مِنْ مُعَمَّرٍ وَلَا  
يُنْقَصُ مِنْ عُمُرِهِ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ إِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ

<sup>1245</sup>See footnote to 4:139.

<sup>1246</sup>For acceptance by Allāh, meaning that righteous deeds are confirmation and proof of what is uttered by the tongue.

lessened but that it is in a register. Indeed, that for Allāh is easy.

عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ﴿١٠﴾

12. And not alike are the two seas [i.e., bodies of water]. One is fresh and sweet, palatable for drinking, and one is salty and bitter. And from each you eat tender meat and extract ornaments which you wear, and you see the ships plowing through [them] that you might seek of His bounty; and perhaps you will be grateful.

وَمَا يَسْتَوِي الْبَحْرَانِ هَذَا عَذْبٌ فُرَاتٌ سَائِغٌ شَرَابُهُ وَهَذَا مِلْحٌ أُجَاجٌ وَمِنْ كُلٍّ تَأْكُلُونَ لَحْمًا طَرِيًّا وَتَسْتَخْرِجُونَ حِلْيَةً تَلْبَسُونَهَا وَتَرَى الْفُلْكَ فِيهِ مَوَاحِرَ لَتَبْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِهِ وَلِعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿١١﴾

13. He causes the night to enter the day, and He causes the day to enter the night and has subjected the sun and the moon – each running [its course] for a specified term. That is Allāh, your Lord; to Him belongs sovereignty. And those whom you invoke other than Him do not possess [as much as] the membrane of a date seed.

يُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُؤَلِّجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ كُلٌّ لِمَجْرَى لِأَجَلٍ مُسَمًّى ذَلِكَمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَالَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ مَا يَمْلِكُونَ مِنْ قِطْمِيرٍ ﴿١٢﴾

14. If you invoke them, they do not hear your supplication; and if they heard, they would not respond to you. And on the Day of Resurrection they will deny your association.<sup>1247</sup> And none can inform you like [one] Aware [of all matters].

إِنْ تَدْعُوهُمْ لَا يَسْمَعُوا دُعَاءَكُمْ وَلَوْ سَمِعُوا مَا اسْتَجَابُوا لَكُمْ وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَكْفُرُونَ بِدْعِكُمْ وَلَا يُنْفَعُكَ مِثْلُ خَبِيرٍ ﴿١٣﴾

15. O mankind, you are those in need of Allāh, while Allāh is the Free of need, the Praiseworthy.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ﴿١٤﴾

16. If He wills, He can do away with you and bring forth a new creation.

إِنْ يَشَأْ يُذْهِبْكُمْ وَيَأْتِ بِخَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ ﴿١٥﴾

<sup>1247</sup>Of them with Allāh or your worship of them.

17. And that is for Allāh not difficult.

وَمَا ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ بِعَزِيزٍ ﴿١٧﴾

18. And no bearer of burdens will bear the burden of another. And if a heavily laden soul calls [another] to [carry some of] its load, nothing of it will be carried, even if he should be a close relative. You can only warn those who fear their Lord unseen and have established prayer. And whoever purifies himself only purifies himself for [the benefit of] his soul. And to Allāh is the [final] destination.

وَلَا تَزِرُ وَازِرَةٌ وِزْرَ أُخْرَىٰ ۚ وَإِن تَدْعُ مُثْقَلَةٌ إِلَىٰ جُهْلَةٍ لَا تُحْمَلُ مِنْهُ شَيْءٌ وَلَوْ كَانَ ذَا قُرْبَىٰ ۖ إِنَّمَا تُنذِرُ الَّذِينَ يُخْشَوْنَ رِبَّهم بِالْغَيْبِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ ۚ وَمَن تَزَكَّىٰ فَإِنَّمَا يَتَزَكَّىٰ لِنَفْسِهِ ۚ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿١٨﴾

19. Not equal are the blind and the seeing,

وَمَا يَسْتَوِي الْأَعْمَىٰ وَالْبَصِيرُ ﴿١٩﴾

20. Nor are the darknesses and the light,

وَلَا الظُّلُمَتُ وَلَا النُّورُ ﴿٢٠﴾

21. Nor are the shade and the heat,<sup>1248</sup>

وَلَا الظِّلُّ وَلَا الْحَرُورُ ﴿٢١﴾

22. And not equal are the living and the dead. Indeed, Allāh causes to hear whom He wills, but you cannot make hear those in the graves.<sup>1249</sup>

وَمَا يَسْتَوِي الْأَحْيَاءُ وَلَا الْأَمْوَاتُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُسْمِعُ مَن يَشَاءُ ۚ وَمَا أَنتَ بِمُسْمِعٍ مَّن فِي الْقُبُورِ ﴿٢٢﴾

23. You, [O Muḥammad], are not but a warner.

إِن أَنتَ إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ ﴿٢٣﴾

24. Indeed, We have sent you with the truth as a bringer of good tidings and a warner. And there was no nation but that there had passed within it a warner.

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا ۚ وَإِن مِّن أُمَّةٍ إِلَّا خَلَا فِيهَا نَذِيرٌ ﴿٢٤﴾

<sup>1248</sup>Of the sun or of a scorching wind.

<sup>1249</sup>The four comparisons given by Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*) in verses 19-22 are those of the believer and unbeliever, various kinds of misbelief and (true) belief, Paradise and Hellfire, and those receptive to guidance and those unreceptive.



25. And if they deny you – then already have those before them denied. Their messengers came to them with clear proofs and written ordinances and with the enlightening Scripture.

وَإِنْ يُكَذِّبُوكَ فَقَدْ كَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ جَاءَهُمْ رَسُولُهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالزُّبُرِ  
وَبِالْكِتَابِ الْمُنِيرِ ﴿٢٥﴾

26. Then I seized the ones who disbelieved, and how [terrible] was My reproach.

ثُمَّ أَخَذْتُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ ﴿٢٦﴾

27. Do you not see that Allāh sends down rain from the sky, and We produce thereby fruits of varying colors? And in the mountains are tracts, white and red of varying shades and [some] extremely black.

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَخْرَجْنَا بِهِ ثَمَرَاتٍ مُخْتَلِفًا أَلْوَانُهَا وَمِنَ الْجِبَالِ جُدَدٌ بَيْضٌ وَحُمْرٌ مُخْتَلِفٌ أَلْوَانُهَا وَغَرَابِيبُ سُودٌ ﴿٢٧﴾

28. And among people and moving creatures and grazing livestock are various colors similarly. Only those fear Allāh, from among His servants, who have knowledge. Indeed, Allāh is Exalted in Might and Forgiving.

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ وَالْدَّوَابِّ وَالْأَنْعَامِ مُخْتَلِفٌ أَلْوَانُهُ كَذَلِكَ إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ غَفُورٌ ﴿٢٨﴾

29. Indeed, those who recite the Book of Allāh and establish prayer and spend [in His cause] out of what We have provided them, secretly and publicly, [can] expect a transaction [i.e., profit] that will never perish –

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَتْلُونَ كِتَابَ اللَّهِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً يَرْجُونَ تِجَارَةً لَّنْ تَبُورَ ﴿٢٩﴾

30. That He may give them in full their rewards and increase for them of His bounty. Indeed, He is Forgiving and Appreciative.<sup>1250</sup>

لِيُؤْفِقَهُمْ أَجُورَهُمْ وَيَزِيدَهُمْ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ إِنَّهُ غَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ ﴿٣٠﴾

31. And that which We have revealed to you, [O Muḥammad], of the

وَالَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ هُوَ

<sup>1250</sup> i.e., He gives much in return for little and multiplies rewards.

Book is the truth, confirming what was before it. Indeed Allāh, of His servants, is Aware and Seeing.

32. Then We caused to inherit the Book those We have chosen of Our servants;<sup>1251</sup> and among them is he who wrongs himself [i.e., sins], and among them is he who is moderate, and among them is he who is foremost in good deeds by permission of Allāh. That [inheritance] is what is the great bounty.

33. [For them are] gardens of perpetual residence which they will enter. They will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold and pearls, and their garments therein will be silk.

34. And they will say, "Praise to Allāh, who has removed from us [all] sorrow. Indeed, our Lord is Forgiving and Appreciative –

35. He who has settled us in the home of duration [i.e., Paradise] out of His bounty. There touches us not in it any fatigue, and there touches us not in it weariness [of mind]."

36. And for those who disbelieve will be the fire of Hell. [Death] is not decreed for them<sup>1252</sup> so they may die, nor will its torment be lightened for them. Thus do We recompense every ungrateful one.

الْحَقُّ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ  
بِعِبَادِهِ لَخَبِيرٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٣٢﴾

ثُمَّ أَوْرَثْنَا الْكِتَابَ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَيْنَا  
مِنْ عِبَادِنَا ۖ فَمِنْهُمْ ظَالِمٌ لِّنَفْسِهِ وَمِنْهُمْ  
مُقْتَصِدٌ وَمِنْهُمْ سَابِقٌ بِالْخَيْرَاتِ ۚ يُذِنُ اللَّهُ  
ذَٰلِكَ ۖ هُوَ الْفَضْلُ الْكَبِيرُ ﴿٣٣﴾

جَنَّاتٌ عَدْنٌ يَدْخُلُونَهَا يُنحَلُونَ فِيهَا مِنْ  
أَسَاوِرَ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ وَلُؤْلُؤًا ۖ وَلِبَاسُهُمْ فِيهَا  
حَرِيرٌ ﴿٣٤﴾

وَقَالُوا الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَذْهَبَ عَنَّا الْحَزْنَ  
ۖ إِنَّ رَبَّنَا لَغَفُورٌ شَكُورٌ ﴿٣٥﴾

الَّذِي أَحَلَّنَا دَارَ الْمُقَامَةِ مِن فَضْلِهِ ۚ لَا  
يَمَسُّنَا فِيهَا نَصَبٌ وَلَا يَمَسُّنَا فِيهَا لُغُوبٌ  
﴿٣٦﴾

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَهُمْ نَارُ جَهَنَّمَ لَا يُقْضَىٰ  
عَلَيْهِمْ فِيمَوْتُوتُهُمْ وَلَا تُخَفَّفُ عَنْهُمْ مَنَ  
عَذَابِهَا ۚ كَذَٰلِكَ نَجْزِي كُلَّ كَافٍ ﴿٣٧﴾

<sup>1251</sup>The followers of Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ).

<sup>1252</sup>Or "They are not killed."

37. And they will cry out therein, "Our Lord, remove us;<sup>1253</sup> we will do righteousness – other than what we were doing!" But did We not grant you life enough for whoever would remember therein to remember, and the warner had come to you? So taste [the punishment], for there is not for the wrongdoers any helper.

وَهُمْ يَصْطَرِحُونَ فِيهَا رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا نَعْمَلْ  
صَالِحًا غَيْرَ الَّذِي كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ ۖ أَوَلَمْ  
نُعْمِرْكُمْ مَا يَتَذَكَّرُ فِيهِ مَنْ تَذَكَّرَ  
وَجَاءَكُمْ النَّذِيرُ فَذُوقُوا فَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ  
نَصِيرٌ ﴿٣٧﴾

38. Indeed, Allāh is Knower of the unseen [aspects] of the heavens and earth. Indeed, He is Knowing of that within the breasts.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمُ غَيْبِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
إِنَّهُ عَلِيمُ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿٣٨﴾

39. It is He who has made you successors upon the earth. And whoever disbelieves – upon him will be [the consequence of] his disbelief. And the disbelief of the disbelievers does not increase them in the sight of their Lord except in hatred; and the disbelief of the disbelievers does not increase them except in loss.

هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَكُمْ خَلَائِفَ فِي الْأَرْضِ  
فَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَعَلَيْهِ كُفْرُهُ ۖ وَلَا يَزِيدُ الْكَافِرِينَ  
كُفْرَهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ إِلَّا مَقْتًا ۖ وَلَا يَزِيدُ  
الْكَافِرِينَ كُفْرَهُمْ إِلَّا خَسَارًا ﴿٣٩﴾

40. Say, "Have you considered<sup>1254</sup> your 'partners' whom you invoke besides Allāh? Show me what they have created from the earth, or have they partnership [with Him] in the heavens? Or have We given them a book so they are [standing] on evidence therefrom? [No], rather, the wrongdoers do not promise each other except delusion."<sup>1255</sup>

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ شُرَكَاءَكُمُ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ  
دُونِ اللَّهِ أَزُونِي مَاذَا خَلَقُوا مِنَ الْأَرْضِ أَمْ  
لَهُمْ شِرْكٌ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ أَمْ آتَيْنَهُمْ كِتَابًا  
فَهُمْ عَلَىٰ بَيِّنَةٍ مِنْهُ ۚ بَلْ إِنْ يَعِدُ  
الظَّالِمُونَ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا إِلَّا غُرُورًا ﴿٤٠﴾

<sup>1253</sup>The implication is "Return us to the previous world."

<sup>1254</sup>Understood to mean "Tell me about..."

<sup>1255</sup>By telling their followers that the so-called deities will intercede for them with Allāh.

41. Indeed, Allāh holds the heavens and the earth, lest they cease. And if they should cease, no one could hold them [in place] after Him. Indeed, He is Forbearing<sup>1256</sup> and Forgiving.

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِيطُ بِالسَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَنْ تَزُولَا وَلَئِنْ زَالَتَا إِنْ أَمْسَكَهُمَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ إِنَّهُ كَانَ حَلِيمًا غَفُورًا﴾

42. And they swore by Allāh their strongest oaths that if a warner came to them, they would be more guided than [any] one of the [previous] nations. But when a warner came to them, it did not increase them except in aversion

﴿وَأَقْسَمُوا بِاللَّهِ جَهْدَ أَيْمَنِهِمْ لَئِنْ جَاءَهُمْ نَذِيرٌ لَيَكُونُنَّ أَهْدَىٰ مِنْ إِحْدَى الْأُمَمِ فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ نَذِيرٌ مَّا زَادَهُمْ إِلَّا نُفُورًا﴾

43. [Due to] arrogance in the land and plotting of evil; but the evil plot does not encompass except its own people. Then do they await except the way [i.e., fate] of the former peoples? But you will never find in the way [i.e., established method] of Allāh any change, and you will never find in the way of Allāh<sup>1257</sup> any alteration.<sup>1258</sup>

﴿اسْتَكْبَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَكْرَ السَّيِّئِ وَلَا تَحِيقُ الْمَكْرَ السَّيِّئُ إِلَّا بِأَهْلِهِ فَهَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا سُنَّتَ الْأَوَّلِينَ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِسُنَّتِ اللَّهِ تَبْدِيلًا وَلَنْ تَجِدَ لِسُنَّتِ اللَّهِ تَحْوِيلًا﴾

44. Have they not traveled through the land and observed how was the end of those before them? And they were greater than them in power. But Allāh is not to be caused failure [i.e., prevented] by anything in the heavens or on the earth. Indeed, He is ever Knowing and Competent.

﴿أَوَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَكَانُوا أَشَدَّ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةً وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُعْجِزَهُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ إِنَّهُ كَانَ عَلِيمًا قَدِيرًا﴾

45. And if Allāh were to impose blame on the people for what

﴿وَلَوْ يُؤَاخِذُ اللَّهُ النَّاسَ بِمَا كَسَبُوا مَا

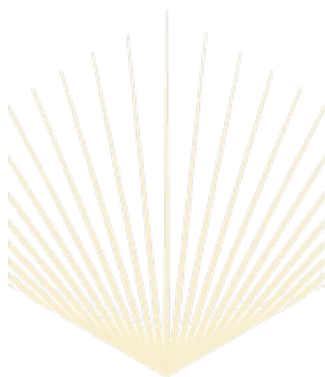
<sup>1256</sup>Refer to footnote in 2:225.

<sup>1257</sup>i.e., in His punishment of those who deny the prophets.

<sup>1258</sup>Or "transfer" of punishment to others in place of them.

they have earned, He would not leave upon it [i.e., the earth] any creature. But He defers them for a specified term. And when their time comes, then indeed Allāh has ever been, of His servants, Seeing.

تَرَكَ عَلَى ظَهَرِهَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ وَلَكِنْ  
يُؤَخِّرُهُمْ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ۖ فَإِذَا جَاءَ  
أَجَلُهُمْ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِعِبَادِهِ بَصِيرًا



# Sūrah Yā Seen<sup>1259</sup>

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## سُورَةُ يَس

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. Yā, Seen.<sup>1260</sup> يَس ۝١
2. By the wise<sup>1261</sup> Qur'ān, وَالْقُرْآنِ الْحَكِيمِ ۝٢
3. Indeed you, [O Muḥammad], are from among the messengers, إِنَّكَ لَمِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ۝٣
4. On a straight path. عَلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ۝٤
5. [This is] a revelation of the Exalted in Might, the Merciful, تَنْزِيلَ الْعَزِيزِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝٥
6. That you may warn a people whose forefathers were not warned, so they are unaware. لِتُنذِرَ قَوْمًا مَّا أُنذِرَ آبَاؤُهُمْ فَهُمْ غَافِلُونَ ۝٦
7. Already the word [i.e., decree] has come into effect upon most of them, so they do not believe. لَقَدْ حَقَّ الْقَوْلُ عَلَى أَكْثَرِهِمْ فَهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۝٧
8. Indeed, We have put shackles on their necks, and they are to their chins, so they are with heads [kept] aloft. إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا فِي أَعْنَاقِهِمْ أَغْلَالًا فَهِيَ إِلَى الْأَذْقَانِ فَهُمْ مُقْمَحُونَ ۝٨
9. And We have put before them a barrier and behind them a barrier and covered them, so they do not see. وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ سَدًّا وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ سَدًّا فَأَغْشَيْنَاهُمْ فَهُمْ لَا يُبْصِرُونَ ۝٩
10. And it is all the same for them whether you warn them or do not warn them – they will not believe. وَسَوَاءٌ عَلَيْهِمْ ءَأَنْذَرْتَهُمْ أَمْ لَمْ تُنذِرْهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۝١٠
11. You can only warn one who follows the message and fears the إِنَّمَا تُنذِرُ مَنِ اتَّبَعَ الذِّكْرَ وَخَشِيَ

<sup>1259</sup>Yā Seen: (the letters) yā and seen.

<sup>1260</sup>See footnote to 2:1.

<sup>1261</sup>See footnote to 10:1.

Most Merciful unseen. So give him good tidings of forgiveness and noble reward.

الرَّحْمَنَ بِالْغَيْبِ ۖ فَبَشِّرْهُ بِمَغْفِرَةٍ وَأَجْرٍ كَرِيمٍ ﴿١٠﴾

12. Indeed, it is We who bring the dead to life and record what they have put forth and what they left behind, and all things We have enumerated in a clear register.

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نُحْيِي الْمَوْتَىٰ وَنَكْتُبُ مَا قَدَّمُوا وَآثَرَهُمْ ۚ وَكُلَّ شَيْءٍ أَحْصَيْنَاهُ فِي إِمَامٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿١١﴾

13. And present to them an example: the people of the city, when the messengers came to it –

وَأَضْرَبَ لَهُمْ مَثَلًا أَصْحَابَ الْقَرْيَةِ إِذْ جَاءَهَا الْمُرْسَلُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

14. When We sent to them two but they denied them, so We strengthened [them] with a third, and they said, "Indeed, we are messengers to you."

إِذْ أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْهِمُ اثْنَيْنِ فَكَذَّبُوهُمَا ۖ فَعَزَّزْنَا بِثَالِثٍ فَقَالُوا إِنَّا إِلَيْكُم مُّرْسَلُونَ ﴿١٣﴾

15. They said, "You are not but human beings like us, and the Most Merciful has not revealed a thing. You are only telling lies."

قَالُوا مَا أَنتُمْ إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُنَا وَمَا أَنزَلَ الرَّحْمَنُ مِن شَيْءٍ إِن أَنتُمْ إِلَّا تَكْذِبُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

16. They said, "Our Lord knows that we are messengers to you,

قَالُوا رَبُّنَا يَعْلَمُ إِنَّا إِلَيْكُم لَمُرْسَلُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

17. And we are not responsible except for clear notification."

وَمَا عَلَيْنَا إِلَّا الْبَلْغُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿١٦﴾

18. They said, "Indeed, we consider you a bad omen. If you do not desist, we will surely stone you, and there will surely touch you, from us, a painful punishment."

قَالُوا إِنَّا تَطَيَّرْنَا بِكُمْ ۖ لَئِن لَّمْ تَنْتَهُوا لَنَرْجُمَنَّكُمْ وَلَيَمَسَّنَّكُم مِّنَّا عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿١٧﴾

19. They said, "Your omen [i.e., fate] is with yourselves. Is it<sup>1262</sup> because you were reminded? Rather, you are a transgressing people."

قَالُوا طَائِفُكُمْ مَعَكُمْ ۚ أَيْنَ ذُكِّرْتُمْ ۚ بَلْ أَنتُمْ قَوْمٌ مُّسْرِفُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

<sup>1262</sup>Your threat against us.

20. And there came from the farthest end of the city a man, running. He said, "O my people, follow the messengers.

وَجَاءَ مِنْ أَقْصَا الْمَدِينَةِ رَجُلٌ يَسْعَى قَالَ  
يَنْقُمُوا أَتَّبِعُوا الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿٢٠﴾

21. Follow those who do not ask of you [any] payment, and they are [rightly] guided.

اتَّبِعُوا مَنْ لَا يَسْأَلُكُمْ أَجْرًا وَهُمْ مُهْتَدُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

22. And why should I not worship He who created me and to whom you will be returned?

وَمَا لِي لَا أَعْبُدُ الَّذِي فَطَرَنِي وَإِلَيْهِ  
تَرْجَعُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾

23. Should I take other than Him [false] deities [while], if the Most Merciful intends for me some adversity, their intercession will not avail me at all, nor can they save me?

أَتَأْتِذُّ مِنْ دُونِهِ ءَالِهَةً إِنْ يُرِدْنِ الرَّحْمَنُ  
بِضُرٍّ لَا تُغْنِ عَنِّي شَفَعَتُهُمْ شَيْئًا وَلَا  
يُنْقِذُونِ ﴿٢٣﴾

24. Indeed, I would then be in manifest error.

إِنِّي إِذَا لَفِيَ ضَلَلٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٢٤﴾

25. Indeed, I have believed in your Lord, so listen to me."

إِنِّي ءَامَنْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ فَاسْمَعُونِ ﴿٢٥﴾

26. It was said, "Enter Paradise."<sup>1263</sup> He said, "I wish my people could know

قِيلَ ادْخُلِ الْجَنَّةَ قَالَ يَلَيْتَ قَوْمِي يَعْلَمُونَ  
﴿٢٦﴾

27. Of how my Lord has forgiven me and placed me among the honored."

بِمَا غَفَرَ لِي رَبِّي وَجَعَلَنِي مِنَ الْمُكْرَمِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾

28. And We did not send down upon his people after him any soldiers from the heaven, nor would We have done so.

﴿٢٨﴾ وَمَا أُنْزِلْنَا عَلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ مِنْ  
جُنْدٍ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا كُنَّا مُنْزِلِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

29. It was not but one shout,<sup>1264</sup> and immediately they were extinguished.

إِنْ كَانَتْ إِلَّا صَيْحَةً وَاحِدَةً فَإِذَا هُمْ  
خَامِدُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

<sup>1263</sup> An abrupt transfer to the Hereafter conveys the meaning that the man met a violent death at the hands of the disbelievers and so was martyred for the cause of Allāh.

<sup>1264</sup> From Gabriel or a blast from the sky.