

"And in anything over which you disagree - its ruling is [to be referred] to Allah. [Say], 'That is Allah , my Lord; upon Him I have relied, and to Him I turn back.'"

**42:11** "There is nothing like Him"

﴿فَاطِرُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَمِنَ الْأَنْعَامِ أَزْوَاجًا يَذُرُّكُمْ فِيهِ لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ﴾

"[He is] Creator of the heavens and the earth. He has made for you from yourselves, mates, and among the cattle, mates; He multiplies you thereby. There is nothing like unto Him, and He is the Hearing, the Seeing."

**42:14** The pitfall of knowledge

﴿وَمَا تَفَرَّقُوا إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَعْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ...﴾

"And they did not become divided until after knowledge had come to them - out of jealous animosity between themselves..."

**42:17** Truth and balance

﴿اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ وَالْمِيزَانَ ۗ وَمَا يُدْرِيكَ لَعَلَّ السَّاعَةَ قَرِيبٌ﴾

"It is Allah who has sent down the Book in truth and [also] the balance. And what will make you perceive? Perhaps the Hour is near."

**42:19** Allah is Kind

﴿اللَّهُ لَطِيفٌ بِعِبَادِهِ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ وَهُوَ الْقَوِيُّ الْعَزِيزُ﴾

"Allah is Subtle with His servants; He gives provisions to whom He wills. And He is the Powerful, the Exalted in Might."

**42:20** Investment in the dunya or in the akhirah

﴿مَنْ كَانَتْ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الْآخِرَةِ نَزِدْ لَهُ فِي حَرْثِهِ ۗ وَمَنْ كَانَتْ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الدُّنْيَا نُؤْتِهِ مِنْهَا وَمَا لَهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنْ نَصِيبٍ﴾

"Whoever desires the harvest of the Hereafter - We increase for him in his harvest. And whoever desires the harvest of this world - We give him thereof, but there is not for him in the Hereafter any share."

**42:25** Repentance and forgiveness

﴿وَهُوَ الَّذِي يَقْبَلُ التَّوْبَةَ عَنْ عِبَادِهِ ۗ وَيَعْفُو عَنِ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا تَفْعَلُونَ﴾

"And it is He who accepts repentance from his servants and pardons misdeeds, and He knows what you do."

**42:30** Misfortune is a result of our actions

﴿وَمَا أَصَابَكُمْ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فِيمَا كَسَبْتُمْ أَيْدِيكُمْ وَيَعْفُوا عَنْ كَثِيرٍ﴾

"And whatever strikes you of disaster - it is for what your hands have earned; but He pardons much."

**42:36** Transitory nature of this worldly life

﴿فَمَا أُوتِيتُمْ مِّنْ شَيْءٍ فَمَتَّعُ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا ۗ وَمَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ وَأَبْقَىٰ لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾﴾

"So whatever thing you have been given - it is but [for] enjoyment of the worldly life. But what is with Allah is better and more lasting for those who have believed and upon their Lord rely."

**42:38** The principle of shura

﴿وَالَّذِينَ اسْتَجَابُوا لِرَبِّهِمْ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَمْرُهُمْ شُورَىٰ بَيْنَهُمْ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنفِقُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾﴾

"And those who have responded to their lord and established prayer and whose affair is [determined by] consultation among themselves, and from what We have provided them, they spend."

**42:40** Reconciliation

﴿وَجَزَاءُ سَيِّئَةٍ سَيِّئَةٌ مِّثْلُهَا ۗ فَمَنْ عَفَا وَأَصْلَحَ فَأَجْرُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ ۗ إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾﴾

"And the retribution for an evil act is an evil one like it, but whoever pardons and makes reconciliation - his reward is [due] from Allah . Indeed, He does not like wrongdoers."

**42:49-50** Birth is in Allah's Hand

﴿لِلَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۗ تَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ ۗ يَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ إِنثًا وَيَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ الذُّكُورَ ﴿٤٩﴾ أَوْ يُزَوِّجُهُمْ ذُكْرَانًا وَإِنثًا ۗ وَيَجْعَلُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ عَقِيمًا ۗ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٥٠﴾﴾

"To Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth; He creates what he wills. He gives to whom He wills female [children], and He gives to whom He wills males. Or He makes them [both] males and females, and He renders whom He wills barren. Indeed, He is Knowing and Competent."

**42:51** Three ways that Allah communicates to human beings

﴿وَمَا كَانَ لِنَبِيٍّ أَنْ يَكَلِمَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَّا وَحْيًا أَوْ مِنْ وَرَائِ حِجَابٍ أَوْ يُرْسِلَ رَسُولًا فَيُوحِيَ بآيَاتِهِ ۗ مَا يَشَاءُ ۗ إِنَّهُ عَلَىٰ حَكِيمٍ ﴿٥١﴾﴾

"And it is not for any human being that Allah should speak to him except by revelation or from behind a partition or that He sends a messenger to reveal, by His permission, what He wills. Indeed, He is Most High and Wise."

**SELECTED VOCABULARY**

Do not be divided [v.14] لَا تَتَفَرَّقُوا	Portion [v.20] نَصِيبٌ	Place of refuge [v.35] مَحِيصٌ
Evidence [v.15] حُجَّةٌ	The rain [v.28] الْغَيْثُ	Consultation [v.38] شُورَى



# الزُّكْرَفُ

## 43. Az-Zukhruf: Ornaments of Gold

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This is a Makki surah and contains 89 verses. Its title is taken from verse 35 which states that worldly possessions such as gold and silver distract people from the Truth. It appears that this surah was revealed in the same period in which the surahs Al-Ghafir, As-Sajdah and As-Shura were sent down. The revelation of this series of the surahs began when the disbelievers of Makkah were planning to assassinate the Prophet. They were holding consultations day and night in their assemblies relating to this issue. An attempt of assassination had also been made as is clearly referred in v. 79–80.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ مِسْعَرٍ، عَنْ سَعْدِ بْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، قَالَ: " كُنَّ الْحَوَامِيمُ يُسَمِّنَ الْعَرَائِسَ " (شعب الإيمان للبيهقي 2253)

Mis`ar reported from Sa`d Ibn Ibrahim that he said, "The Hawameem (surahs that start with the letters Ha Meem) were called the brides [of the Quran]." [Shu`ab Al-Iman of Bayhaqi, 2253]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- The Quran is a transcript from the Mother-Book which is in Allah's keeping
- Supplication before riding a conveyance.
- Creed of the polytheists that angels are female divinities is false.
- An example of Prophet Ibrahim who recognised the Oneness of Allah and rejected shirk using merely his common sense and observing His signs from nature.
- If it were not that all mankind will become one race of unbelievers, Allah would have given the unbelievers houses which were made with sterling silver.
- He who turns away from the remembrance of Allah, Allah appoints a satan to be his intimate friend.
- Hold fast to the Quran if you want to be rightly guided.
- The Prophet Isa was no more than a mortal whom Allah favoured and made an example for the children of Israel.
- O Prophet tell the Christians: "If Allah had a son, I would have been the first one to worship him."

### SELECTED VERSES

**43:3** The Arabic Quran

﴿إِنَّا جَعَلْنَاهُ قُرْءَانًا عَرَبِيًّا لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ﴾

"Indeed, We have made it an Arabic Quran that you might understand."

**43:13-14** Dua for travelling



﴿لَتَسْتَوُوا عَلَى ظُهُورِهِ ثُمَّ تَذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ رَبِّكُمْ إِذَا اسْتَوَيْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ وَتَقُولُوا سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرْنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ ﴿٤٣﴾ وَإِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾﴾

"That you may settle yourselves upon their backs and then remember the favor of your Lord when you have settled upon them and say. 'Exalted is He who has subjected this to us, and we could not have [otherwise] subdued it. And indeed we, to our Lord, will [surely] return.'"

#### 43:22 Negative engagement with tradition

﴿بَلْ قَالُوا إِنَّا وَجَدْنَا آبَاءَنَا عَلَىٰ أُمَّةٍ وَإِنَّا عَلَىٰ آثَرِهِمْ مُّهْتَدُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾﴾

"Rather, they say, 'Indeed, we found our fathers upon a religion, and we are in their footsteps [rightly] guided.'"

#### 43:32 Mercy and preference

﴿أَهُمْ يَقْسِمُونَ رَحْمَتَ رَبِّكَ ۗ لَحْنٌ قَسَمْنَا بَيْنَهُمْ مَعِيشَتِهِمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ۗ وَرَفَعْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ فَوْقَ بَعْضٍ دَرَجَاتٍ لِّيَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُهُم بَعْضًا سُخْرِيًّا ۗ وَرَحْمَتُ رَبِّكَ خَيْرٌ مِّمَّا يَجْمَعُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾﴾

"Do they distribute the mercy of your Lord? It is We who have apportioned among them their livelihood in the life of this world and have raised some of them above others in degrees [of rank] that they may make use of one another for service. But the mercy of your Lord is better than whatever they accumulate."

#### 43:36 Satan as an intimate companion

﴿وَمَنْ يَعْشُ عَنْ ذِكْرِ الرَّحْمَنِ نُقَيِّضْ لَهُ شَيْطَانًا فَهُوَ لَهُ قَرِينٌ ﴿٣٦﴾﴾

"And whoever is blinded from remembrance of the Most Merciful - We appoint for him a devil, and he is to him a companion."

#### 43:43 Alignment with straight path

﴿فَاسْتَمْسِكْ بِالَّذِي أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ ۗ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٤٣﴾﴾

"So adhere to that which is revealed to you. Indeed, you are on a straight path."

#### 43:44 Accountability

﴿وَإِنَّهُ لَذِكْرٌ لَّكَ وَلِقَوْمِكَ ۗ وَسَوْفَ تُسْأَلُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾﴾

"And indeed, it is a remembrance for you and your people, and you [all] are going to be questioned."

#### 43:51 Arrogance of Pharaoh

﴿وَنَادَىٰ فِرْعَوْنُ فِي قَوْمِهِ قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ أَلَيْسَ لِي مُلْكُ مِصْرَ وَهَذِهِ الْأَنْهَارُ تَجْرِي مِن تَحْتِي ۗ أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٥١﴾﴾

"And Pharaoh called out among his people; he said, 'O my people, does not the kingdom of Egypt belong to me, and these rivers flowing beneath me; then do you not see?'"

#### 43:56 Historical precedent

﴿فَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ سَلَفًا وَمَثَلًا لِلَّٰخِرِينَ﴾

"And We made them a precedent and an example for the later peoples."

**43:61** Isa (as) is a sign of the coming of the Hour

﴿وَإِنَّهُ لَعَلَّمَ لِّلسَّاعَةِ فَلَا تَمَّرُونَ بِهَا وَاتَّبِعُونِ هَٰذَا صِرَاطٌ مُّسْتَقِيمٌ﴾

"And indeed, Jesus will be [a sign for] knowledge of the Hour, so be not in doubt of it, and follow Me. This is a straight path."

**43:67** Friends shall be enemies

﴿الْأَخِلَّاءُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُم لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ﴾

"Close friends, that Day, will be enemies to each other, except for the righteous."

**43:72** Inheriting Paradise

﴿وَتِلْكَ الْجَنَّةُ الَّتِي أُورِثْتُمُوهَا بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ﴾

"And that is Paradise which you are made to inherit for what you used to do."

**43:76** People wrong themselves

﴿وَمَا ظَلَمْنَاهُمْ وَلٰكِن كَانُوا هُمُ الظَّالِمِينَ﴾

"And We did not wrong them, but it was they who were the wrongdoers."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

Innocent [v.26] بَرَاءَ

And proclaimed [v.51] نَادَى

Suddenly [v.66] بَغْتَةً

And they بَضَحُوا

Enemy [v.62] عَدُوٌّ

Have hatred [v.78] كَرِهُونَ

laughed [v.47]



# الدُّخَانُ

## 44. Ad-Dukhan: The Smoke

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This is a Makki surah composed of 59 verses. Its title is taken from verse 10 which mentions that on the Day of Judgement the sky will pour down visible smoke which will envelop all people. It was revealed when the whole land was overtaken by such a terrible famine that the people were sorely distressed. Some of the Quraysh chiefs, including Abdullah Ibn Masud and Abu Sufyan, came to the Prophet and requested him to pray to Allah to deliver his people from that calamity. This surah was sent down at that occasion.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: "مَنْ قرَأَ حَمَّ الدُّخَانِ فِي لَيْلَةٍ أَصْبَحَ يَسْتَغْفِرُ لَهُ سَبْعُونَ أَلْفَ مَلَكٍ". (الترمذي 2888)

Abu Hurayra is reported to have said that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said, "Seventy thousand angels will keep asking forgiveness until the morning for whoever reads the surah that starts with Ha Meem of Ad-Dukhan." [Tirmidhi 2888]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Allah has revealed this Quran in the blessed night (Laylat-ul-Qadr).
- The Quran itself bears testimony that it is from Allah.
- Lessons to be learned from the story of Prophet Musa and the people of Pharaoh.
- Allah delivered the Children of Israel and chose them over the nations of the world in spite of their weaknesses.
- Food and drink for the sinners in Hell compared to food and entertainment for the righteous in Paradise.

### SELECTED VERSES

**44:3** Quran was revealed on a blessed night

﴿إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ إِنَّا كُنَّا مُنذِرِينَ﴾

"Indeed, We sent it down during a blessed night. Indeed, We were to warn [mankind]."

**44:4** Every affair of wisdom has been decreed

﴿فِيهَا يُفْرَقُ كُلُّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ﴾

"On that night is made distinct every precise matter."

**44:29** The heavens and the earth did not weep

﴿فَمَا بَكَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّمَاءُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَا كَانُوا مُنظِرِينَ﴾

"And the heaven and earth wept not for them, nor were they relieved."

**44:38** Is creation mere play?

﴿وَمَا خَلَقْنَا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا لِعَيْبٍ﴾

"And We did not create the heavens and earth and that between them in play."

**44:49** "Taste! You are indeed the mighty and generous"

﴿ذُقْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْكَرِيمُ﴾

"[It will be said], "Taste! Indeed, you are the honored, the noble!"

**44:58** The Quran has been made easy

﴿فَإِنَّمَا يَسَّرْنَاهُ بِلِسَانِكَ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ﴾

"And indeed, We have eased the Quran in your tongue that they might be reminded."

#### SUPPLICATION

﴿رَبَّنَا اكْشِفْ عَنَّا الْعَذَابَ إِنَّا مُؤْمِنُونَ﴾

**44:12** "Our Lord, remove from us the torment; indeed, we are believers."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

With smoke [v.10] بِدُحَانٍ

She wept [v.29] بَكَتْ

Fine silk [v.53] سُندُسٍ

Taste [v.49] ذُقْ



# الجاثية

## 45. Al-Jathiyah: The Kneeling

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This is a Makki surah consisting of 37 verses. Its title is taken from verse 28 which refers to the kneeling down of all humanity on the Day of Judgement before Almighty Allah.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ مِسْعَرٍ، عَنْ سَعْدِ بْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، قَالَ: " كُنَّ الْحَوَامِيمُ يُسَمَّيْنَ الْعَرَائِسَ " (شعب الإيمان للبيهقي 2253)

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### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- If the disbelievers do not believe in Allah and His Revelations then in what report will they believe!
- Allah has subjected the seas and all that is between the heavens and the earth for human beings.
- Israelites made sects in their religion after the knowledge has come to them through the Torah.
- Allah is the Protector of righteous people.
- He that makes his own desires as his god, Allah will let him go astray and set a seal upon his ears and heart.
- Allah's address to the disbelievers on the Day of Judgement.

### SELECTED VERSES

**45:3** Creation as sign for the believers

﴿إِنَّ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَآيَاتٍ لِّمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾

"Indeed, within the heavens and earth are signs for the believers."

**45:8** Consequence of arrogance

﴿يَسْمَعُ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ تُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِ ثُمَّ يُصِرُّ مُسْتَكْبِرًا كَأَن لَّمْ يَسْمَعْهَا فَبَشِّرْهُ بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ﴾

"Who hears the verses of Allah recited to him, then persists arrogantly as if he had not heard them. So give him tidings of a painful punishment."

**45:11** The Quran is the only guidance

﴿هٰذَا هُدًىٰ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ هُمْ عَذَابٌ مِّن رَّجْزٍ أَلِيمٍ﴾

"This [Quran] is guidance. And those who have disbelieved in the verses of their Lord will have a painful punishment of foul nature."

45:13 People who reflect

﴿وَسَخَّرَ لَكُم مَّا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْاَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مِّنْهُۥٓ اِنَّ فِيْ ذٰلِكَ لٰٰيٰتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَّتَفَكَّرُوْنَ ﴿١٣﴾﴾

"He has subjected to you all that is in the heavens and that is in the earth, it is all a gift from Him. Verily, in it are signs for people who reflect."

45:20 People who have certainty

﴿هٰذَا بَصٰٓئِرٌ لِلنَّاسِ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُوْنَ ﴿٢٠﴾﴾

"This (Quran) is a clear insight for mankind, and a guidance and a mercy for people who have certainty."

45:21 Bad judgement

﴿اَمْ حَسِبَ الَّذِيْنَ اٰجْرَحُوْا السَّيِّئٰتِ اَنْ نَّجْعَلَهُمْ كَالَّذِيْنَ ءٰمَنُوْا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّٰلِحٰتِ سَوَآءٍ مَّحْيَاهُمْ وَمَمَاتِهِمْ ؕ سَآءَ مَا تَحْكُمُوْنَ ﴿٢١﴾﴾

"Or do those who commit evils think We will make them like those who have believed and done righteous deeds - [make them] equal in their life and their death? Evil is that which they judge."

45:23 Ego as your god

﴿اَفَرَأَيْتَ مَنْ اَتَّخَذَ الْاِلٰهَهُ هَوْنَهُ وَاَضَلَّهُ اللّٰهُ عَلٰى عِلْمٍ وَّخَتَمَ عَلٰى سَمْعِهٖ وَّقَلْبِهٖ وَّجَعَلَ عَلٰى بَصَرِهٖ غِشٰوَةً فَمَنْ يَهْتَدِيْهِ مِنْۢ بَعْدِ اللّٰهِ ؕ اَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُوْنَ ﴿٢٣﴾﴾

"Have you seen he who has taken as his god his [own] desire, and Allah has sent him astray due to knowledge and has set a seal upon his hearing and his heart and put over his vision a veil? So who will guide him after Allah? Then will you not be reminded?"

45:34 Reciprocal forgetfulness

﴿وَقِيْلَ الْيَوْمَ نَنْسِيْكُمْ كَمَا نَسِيتُمْ لِقَآءَ يَوْمِكُمْ هٰذَا ...﴾

"And it will be said, 'Today We will forget you as you forgot the meeting of this Day of yours...'"

**SELECTED VOCABULARY**

A plain way [v.18] شَرِيْعَةً	The kingdom of [v.27] مُلْكٌ	And did عَمِلُوا الصَّٰلِحٰتِ
A clear insight [v.20] بَصٰٓئِرٌ	They believed [v.30] ءٰمَنُوْا	righteous deeds [v.30]





# الأحقاف

## 46. Al-Ahqaf: The Sand Dunes

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed during the Prophet's return from Ta'if to Makkah. It consists of 34 verses and it derives its title from verse 21 which refers to al-ahqaf, a long tract of sand dunes in Yemen.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ قَالَ سَمِعْتُ رَجُلًا يَقْرَأُ حَمَّ الثَّلَاثِينَ يَعْنِي الْأَحْقَافَ فَقَرَأَ حَرْفًا وَقَرَأَ رَجُلٌ آخَرَ حَرْفًا لَمْ يَقْرَأْهُ صَاحِبُهُ وَقَرَأَتْ أُحْرُفًا فَلَمْ يَقْرَأْهَا صَاحِبِي فَأَنْطَلَقْنَا إِلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَأَخْبَرْتَاهُ فَقَالَ لَا تَحْتَلِفُوا فَإِنَّمَا هَلَكَ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ بِاخْتِلَافِهِمْ ثُمَّ قَالَ انظُرُوا أَقْرَأَكُمْ رَجُلًا فَخُذُوا بِقِرَاءَتِهِ. (أحمد 3803)

Abdullah is reported to have said: "I heard a man reciting the surah of more than thirty verses that starts with Ha Meem; i.e. surah Al-Ahqaf and he read it in a way; but another man read it in a way other than that of his fellow and I read it in a certain way other than that of my two fellows. So we went to the Prophet (saw) and told him about it." He said, "Do not dispute, for those before you perished due to their dispute." Then he said, "Consider the one who is more knowledgeable of Quran recitation and follow his recitation." [Ahmad 3803]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Those deities whom polytheists invoke are not even aware that they are being invoked.
- The Quran is the word of Allah, not of Prophet Muhammad (saw).
- The Prophet is but a plain warner.
- The Quran confirms the revelation of the Torah given to Prophet Musa.
- Those who treat their parents with kindness shall be rewarded and those who rebuke their parents shall be punished.
- No deity can save people from the wrath of Allah.
- A group of jinns embraced Islam after hearing the Quran.
- Pass on the Message of Allah and bear with the disbelievers patiently.

### SELECTED VERSES

**46:9** Continuation of tradition

﴿قُلْ مَا كُنْتُ بَدْعًا مِّنَ الرُّسُلِ وَمَا أَدْرَىٰ مَا يُفْعَلُ بِي وَلَا بِكُمْ ۖ إِن تَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ وَمَا أَنَا إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ﴾

"Say, 'I am not something original among the messengers, nor do I know what will be done with me or with you. I only follow that which is revealed to me, and I am not but a clear warner.'"

**46:15** Be kind to parents

﴿وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ إِحْسَانًا حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ كُرْهًا وَوَضَعَتْهُ كُرْهًا وَحَمَلُهُ وَفِصْلُهُ ثَلَاثُونَ شَهْرًا حَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَبَلَغَ أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً...﴾

"And We have enjoined upon man, to his parents, good treatment. His mother carried him with hardship and gave birth to him with hardship, and his gestation and weaning [period] is thirty months. [He grows] until, when he reaches maturity and reaches [the age of] forty years..."

#### 46:20 Arrogance and disobedience

﴿وَيَوْمَ يُعْرَضُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا عَلَى النَّارِ أَلْهَبْتُمْ طَيْبَتِكُمْ فِي حَيَاتِكُمُ الدُّنْيَا وَأَسْتَمْتُمْ بِهَا فَالْيَوْمَ تُجْزَوْنَ عَذَابَ الْهُونِ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَبِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَفْسُقُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾﴾

"And the Day those who disbelieved are exposed to the Fire [it will be said], 'You exhausted your pleasures during your worldly life and enjoyed them, so this Day you will be awarded the punishment of [extreme] humiliation because you were arrogant upon the earth without right and because you were defiantly disobedient.'"

#### 46:35 People of strong will

﴿فَاصْبِرْ كَمَا صَبَرَ أُولُو الْعَزْمِ مِنَ الرُّسُلِ وَلَا تَسْتَعْجِلْ لَهُمْ كَأَنَّهُمْ يَوْمَ يَرَوْنَ مَا يُوعَدُونَ لَمْ يَلْبَثُوا إِلَّا سَاعَةً مِّنْ نَّهَارٍ بَلَّغَ فَبَلَّغَ فَهَلْ يُهْلِكُ إِلَّا الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾﴾

"So be patient, [O Muhammad], as were those of determination among the messengers and do not be impatient for them. It will be - on the Day they see that which they are promised - as though they had not remained [in the world] except an hour of a day. [This is] notification. And will [any] be destroyed except the defiantly disobedient people?"

#### SUPPLICATION

﴿رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَّتِي إِنِّي تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾﴾

46:15 "My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to work righteousness of which You will approve and make righteous for me my offspring. Indeed, I have repented to You, and indeed, I am of the Muslims."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

A new thing [v.9] بَدَعًا      We have enjoined [v.15] وَصَّيْنَا      Respond to [v.31] أَجِيبُوا  
As a way of approach [v.28] قُرْبَانًا



# مُحَمَّدٌ

## 47. Muhammad

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Madinah and contains 38 verses. The title is taken from the mention of Prophet Muhammad in verse 2.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ أَبِي بِنِ كَعْبٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) "مَنْ قَرَأَ سُورَةَ مُحَمَّدٍ كَانَ حَقًّا عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنْ يَسْقِيَهُ مِنْ أَنْهَارِ الْجَنَّةِ". (ابن عادل، اللباب في علوم الكتاب، ص. 473، جزء 17)

Ubayy Ibn Ka`b (ra) said, "Allah's Messenger (as) said, "Whoever recites surah Muhammad, it is incumbent upon Allah to give him to drink from the rivers of Paradise." [Al-Lubab fi `Ulum Al-Kitab of Ibn Adil, 17/473]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Allah voids the deeds of the disbelievers.
- In war thoroughly subdue the unbelievers before taking them as prisoners of war.
- If you help the cause of Allah, Allah will help and protect you.
- True believers do not follow their own desires in the matter of religion.
- Promise of obedience and good talk which is not followed by action is cursed by Allah.
- War captives should be freed unconditionally or after giving ransom.
- Allah put the believers to test to know the valiant and the resolute.
- In the case of war Allah is on the side of the true believers.
- Do not be miserly if you are asked to give in the cause of Allah.

### SELECTED VERSES

**47:2** Expiation of sins

﴿وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَءَامَنُوا بِمَا نُزِّلَ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَهُوَ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ كَفَّرَ عَنْهُمْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ وَأَصْلَحَ بَالَهُمْ﴾

"And those who believe and do righteous deeds and believe in what has been sent down upon Muhammad - and it is the truth from their Lord - He will remove from them their misdeeds and amend their condition."

**47:7** Consolidating your presence

﴿يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ﴾

"O you who have believed, if you support Allah, He will support you and plant firmly your feet."

**47:15** Four rivers in Paradise

﴿مَثَلُ الْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي وَعَدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ فِيهَا أَنْهَارٌ مِنْ مَاءٍ غَيْرِ آسِنٍ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ لَبَنٍ لَمْ يَتَغَيَّرَ طَعْمُهُ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ حَمْرٍ لَذَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِنْ عَسَلٍ مُصَفًّى وَهُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ كَمَنْ هُوَ خَالِدٌ فِي النَّارِ وَسُقُوا مَاءً حَمِيمًا فَقَطَّعَ أَمْعَاءَهُمْ﴾

- Rivers of water: the taste and smell of which have not changed
- Rivers of milk: the taste of which will never change
- Rivers of wine: delicious to those who drink
- Rivers of pure honey

**47:17** Consequence of accepting guidance

﴿وَالَّذِينَ اهْتَدَوْا زَادَهُمْ هُدًى وَآتَاهُمْ تَقْوَاهُمْ﴾

"And those who are guided - He increases them in guidance and gives them their righteousness."

**47:19** "So know that there is no god but Allah"

﴿فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِذَنْبِكَ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مُتَقَلَّبَكُمْ وَمَثْوَاكُمْ﴾

"So know, [O Muhammad], that there is no deity except Allah and ask forgiveness for your sin and for the believing men and believing women. And Allah knows of your movement and your resting place."

**47:24** Locked hearts

﴿أَفَلَا يَتَدَبَّرُونَ الْقُرْآنَ أَمْ عَلَى قُلُوبٍ أَقْفَالُهَا﴾

"Then do they not reflect upon the Quran, or are there locks upon [their] hearts?"

**47:31** We shall be tested

﴿وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ حَتَّى نَعْلَمَ الْمُجْتَهِدِينَ مِنْكُمْ وَالصَّابِرِينَ وَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ أَخْبَارَكُمْ﴾

"And We will surely test you until We make evident those who strive among you [for the cause of Allah] and the patient, and We will test your affairs."

**47:33** Consequence of disobedience

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَلَا تُبْطِلُوا أَعْمَالَكُمْ﴾

"O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and do not invalidate your deeds."

**47:35** Strategic warfare

﴿فَلَا تَهِنُوا وَتَدْعُوا إِلَى السَّلَامِ وَأَنْتُمْ الْأَعْلَوْنَ وَاللَّهُ مَعَكُمْ وَلَنْ يَتَرَكُمُ أَعْمَالَكُمْ﴾

"So do not weaken and call for peace while you are superior; and Allah is with you and will never deprive you of [the reward of] your deeds."

**47:38** On miserliness

﴿هَآأُنْتُمْ هَآؤُلَآءِ تُدْعَوْنَ لِتُنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللّهِ فَمِنْكُمْ مَنْ يَبْخُلُ ۗ وَمَنْ يَبْخُلْ فَإِنَّمَا يَبْخُلُ عَن نَّفْسِهِ ۗ  
 وَاللّهُ الْغَنِيُّ وَأَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ ۗ وَإِن تَتَوَلَّوْا يَسْتَبْدِلْ قَوْمًا غَيْرَكُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَكُونُوا أَمْثَلَكُمْ﴾

"Here you are - those invited to spend in the cause of Allah - but among you are those who withhold [out of greed]. And whoever withholds only withholds [benefit] from himself; and Allah is the Free of need, while you are the needy. And if you turn away, He will replace you with another people; then they will not be the likes of you."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

Necks [v.4]	الرِّقَابِ	They ponder	يَتَدَبَّرُونَ	So be not weak	فَلَا تَهِنُوا
The war [v.4]	الْحَرْبِ	deeply [v.24]			[v.35]





# الفتح

## 48. Al-Fath: The Victory

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Madinah consisting of 29 verses. The title is taken from the main theme of the surah, 'the clear victory' of the peace treaty at Hudaibiyah.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ عُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: "لَقَدْ أَنْزِلَتْ عَلَيَّ اللَّيْلَةَ سُورَةٌ لَهَا أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِمَّا طَلَعَتْ عَلَيْهِ الشَّمْسُ، ثُمَّ قَرَأْتُ: (إِنَّا فَتَحْنَا لَكَ فَتْحًا مُبِينًا) [الفتح: 1]" (البخاري 4833)

It was reported by Umar Ibn al-Khattab (ra) that he said that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said: "This night a surah was sent down to me that is more beloved to me than all what the sun shines over." Then he read, "We have, indeed accorded a triumph to you, a manifest triumph, indeed!" (48:1) [Bukhari 4833]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Allah granted the Muslims a manifest victory through the treaty of Hudaibiyah.
- Swearing allegiance to the Prophet was considered swearing allegiance to Allah and Allah was well pleased with their actions.
- Only the blind, lame and sick are exempt from war.
- A vision to conquer Makkah was shown to the Prophet.
- Characteristics of the Prophet Muhammad (saw) and his followers.
- Strategy of peace.

### SELECTED VERSES

**48:1** Clear victory

﴿إِنَّا فَتَحْنَا لَكَ فَتْحًا مُبِينًا﴾

"Indeed, We have given you, [O Muhammad], a clear victory."

**48:2** Prophet (saw) is sinless

﴿لِيُغْفِرَ لَكَ اللَّهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِكَ وَمَا تَأَخَّرَ وَيُتِمَّ نِعْمَتَهُ عَلَيْكَ وَيَهْدِيَكَ صِرَاطًا مُسْتَقِيمًا﴾

"That Allah may forgive for you what proceeded of your sin and what will follow and complete His favor upon you and guide you to a straight path."

**48:8-9** Different roles of the Prophet (saw)

﴿إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَهِيدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا ﴿٨﴾ لِيَتُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ، وَتُعَزِّرُوهُ وَتُوَقِّرُوهُ وَتُسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا﴾

"Indeed, We have sent you as a witness and a bringer of good tidings and a warner. That you [people] may believe in Allah and His Messenger and honor him and respect the Prophet and exalt Allah morning and afternoon."

**48:10** Pledge of allegiance

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُبَايِعُونَكَ إِنَّمَا يُبَايِعُونَ اللَّهَ يَدُ اللَّهِ فَوْقَ أَيْدِيهِمْ...﴾

"Indeed, those who pledge allegiance to you, [O Muhammad] - they are actually pledging allegiance to Allah. The Hand of Allah is over their hands..."

**48:18** Allah is pleased with the believers

﴿لَقَدْ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ يُبَايِعُونَكَ تَحْتَ الشَّجَرَةِ فَعَلِمَ مَا فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ فَأَنْزَلَ السَّكِينَةَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَثَبَهُمْ فَتْحًا قَرِيبًا﴾

"Certainly was Allah pleased with the believers when they pledged allegiance to you, [O Muhammad], under the tree, and He knew what was in their hearts, so He sent down tranquillity upon them and rewarded them with an imminent conquest."

**48:27** Prophecy of the Prophet's successful entry to Makkah

﴿لَقَدْ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ رَسُولَهُ الرُّؤْيَا بِالْحَقِّ لَتَدْخُلَنَّ الْمَسْجِدَ الْحَرَامَ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ءَامِنِينَ مُحَلِّقِينَ رُءُوسَكُمْ وَمُقَصِّرِينَ لَا تَخَافُونَ فَعَلِمَ مَا لَمْ تَعْلَمُوا فَجَعَلَ مِنْ دُونِ ذَلِكَ قَرِيبًا﴾

"Certainly has Allah showed to His Messenger the vision in truth. You will surely enter al-Masjid al-Haram, if Allah wills, in safety, with your heads shaved and [hair] shortened, not fearing [anyone]. He knew what you did not know and has arranged before that a conquest near [at hand]."

**48:28** A religion that prevails

﴿هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ ۗ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا﴾

"It is He who sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion. And sufficient is Allah as Witness."

**48:29** Engaging with friends and foes

﴿مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ۗ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ أَشِدَّاءُ عَلَى الْكُفَّارِ رُحَمَاءُ بَيْنَهُمْ ۖ تَرَاهُمْ رُكَّعًا سُجَّدًا يَبْتَغُونَ فَضْلًا مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانًا سِيمَاهُمْ فِي وُجُوهِهِمْ مِمَّنْ أَثَرَ السُّجُودِ...﴾

"Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah; and those with him are forceful against the disbelievers, merciful among themselves. You see them bowing and prostrating [in prayer], seeking bounty from Allah and [His] pleasure. Their mark is on their faces from the trace of prostration..."

**SELECTED VOCABULARY**

They give  
allegiance [v.10]  
Never [v.12] **أَبَدًا**

The tranquility **السَّكِينَةَ**  
[v.18]  
Religion / Way of life **الدِّينِ**  
[v.28]

The most praised **مُحَمَّدٌ**  
one [v.27]



# الحجرات

## 49. Al-Hujurat: The Chambers

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed at Madinah and contains 18 verses. Its title is taken from an incident in which a group of the Banu Tamim tribe visited the Prophet's mosque in Madinah and called out to him rudely from behind his private chambers. Thereupon the surah was revealed.

### VIRTUE

تَعْنِي السُّورَةُ بِجُمْلَةٍ عَظِيمَةٍ مِنَ الْأَدَابِ فِي مُقَدِّمَتِهَا وَجُوبُ التَّزَامِ الْأَدَبِ مَعَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي مُعَامَلَتِهِ وَخَطَابِهِ وَنِدَائِهِ، وَفَضْلُ الْإِصْلَاحِ بَيْنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَإِحْسَانِ مُعَامَلَتِهِمْ، وَأَهْمِيَّةُ الْحَذَرِ مِنْ أَخْلَاقِ الْكُفَّارِ. (انظر التحرير والتنوير، ص. 213، 214، جزء 26)

This surah highlights a number of great etiquettes including the obligation of observing politeness with the Prophet (saw), speaking to and calling him; the virtue of reconciliation between Muslims and treating them nicely and the importance of keeping away from the bad manners of disbelievers. [At-Tahrir wa At-Tanwir of Ibn Ashur, 26/213- 214]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Instruction to lower one's voice in the presence of the Prophet (saw).
- Make peace between the believers if they fight among themselves.
- Islamic etiquettes of moral behaviour:
  - Do not laugh at another to down degrade him.
  - Do not defame another through sarcastic remarks.
  - Do not call another by offensive nicknames.
  - Avoid immoderate suspicions, for in some cases it is a sin.
  - Do not spy on one another.
  - Do not backbite one another.
  - All mankind is created from one man and one woman, therefore, no one has superiority over another and noblest is he who is the most righteous.
- A true believer is he who believes in Allah, His message and strives in the path of Islam with his wealth and person in the way of Allah.

### SELECTED VERSES

**49:1** Importance of adab

﴿يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَقْدِمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١﴾﴾

"O you who have believed, do not put [yourselves] before Allah and His Messenger but fear Allah . Indeed, Allah is Hearing and Knowing."

**49:2** Consequence of lack of adab to the Prophet (saw)

﴿يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ وَلَا تَجْهَرُوا لَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ كَجَهْرِ بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ أَن تَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالُكُمْ وَأَنتُمْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾﴾

"O you who have believed, do not raise your voices above the voice of the Prophet or be loud to him in speech like the loudness of some of you to others, lest your deeds become worthless while you perceive not."

#### 49:3 Forgiveness and reward

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُغْضُونَ أَصْوَاتَهُمْ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ امْتَحَنَ اللَّهُ قُلُوبَهُمْ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٤٩﴾﴾

"Indeed, those who lower their voices before the Messenger of Allah - they are the ones whose hearts Allah has tested for righteousness. For them is forgiveness and great reward."

#### 49:6 Verifying news

﴿يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن جَاءَكَ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنْهُ أَن تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِجَهْلَةٍ فَتُصِيبُوهَا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَادِمِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾﴾

"O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate, lest you harm a people out of ignorance and become, over what you have done, regretful."

#### 49:7 Faith is made beloved

﴿وَأَعْلَمُوا أَن فِيكُمْ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ لَوْ يُطِيعُكُمْ فِي كَثِيرٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْرِ لَعَنِتُّمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ حَبَّبَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْإِيمَانَ وَزَيَّنَّهُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ وَكَرَّهَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْكُفْرَ وَالْفُسُوقَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الرَّاشِدُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾﴾

"And know that among you is the Messenger of Allah. If he were to obey you in much of the matter, you would be in difficulty, but Allah has endeared to you the faith and has made it pleasing in your hearts and has made hateful to you disbelief, defiance and disobedience. Those are the [rightly] guided."

#### 49:10 "Believers are only brothers"

﴿إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾﴾

"The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy."

#### 49:11 Adab of social engagement

﴿يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا يَسْخَرُ قَوْمٌ مِّن قَوْمٍ عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُونُوا خَيْرًا مِّن قَوْمٍ يَسْخَرُونَ مِنْهُمْ وَلَا نِسَاءٌ مِّن نِّسَاءٍ عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُنَّ خَيْرًا مِّن نِّسَاءٍ وَلَا تَلْمِزُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَلَا تَنَابَرُوا بِاللِّقَابِ بئسَ الْأَسْمُ الْفُسُوقُ بَعْدَ الْإِيمَانِ وَمَن لَّمْ يَتُبْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾﴾

"O you who have believed, let not a people ridicule [another] people; perhaps they may be better than them; nor let women ridicule [other] women; perhaps they may be better than them. And do not insult one another and do not call each other by [offensive] nicknames. Wretched is the name of disobedience after [one's] faith. And whoever does not repent - then it is those who are the wrongdoers."

**49:12** Against suspicion and backbiting

﴿يٰۤاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ ءَامَنُوْا اَحْتَبُوا كَثِيْرًا مِّنَ الظَّنِّ اِنَّ بَعْضَ الظَّنِّ اِثْمٌ ۗ وَلَا تَحْسَبُوْا وَلَا يَغْتَبَ بَّعْضُكُمۡ بَعْضًا ۗ اُنۡحِبۡ  
اَحَدَكُمۡ اَنْ يَّكُلَ لَحْمَ اَخِيْهِ مَيۡتًا فَكَرِهَتْهُمُوْهُ ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللّٰهَ ۗ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ تَوَّابٌ رَّحِيْمٌ ﴿۱۲﴾

"O you who have believed, avoid much [negative] assumption. Indeed, some assumption is sin. And do not spy or backbite each other. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his brother when dead? You would detest it. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is accepting of repentance and Merciful."

**49:13** The objective of diversity

﴿يٰۤاَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اِنَّا خَلَقْنٰكُمْ مِّنۡ ذَكَرٍ وَّاُنۡثٰى وَجَعَلْنٰكُمْ شُعُوْبًا وَّقَبَاۡئِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوْۤا ۗ اِنَّ اَكْرَمَكُمۡ عِنۡدَ اللّٰهِ اَتْقٰىكُمْ ۗ اِنَّ  
اللّٰهَ عَلِيْمٌ حَبِيْرٌ ﴿۱۳﴾

"O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted."

**49:14** Islam vs Iman

﴿قَالَتِ الْاَعْرَابُ ءَاٰمَنَّا ۗ قُلۡ لَّمۡ تُؤْمِنُوْا وَلٰكِنۡ قُوْلُوْا اَسْلَمْنَا وَلَمَّا يَدْخُلِ الْاِيْمٰنُ فِيْ قُلُوْبِكُمۡ ۗ وَاِنۡ تُطِيعُوْا اللّٰهَ  
وَرَسُوْلَهٗ لَا يَلۡتِكُمۡ مِّنۡ اَعْمٰلِكُمۡ شَيْۡءٌ ۗ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ غَفُوْرٌ رَّحِيْمٌ ﴿۱۴﴾

"The bedouins say, 'We have believed.' Say, 'You have not [yet] believed; but say [instead], 'We have submitted,' for faith has not yet entered your hearts. And if you obey Allah and His Messenger, He will not deprive you from your deeds of anything. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.'"

**49:15** The truthful ones

﴿اِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُوْنَ الَّذِيْنَ ءَامَنُوْا بِاللّٰهِ وَرَسُوْلِهٖ ۗ ثُمَّ لَمۡ يَرۡتَابُوْا وَجَاهَدُوْا بِاَمْوَالِهِمْ وَاَنْفُسِهِمْ فِيْ سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ اُوْلٰئِكَ  
هُمُ الصّٰدِقُوْنَ ﴿۱۵﴾

"The believers are only the ones who have believed in Allah and His Messenger and then doubt not but strive with their properties and their lives in the cause of Allah. It is those who are the truthful."

**SELECTED VOCABULARY**

With a news [v.6] بِنَبَأٍ	Disobedience اَلْعِصْيَانَ	By nicknames بِاَلْقَابِ
Wickedness [v.7] اَلْفُسُوْقَ	[v.7]	[v.11]





## 50. Qaf

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Makkah and contains 49 verses.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ جَابِرِ بْنِ سَمُرَةَ قَالَ: "إِنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ يَقْرَأُ فِي الْفَجْرِ بِـ ق وَالْقُرْآنِ الْمَجِيدِ وَكَانَ صَلَاتُهُ بَعْدُ تَخْفِيفًا". (مسلم 458)

Jabir Ibn Samurah is reported to have said: "The Prophet (saw) recited in Fajr prayer 'Qaf by the all-glorious Quran!' [i.e. surah Qaf]; and thereafter his prayer was rather short." [Muslim 458]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Life after death is a reality and there is nothing strange about it.
- Allah has assigned two angels to each person for noting down every single word that he utters.
- Every disbeliever will be thrown into Hell and Hell shall be asked, "Are you full." Hell will answer, "Are there some more?"
- Admonish people with the Quran and bear with them in patience.

### SELECTED VERSES

**50:6** The creation of the sky

﴿أَفَلَمْ يَنْظُرُوا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ فَوْقَهُمْ كَيْفَ بَنَيْنَاهَا وَزَيَّنَّاهَا وَمَا لَهَا مِنْ فُرُوجٍ﴾

"Have they not looked at the heaven above them - how We structured it and adorned it and [how] it has no rifts?"

**50:9** Water is blessed

﴿وَنَزَّلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً مُبَارَكًا فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ جَنَّاتٍ وَحَبَّ الْحَصِيدِ﴾

"And We have sent down blessed rain from the sky and made grow thereby gardens and grain from the harvest."

**50:11** Dates as "a provision for the servants (of Allah)"

﴿رِزْقًا لِلْعِبَادِ وَأَحْيَيْنَا بِهِ بَلْدَةً مَيِّتًا كَذَلِكَ الْخُرُوجُ﴾

"As provision for the servants, and We have given life thereby to a dead land. Thus is the resurrection."

**50:16** Allah is closer to man than his jugular vein



﴿وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ وَنَعْلَمُ مَا تُوَسْوِسُ بِهِ نَفْسُهُ ۗ وَحَنَ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ ﴿١٦﴾﴾

"And We have already created man and know what his soul whispers to him, and We are closer to him than [his] jugular vein."

**50:18** Monitoring of deeds

﴿مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ ﴿١٨﴾﴾

"Man does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared [to record]."

**50:25** "Hinderer of good"

﴿مَنَّاعٌ لِلْخَيْرِ مُعْتَدٍ مُرِيدٌ ﴿٢٥﴾﴾

"Preventer of good, aggressor, and doubter."

**50:33** Characteristics of the people of Paradise

﴿مَنْ خَشِيَ الرَّحْمَنَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَجَاءَ بِقَلْبٍ مُنِيبٍ ﴿٣٣﴾﴾

"Who feared the Most Merciful unseen and came with a heart returning [in repentance]."

**50:35** Longing to have more

﴿هُم مَّا يَشَاءُونَ فِيهَا وَلَدَيْنَا مَزِيدٌ ﴿٣٥﴾﴾

"They will have whatever they wish therein, and with Us is more."

**50:37** A live heart

﴿إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَذِكْرٍ لِمَنْ كَانَ لَهُ قَلْبٌ أَوْ أَلْفَى السَّمْعَ وَهُوَ شَهِيدٌ ﴿٣٧﴾﴾

"Indeed in that is a reminder for whoever has a heart or who listens while he is present [in mind]."

**50:45** Remind others by the Quran

﴿فَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ ۗ وَمَا أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِجَبَّارٍ ۗ فَذَكِّرْ بِالْقُرْآنِ أَنْ مَنِ خَافَ وَعِيدِ ﴿٤٥﴾﴾

"We are most knowing of what they say, and you are not over them a tyrant. But remind by the Quran whoever fears My threat."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

And the brothers  
وَإِخْوَانٍ  
[v.13]

Hinderer [v.25] مَنَّاعٍ

More [v.30] مَزِيدٍ



# الذَّارِيَاتُ

## 51. Adh-Dhariyat: The Winds

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed at Makkah and contains 60 verses. The title is derived from verse 1. It was revealed at a time when the Prophet's invitation was being resisted and opposed with denial and ridicule and false accusations, but persecution had not yet started.

### VIRTUE

عَنِ الْبَرَاءِ قَالَ: "كُنَّا نُصَلِّي خَلْفَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ الظُّهْرَ، فَتَسْمَعُ مِنْهُ الْآيَةَ بَعْدَ الْآيَاتِ مِنْ سُورَةِ لُقْمَانَ، وَالذَّارِيَاتِ." (النسائي 1045)

Al-Bara' is reported to have said: "We prayed Zuhr prayer behind the Prophet (saw) and heard him reciting verses from surah Luqman and surah Adh-Dhariyat." [Nasai 1045]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Surely the Day of Judgement shall come to pass, only the perverse persons turn away from this truth.
- There is a lesson in the stories of Pharaoh, 'Ad, Thamud and people of Nuh.
- Allah, who built the heavens and spread out the earth, has assigned Prophet Muhammad to be a warner for mankind.

### SELECTED VERSES

**51:5** True promises

﴿إِنَّمَا تُوعَدُونَ لَصَادِقٌ﴾

"Indeed, what you are promised is true."

**51:17-18** Characteristics of the "doers of good"

﴿كَانُوا قَلِيلًا مِّنَ اللَّيْلِ مَا يَهْجَعُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ وَإِلَّا سَحَارٍ هُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ ﴿١٨﴾﴾

"They used to sleep but little of the night. And in the hours before dawn they would ask forgiveness."

**51:19** The right of others on our wealth

﴿وَفِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ حَقٌّ لِّلسَّائِلِ وَالْمَحْرُومِ﴾

"And from their properties was [given] the right of the [needy] petitioner and the deprived."

**51:20-21** Signs in creation and in our ourselves

﴿وَفِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَفِي السَّمَاءِ رِزْقُكُمْ وَمَا تُوعَدُونَ ﴿٢١﴾﴾

"And on the earth are signs for the certain [in faith]. And in yourselves. Then will you not see?"

**51:25** Short hand version of the greeting

﴿إِذْ دَخَلُوا عَلَيْهِ فَقَالُوا سَلَامًا قَالَ سَلَامٌ قَوْمٌ مُنْكَرُونَ﴾

"When they entered upon him and said, '[We greet you with] peace.' He answered, '[And upon you] peace, [you are] a people unknown.'"

**51:50** "Flee to Allah"

﴿فَفِرُّوْا إِلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ لَكُم مِّنْهُ نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ﴾

"So flee to Allah. Indeed, I am to you from Him a clear warner."

**51:55** Reminders benefit

﴿وَذَكِّرْ فَإِنَّ الذِّكْرَى تَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾

"And remind, for indeed, the reminder benefits the believers."

**51:56** Purpose of creation

﴿وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ﴾

"And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me."

**51:57-58** Allah is the Provider

﴿مَا أُرِيدُ مِنْهُمْ مِنْ رِّزْقٍ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ يُطْعَمُونِ ﴿٥٧﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الرَّزَّاقُ ذُو الْقُوَّةِ الْمَتِينُ ﴿٥٨﴾﴾

"I do not want from them any provision, nor do I want them to feed Me. Indeed, it is Allah who is the [continual] Provider, the firm possessor of strength."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

Saying (story) [v.24] حَدِيثٌ

Pairs [v.39] زَوْجَيْنِ

The reminding [v.55] الذِّكْرَى

So flee [v.50] فَفِرُّوْا



# الطُّور

## 52. At-Tur: Mount Sinai

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Makkah and contains 49 verses. The title is taken from the opening verse which refers to Mount Sinai as the place where Prophet Musa received revelation and saw the reflection of His glory.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ جُبَيْرِ بْنِ مُطْعِمٍ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، قَالَ: "سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَرَأَ فِي الْمَغْرِبِ بِالطُّورِ". (البخاري 765)

Muhammad Ibn Jubayr Ibn Mut`am reported from his father that he said: "I heard the messenger of Allah (saw) reciting surah At-Tur in Maghrib prayer." [Bukhari 765]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- The reward for the righteous will be Paradise in which they will show gratitude for Allah's graciousness while the deniers of truth will be put in Hellfire.
- Mission of the Prophet is admonition.
- Response to the disbelievers' disbelief:
  - If they doubt the Quran, let them produce a scripture like this.
  - Were they created without a Creator?
  - Do they possess the treasures of Allah?
  - Do they have other means to hear the facts about Allah?
  - Do they have the knowledge of the Unseen? If so let them produce their proof.

### SELECTED VERSES

52:4 Bait al-Ma'mur

﴿وَالْبَيْتِ الْمَعْمُورِ﴾

"And [by] the frequented House."

52:7-8 Inevitability of punishment

﴿إِنَّ عَذَابَ رَبِّكَ لَوَاقِعٌ ﴿٧﴾ مَا لَهُ مِنْ دَافِعٍ ﴿٨﴾﴾

"Indeed, the punishment of your Lord will occur. Of it there is no preventer"

52:19 Result of good deeds

﴿كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا هَنِيئًا بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٩﴾﴾

"[They will be told], "Eat and drink in satisfaction for what you used to do."

52:21 Reunion of the family in the Hereafter

﴿وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَاتَّبَعَتْهُمْ ذُرِّيَّتُهُمْ بِإِيمَانٍ أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَمَا أَلَتْنَاهُمْ مِّنْ عَمَلِهِمْ مِّنْ شَيْءٍ ۚ كُلُّ امْرِئٍ بِمَا كَسَبَ رَهِينٌ﴾

"And those who believed and whose descendants followed them in faith - We will join with them their descendants, and We will not deprive them of anything of their deeds. Every person, for what he earned, is retained."

52:29 The Prophet is not a fortune-teller nor a madman

﴿فَذَكِّرْ فَمَا أَنْتَ بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ بِكَاهِنٍ وَلَا مَجْنُونٍ﴾

"So remind [O Muhammad], for you are not, by the favor of your Lord, a soothsayer or a madman"

52:35-36 Origin of creation

﴿أَمْ خُلِقُوا مِن غَيْرِ شَيْءٍ أَمْ هُمُ الْخَالِقُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾ أَمْ خَلَقُوا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ ۚ بَلْ لَا يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾﴾

"Or were they created by nothing, or were they the creators [of themselves]? Or did they create the heavens and the earth? Rather, they are not certain"

52:48 Praising Allah after sleep

﴿وَأَصْبِرْ لِحُكْمِ رَبِّكَ فَإِنَّكَ بِأَعْيُنِنَا ۖ وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ حِينَ تَقُومُ﴾

"And be patient, [O Muhammad], for the decision of your Lord, for indeed, you are in Our eyes. And exalt [Allah] with praise of your Lord when you arise"

SELECTED VOCABULARY

Eat [v.19] كَلُوا

Drink [v.19] اشْرَبُوا

Preserved [v.24] مَكُونٌ

Pearls [v.24] لؤلؤ





# النجم

## 53. An-Najm: The Star

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed at Makkah and contains 62 verses. The title is taken from the invocation in the first verse: "By the star as it sets".

This is the first surah of the Quran, which the Prophet (s) publicly recited in which both the believers and the disbelievers prostrated at the end. Even those chiefs of the polytheists who were in the forefront of the opposition to the Prophet (s) fell down in prostration.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ: "أَوَّلُ سُورَةٍ أَنْزِلَتْ فِيهَا سَجْدَةٌ وَالتَّحْمِيمُ، قَالَ: فَسَجَدَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَسَجَدَ مَنْ خَلْفَهُ إِلَّا رَجُلًا رَأَيْتُهُ أَحَدًا كَفًّا مِنْ تُرَابٍ فَسَجَدَ عَلَيْهِ، فَرَأَيْتُهُ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ قُتِلَ كَافِرًا، وَهُوَ أُمَيَّةُ بْنُ خَلْفٍ".  
(البخاري 4863)

Abdullah (ra) is reported to have said: "The first revealed surah where sajdah (a recommendable bowing down) was mentioned was surah An-Najm. The Messenger of Allah prostrated [while reciting it], and everybody behind him prostrated except a man whom I saw taking a hand-full of dust in his hand and prostrated on it. Later I saw that man killed as an infidel. He was Umaiya bin Khalaf." [Bukhari 4863]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Scene of the first revelation, brought by angel Gabriel to Prophet Muhammad (saw).
- Allah gave the Prophet (saw) a tour of the heavens, Paradise and other great signs.
- Lat, Uzza and Manat (goddesses of Arabs) are nothing but names invented by pagan Arabs.
- Angels have no share in divinity, nor can they even intercede without the permission of Allah.
- Do not claim piety for yourselves, Allah knows who is god-fearing and pious.
- No soul shall bear the burden of another; there shall be nothing for a person except what he strived for.

### SELECTED VERSES

**53:3-4** The words of the Prophet (saw)

﴿وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ ۗ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ﴾

"Nor does he speak from [his own] inclination. It is not but a revelation revealed"

**53:7-18** The Prophet's ascension to the Heavens (Mi'raj)

﴿هُوَ بِالْأَفُقِ الْأَعْلَى ﴿١٩﴾ ثُمَّ دَنَا فَتَدَلَّى ﴿٢٠﴾ فَكَانَ قَابَ قَوْسَيْنِ أَوْ أَدْنَى ﴿٢١﴾ فَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ مَآ أَوْحَىٰ ﴿٢٢﴾ مَا كَذَّبَ الْفُؤَادُ مَا رَأَىٰ ﴿٢٣﴾ أَفَتُكْمِرُونَهُ عَلَىٰ مَا يَرَىٰ ﴿٢٤﴾ وَلَقَدْ رَآهُ نَزْلَةً أُخْرَىٰ ﴿٢٥﴾ عِنْدَ سِدْرَةِ الْمُنْتَهَىٰ ﴿٢٦﴾ عِنْدَهَا جَنَّةُ الْمَأْوَىٰ ﴿٢٧﴾ إِذْ يَغْشَى السِّدْرَةَ مَا يَغْشَىٰ ﴿٢٨﴾ مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَغَىٰ ﴿٢٩﴾ لَقَدْ رَأَىٰ مِنْ آيَاتِ رَبِّهِ الْكُبْرَىٰ ﴿٣٠﴾﴾

"While he was in the higher [part of the] horizon. Then he approached and descended. And was at a distance of two bow lengths or nearer. And he revealed to His Servant what he revealed. The heart did not lie [about] what it saw. So will you dispute with him over what he saw?. And he certainly saw him in another descent. At the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary - Near it is the Garden of Refuge - When there covered the Lote Tree that which covered [it]. The sight [of the Prophet] did not swerve, nor did it transgress [its limit]. He certainly saw of the greatest signs of his Lord."

**53:19-20** Chief idols Lat, Uzza and Manat

﴿أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ اللَّاتَ وَالْعُزَّىٰ ﴿١٩﴾ وَمَنَاةَ الثَّلَاثَةَ الْأُخْرَىٰ ﴿٢٠﴾﴾

"So have you considered al-Lat and al-'Uzza? And Manat, the third - the other one?"

**53:32** Don't vouch for yourselves

﴿... فَلَا تُزَكُّوْا أَنْفُسَكُمْ ۗ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنِ اتَّقَىٰ ﴿٣٢﴾﴾

"...So do not claim yourselves to be pure; He is most knowing of who fears Him."

**53:39-40** You will reap what you strive for

﴿وَأَنْ لَّيْسَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ إِلَّا مَا سَعَىٰ ﴿٣٩﴾ وَأَنْ سَعِيهِ سَوْفَ يُرَىٰ ﴿٤٠﴾﴾

"And that there is not for man except that [good] for which he strives. And that his effort is going to be seen."

**53:43** Laughter and cry

﴿وَأَنَّهُ هُوَ أَضْحَكَ وَأَبْكَىٰ ﴿٤٣﴾﴾

"And that it is He who makes [one] laugh and weep"

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

The star [v.1]	النَّجْم	The utmost bounty	الْمُنْتَهَى	Great [v.32]	كَبِير
Lote tree [v.14]	سِدْرَة		[v.14]		



# القمر

## 54. Al-Qamar: The Moon

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This is an early Makkan surah, revealed in the fourth year of Prophet Muhammad's prophethood. It consists of 55 verses and it takes its title from the first verse mentioning the incident of the *shaqq-al-qamar* (splitting of the moon) which determines its period of revelation precisely. This incident took place at Mina in Makkah five years before the Prophet's migration to Madinah.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ أَبِي وَقْدِ اللَّيْثِيِّ، قَالَ: "سَأَلَنِي عُمَرُ بْنُ الْخَطَّابِ عَمَّا قَرَأَ بِهِ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي يَوْمِ الْعِيدِ؟" فَقُلْتُ: «بِاقْتَرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ، وَقَ الْقُرْآنَ الْمَجِيدِ» (مسلم 8981)

Abu Waqid Al-Laythy is reported to have said: "Umar Ibn al-Khattab asked me which surahs did the Messenger of Allah (saw) recite on the day of Feast?" I said, "[He recited that surah that starts with] 'The [Last] Hour has drawn near!' [i.e. surah al-Qamar] and [the surah that starts with] 'Qaf By the all-glorious Quran!' [i.e. surah Qaf]." [Muslim 8981]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- The Day of Judgement is drawing near yet the unbelievers are not paying heed to the signs of Allah.
- We have made the Quran easy to understand the admonition, so is there any who would take the admonition? This is mentioned four times.
- The story of Thamud and Lut who called their Prophet liars to show how terrible was Allah's scourge and how clear was His warning.
- People of Pharaoh were seized for disbelieving Allah's warning. The same warning has come to you, will you not take admonition?

### SELECTED VERSES

**54:1** Splitting of the moon

﴿أَقْتَرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَأَنْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ﴾

"The Hour has come near, and the moon has split [in two]."

**54:5** Perfect wisdom

﴿حِكْمَةٌ بَلِغَةٌ فَمَا تُغْنِ التُّذُرُ﴾

"Extensive wisdom - but warning does not avail [them]."

**54:17, 54:22, 54:32 & 54:40** "We have indeed made the Quran easy to remember – so is there anyone who will take heed?" [This phrase is repeated four times in this surah after recounting the stories of the people of Nuh (54:9–16), 'Ad (54:18-21), Thamud (54:23–31) and the people of Lut (54:33–39)]

﴿وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ﴾

“And We have certainly made the Quran easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember?”

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

Continuous [v.2] مُسْتَمِرٌّ

We have made يَسَّرْنَا  
easy [v.17]

That will remember مُدَكِّرٍ  
[v.32]



# الرحمن

## 55. Ar-Rahman: The Beneficent

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed at Madinah and contains 78 verses. It takes its title from the divine name: 'The Merciful' and hence the entire surah speaks of the mercies and blessings of Allah.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ جَابِرٍ قَالَ: خَرَجَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَلَى أَصْحَابِهِ، فَقَرَأَ عَلَيْهِمْ سُورَةَ الرَّحْمَنِ مِنْ أَوَّلِهَا إِلَى آخِرِهَا فَسَكَتُوا، فَقَالَ: "لَقَدْ قَرَأْتُهَا عَلَى الْجِنِّ لَيْلَةَ الْجِنِّ فَكَانُوا أَحْسَنَ مَرْدُودًا مِنْكُمْ، كُنْتُ كُلَّمَا أَتَيْتُ عَلَى قَوْلِهِ (فَبِأَيِّ آلَاءِ رَبِّكُمَا تُكَذِّبَانِ) قَالُوا: (لَا بَشِيئَةَ مِنْ نِعْمِكَ رَبَّنَا نُكْذِبُ فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ)". (الترمذي 3291)

Jabir is reported to have said: The Messenger of Allah (saw) came upon his companions and recited surah al-Rahman from the beginning to the end before them and they remained silent. He said, "I recited it before the jinn at the night of meeting them but their response was better than yours. Whenever I recited 'Then which of your Lord's blessings will either of you belie?' they would say 'None of Your blessings, our Lord, do we belie. All praise is due to You.'" [Tirmidhi 3291]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- It is Allah Who created man, taught him the Quran and taught him how to convey his feelings and thoughts.
- Allah is the Lord of the East and West. It is He Who made the laws to regulate the oceans: its products and ships.
- All that exists will perish except Allah.
- No one can run away from the jurisdiction of Allah.
- Sinners will be punished in Hell and the righteous will be awarded Paradise.
- "Which of the favours of your Lord will you deny?" has been repeated thirty-one times.

### SELECTED VERSES

55:1-2 Mercy linked to the teaching of the Quran

﴿الرَّحْمَنُ ۙ عَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ﴾

"The Most Merciful. Taught the Quran."

55:3-4 Origin of speech

﴿خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ ۙ عَلَّمَهُ الْبَيَانَ﴾

"Created man, [and] taught him eloquence."

55:6 Najm means 'star' or 'herbs'

﴿وَالنَّجْمُ وَالشَّجَرُ يَسْجُدَانِ﴾ (١٠١)

"And the stars and trees prostrate."

**55:7-9** Justice and balance

﴿وَالسَّمَاءَ رَفَعَهَا وَوَضَعَ الْمِيزَانَ ﴿٧﴾ أَلَّا تَطْغَوْا فِي الْمِيزَانِ ﴿٨﴾ وَأَقِيمُوا الْوَزْنَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا تُخْسِرُوا الْمِيزَانَ

﴿٩﴾

"And the heaven He raised and imposed the balance. That you not transgress within the balance. And establish weight in justice and do not make deficient the balance."

**55:19-20** The meeting of two seas

﴿مَرَجَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ يَلْتَقِيَانِ ﴿١٩﴾ بَيْنَهُمَا بَرْزَخٌ لَّا يَبْغِيَانِ ﴿٢٠﴾

"He released the two seas, meeting [side by side]; between them is a barrier [so] neither of them transgresses."

**55:26-27** Everything will perish, except ...

﴿كُلُّ مَنْ عَلَيْهَا فَانٍ ﴿٢٦﴾ وَيَبْقَىٰ وَجْهُ رَبِّكَ ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ ﴿٢٧﴾

"Everyone upon the earth will perish, and there will remain the Face of your Lord, Owner of Majesty and Honor."

**55:33** Complete freedom but not beyond the boundaries of the universe

﴿يَمْعَشَرِ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسِ إِنِ اسْتَطَعْتُمْ أَن تَنْفُذُوا مِنْ أَقْطَارِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ فَانْفُذُوا ۚ لَّا تَنْفُذُونَ إِلَّا

بِسُلْطَنِ ﴿٣٣﴾

"O company of jinn and mankind, if you are able to pass beyond the regions of the heavens and the earth, then pass. You will not pass except by authority [from Allah]."

**55:60** Reciprocating excellence

﴿هَلْ جَزَاءُ الْإِحْسَنِ إِلَّا الْإِحْسَنُ ﴿٦٠﴾

"Is the reward for good [anything] but good?"

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

He taught [v.2] عَلَّمَ	The balance [v.7] الْمِيزَانَ	Corals [v.58] الْمَرْجَانُ
Eloquent speech [v.4] الْبَيَانَ	Rubies [v.58] الْيَاقُوتُ	





# الْوَاقِعَةُ

## 56. Al-Waqi'ah: The Event

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed at Makkah and contains 96 verses. The title is taken from the reference to the Day of Resurrection in the first verse.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ ابْنِ مَسْعُودٍ، قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ: "مَنْ قَرَأَ سُورَةَ الْوَاقِعَةِ فِي كُلِّ لَيْلَةٍ لَمْ تُصِبْهُ فَاقَةٌ." (شُعَبُ الْإِيمَانِ لِلْبَيْهَقِيِّ 2268)

Ibn Masud reported that the Prophet (saw) said, "Whoever recites surah Al-Waqi'ah at night would never encounter poverty." [Shu'ab al-Iman of Bayhaqi , 2268]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Scenes of Judgement Day when:
  - Some will be abased and some exalted
  - The earth will be shaken up
  - The mountains will be crumbled to scattered dust
  - Mankind will be divided into three groups: the foremost in rank and position, the common righteous people and the disbelievers
- Admonition to the disbelievers with the examples of creation.
- The testimony of Allah about the Quran.

### SELECTED VERSES

**56:7** Three groups of people on the Day of Judgement;

1. People of the Right Hand [56:27–38]
2. People of the Left Hand [56:41–56]
3. The Foremost [56:10–26]

﴿وَكُنْتُمْ أَزْوَاجًا ثَلَاثَةً﴾

"And you become [of] three kinds:"

**56:57** Why do you not believe?

﴿فَخُنِ خَلْقَنَكُمْ فَلَوْلَا تُصَدِّقُونَ﴾

"We have created you, so why do you not believe?"

**56:68-70** Why are you not grateful?

﴿أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ الْمَاءَ الَّذِي تَشْرَبُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾ ءَأَنْتُمْ أَنْزَلْتُمُوهُ مِنَ الْمُزْنِ أَمْ نَحْنُ الْمُنزِلُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾ لَوْ نَشَاءُ جَعَلْنَاهُ أُجَاجًا فَلَوْلَا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾﴾

"And have you seen the water that you drink? Is it you who brought it down from the clouds, or is it We who bring it down? If We willed, We could make it bitter, so why are you not grateful?"

**56:77-80** Only the purified ones should touch the Quran

﴿إِنَّهُ لَقُرْءَانٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٧٧﴾ فِي كِتَابٍ مَكْنُونٍ ﴿٧٨﴾ لَا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ ﴿٧٩﴾ تَنْزِيلٌ مِّن رَّبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٨٠﴾﴾

"Indeed, it is a noble Quran. In a book well-protected; None touch it except the purified. It is a revelation from the Lord of the worlds."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

A glass [[v.18] كَأْسٍ

The right [v.27] الْيَمِينِ

The left [v.41] الشِّمَالِ

A multitude [v.39] ثُلَّةٌ



# الحديد

## 57. Al-Hadid: The Iron

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This is a Madani surah and contains 29 verses. The title of the surah is derived from the mention of iron in verse 25 as a source of physical power, symbolising the firm stance of the believers when called to the cause of Islam.

### VIRTUE

عَنِ الْعَرَبِاضِ بْنِ سَارِيَةَ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ لَا يَنَامُ حَتَّى يَقْرَأَ الْمُسَبِّحَاتِ، وَيَقُولُ: "فِيهَا آيَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ آيَةٍ." (الترمذي 3406)

Irbad Ibn Sariyah is reported that the Prophet (saw) would not sleep before reading the musabbihat (surahs that start with exalting Allah i.e. Al-Hadid, Al-Hashr, As-Saf, Al-Jumu'ah and At-Taghabun) and would say, "They include a verse that is better than one thousand verses." [Tirmidhi 3406]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Allah created the heavens and the earth in six periods and has knowledge of everything.
- On that Day, the true believers will have their light shining before them while the hypocrites will have a fate similar to the disbelievers.
- Those who spend in charity will be repaid manifold and also be given a liberal reward besides it.
- The life of this world is but play, amusement and illusion.
- Do not grieve for the things that you miss, nor be overjoyed at what you gain.
- Prophets Nuh, Ibrahim and Isa were sent for guidance to the Right Path, as for the monasticism, people instituted it themselves.

### SELECTED VERSES

57:3 Names of Allah

﴿هُوَ الْأَوَّلُ وَالْآخِرُ وَالظَّاهِرُ وَالْبَاطِنُ ۗ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ﴾

"He is the First and the Last, the Ascendant and the Intimate, and He is, of all things, Knowing."

57:7 Spending in His cause

﴿ءَامِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَأَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا جَعَلَكُمْ مُسْتَخْلِفِينَ فِيهِ ۗ فَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَأَنْفَقُوا لَهُمْ أَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ﴾

"Believe in Allah and His Messenger and spend out of that in which He has made you successors. For those who have believed among you and spent, there will be a great reward."

57:9 From darkness to light

﴿هُوَ الَّذِي يُنَزِّلُ عَلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ آيَاتٍ بَيِّنَاتٍ لِيُخْرِجَكُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ ۚ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُمْ لَرَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ﴾

"It is He who sends down upon His Servant [Muhammad] verses of clear evidence that He may bring you out from darknesses into the light. And indeed, Allah is to you Kind and Merciful."

**57:10** Timing is important

﴿وَمَا لَكُمْ أَلَّا تُنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلِلَّهِ مِيرَاثُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ لَا يَسْتَوِي مِنكُم مَّنْ أَنْفَقَ مِن قَبْلِ الْفَتْحِ وَقَتْلَ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ أَعْظَمُ دَرَجَةً مِّنَ الَّذِينَ أَنْفَقُوا مِن بَعْدُ وَقَتَلُوا ۚ وَكُلًّا وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْحَسَنَىٰ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ﴾

"And why do you not spend in the cause of Allah while to Allah belongs the heritage of the heavens and the earth? Not equal among you are those who spent before the conquest [of Makkah] and fought [and those who did so after it]. Those are greater in degree than they who spent afterwards and fought. But to all Allah has promised the best [reward]. And Allah, with what you do, is Acquainted."

**57:11** A loan to Allah

﴿مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يُقْرِضُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا فَيُضْعِفُهُ لَهُ ۗ وَهُوَ أَجْرٌ كَرِيمٌ﴾

"Who is it that would loan Allah a goodly loan so He will multiply it for him and he will have a noble reward?"

**57:16** Humbled by remembrance

﴿أَلَمْ يَأْنِ لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَن تَخْشَعَ قُلُوبُهُمْ لِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَا نَزَلَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ وَلَا يَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِن قَبْلُ فَطَالَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْأَمَدُ فَقَسَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ ۖ وَكَثِيرٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَسِقُونَ﴾

"Has the time not come for those who have believed that their hearts should become humbly submissive at the remembrance of Allah and what has come down of the truth? And let them not be like those who were given the Scripture before, and a long period passed over them, so their hearts hardened; and many of them are defiantly disobedient."

**57:17** Allah revives the earth

﴿أَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ تَحْيِي الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا ۚ قَدْ بَيَّنَّا لَكُمُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ﴾

"Know that Allah gives life to the earth after its lifelessness. We have made clear to you the signs; perhaps you will understand."

**57:20** This world is only a deceiving enjoyment

﴿أَعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا لَعِبٌ وَهُوَ زِينَةٌ وَتَفَاخُرٌ بَيْنَكُمْ وَتَكَاثُرٌ فِي الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَوْلَادِ ۖ كَمَثَلِ غَيْثٍ أَعْجَبَ الْكُفَّارَ نَبَاتُهُ ۖ ثُمَّ يَهْبِجُ فَتَرَتهُ مُصْفَرًا ۚ ثُمَّ يَكُونُ حُطْبًا ۖ وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانٌ ۗ وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاعُ الْغُرُورِ﴾

"Know that the life of this world is but amusement and diversion and adornment and boasting to one another and competition in increase of wealth and children - like the example of a rain whose [resulting] plant growth pleases the tillers; then it dries and you see it turned yellow; then

it becomes [scattered] debris. And in the Hereafter is severe punishment and forgiveness from Allah and approval. And what is the worldly life except the enjoyment of delusion."

**57:21** Competing in forgiveness

﴿سَابِقُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا كَعَرْضِ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ...﴾

"Race toward forgiveness from your Lord and a Garden whose width is like the width of the heavens and earth..."

**57:22** Everything has been decreed

﴿مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُّصِيبَةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مِّن قَبْلٍ أَن نَّبْرَأَهَا...﴾

"No disaster strikes upon the earth or among yourselves except that it is in a register before We bring it into being - indeed that, for Allah, is easy."

**57:25** Benefits of iron

﴿... وَأَنْزَلْنَا الْحَدِيدَ فِيهِ بَأْسٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَنْفَعٌ لِلنَّاسِ وَلِيَعْلَمَ اللَّهُ مَن يَنْصُرُهُ وَرُسُلَهُ بِالْغَيْبِ...﴾

"...And We sent down iron, wherein is great military might and benefits for the people, and so that Allah may make evident those who support Him and His messengers unseen..."

**57:27** Innovation of monasticism

﴿... وَرَهْبَانِيَّةً ابْتَدَعُوهَا مَا كَتَبْنَاهَا عَلَيْهِمْ إِلَّا ابْتِغَاءَ رِضْوَانِ اللَّهِ فَمَا رَعَوْهَا حَقَّ رِعَايَتِهَا...﴾

"...And monasticism, which they innovated; We did not prescribe it for them except [that they did so] seeking the approval of Allah . But they did not observe it with due observance..."

**SELECTED VOCABULARY**

The First [v.3] الْأَوَّلُ

The Last [v.3] الْآخِرُ

The Hidden [v.3] الْبَاطِنُ

The Apparent [v.3] الظَّاهِرُ





# المجادلة

## 58. Al-Mujadilah: The Dispute

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Madinah consisting of 22 verses. The title refers to a Madinan woman, Khalwah bint Tha'labah (ra) , who was divorced by her husband simply saying: "Be to me as my mother's back."

### VIRTUE

تُقَرَّرُ بِوُضُوحٍ لَا يَحْتَمِلُ الشَّكَّ أَنَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَحِزْبَهُمَا هُمُ الْعَالِيُونَ. (ابن عاشور، التحرير والتنوير، ص. 28، جزء 6)

The surah clarifies beyond doubt that Allah, His Messenger and their party will be predominant. [At-Tahrir wa At-Tanwir of Ibn Ashur, 6/28]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- The pagan practice of divorce through 'zihar' (calling one's wife as mother) is prohibited.
- The penalty for practicing zihar.
- Allah is Omnipresent, if three persons converse in secret, He is the fourth of them.
- Secret counsels are forbidden except when they are for virtue and piety.
- Conspiring in secret is the work of Satan.
- Etiquettes of holding a meeting.
- Order to spend in charity before consulting the Messenger in private.
- Those who befriend the ones who are under the wrath of Allah will be severely punished.
- True believers do not befriend those who oppose Allah and His Messenger.
- This is a unique surah in which the name of Allah can be found in every verse.

### SELECTED VERSES

**58:6** Allah has kept account of everything

﴿يَوْمَ يَبْعَثُهُمُ اللَّهُ جَمِيعًا فَيُنَبِّئُهُم بِمَا عَمِلُوا أَحْصَاهُ اللَّهُ وَنَسُوهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ﴾

"On the Day when Allah will resurrect them all and inform them of what they did. Allah had enumerated it, while they forgot it; and Allah is, over all things, Witness."

**58:7** Allah is with us wherever we maybe

﴿... مَا يَكُونُ مِنْ خَوْفٍ ثَلَاثَةً إِلَّا هُوَ رَابِعُهُمْ وَلَا خَمْسَةَ إِلَّا هُوَ سَادِسُهُمْ وَلَا أَدْنَىٰ مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَلَا أَكْثَرَ إِلَّا هُوَ مَعَهُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كَانُوا...﴾

"...There is in no private conversation between three but that He is the fourth of them, nor are there five but that He is the sixth of them and no less than that and no more except that He is with them wherever they are...'

**58:9** Secret counsel and meetings are only to be held for acts of piety

﴿يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا تَنَجَّيْتُمْ فَلَا تَتَنَجَّجُوا بِالْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ وَمَعْصِيَةِ الرَّسُولِ وَتَتَنَجَّجُوا بِالْبِرِّ وَالْقَوَىٰ  
وَأَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾﴾

"O you who have believed, when you converse privately, do not converse about sin and aggression and disobedience to the Messenger but converse about righteousness and piety. And fear Allah, to whom you will be gathered."

**58:11** The scholars are exalted in status

﴿يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا قِيلَ لَكُمْ تَفَسَّحُوا فِي الْمَجَالِسِ فَافْسَحُوا يَفْسَحِ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَإِذَا قِيلَ أَدْشُرُوا فَادْشُرُوا  
يَرَفَعِ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ دَرَجَاتٍ ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿٥٩﴾﴾

"O you who have believed, when you are told, "Space yourselves" in assemblies, then make space; Allah will make space for you. And when you are told, "Arise," then arise; Allah will raise those who have believed among you and those who were given knowledge, by degrees. And Allah is acquainted with what you do."

**58:14** Befriending those who have angered Allah

﴿أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ تَوَلَّوْا قَوْمًا غَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَّا هُمْ مِنْكُمْ وَلَا مِنْهُمْ وَيَحْلِفُونَ عَلَى الْكَذِبِ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾﴾

"Have you not considered those who make allies of a people with whom Allah has become angry? They are neither of you nor of them, and they swear to untruth while they know [they are lying]."

**58:19** The party of Satan

﴿أَسْتَحْوِذَ عَلَيْهِمُ الشَّيْطَانُ فَأَنسَاهُمْ ذِكْرَ اللَّهِ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ حِزْبُ الشَّيْطَانِ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ الشَّيْطَانِ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٦١﴾﴾

"Satan has overcome them and made them forget the remembrance of Allah. Those are the party of Satan. Unquestionably, the party of Satan - they will be the losers."

**58:20** Consequenc eof those who oppose Allah and His Messenger

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ سَخَدُونِ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولَهُ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ فِي الْأَذَلِّينَ ﴿٦٢﴾﴾

"Indeed, the ones who oppose Allah and His Messenger those will be among the most lowest."

**58:21** Allah and His Messengers will be victorious

﴿كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَأَغْلِبَنَّ أَنَا وَرُسُلِي ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ ﴿٦٣﴾﴾

"Allah has written, "I will surely overcome, I and My messengers." Indeed, Allah is Powerful and Exalted in Might."

## SELECTED VOCABULARY

Councils [v.8] النَّجْوَىٰ

Assemblies [v.11] الْمَجَالِسِ

Verily I will  
overcome [v.21] لَأَغْلِبَنَّ



# الحشر

## 59. Al-Hashr: The Gathering

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed at Madinah and contains 24 verses. The greater part of this surah deals with the conflict between the Muslims and the Jewish tribe of Banu Nadir.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ مَعْقِلِ بْنِ يَسَارٍ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، قَالَ: "مَنْ قَالَ حِينَ يُصْبِحُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ السَّمِيعِ الْعَلِيمِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ وَقَرَأَ ثَلَاثَ آيَاتٍ مِنْ آخِرِ سُورَةِ الْحَشْرِ وَكَلَّمَ اللَّهُ بِهِ سَبْعِينَ أَلْفَ مَلَكٍ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَيْهِ حَتَّى يُمْسِيَ، وَإِنْ مَاتَ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ مَاتَ شَهِيدًا، وَمَنْ قَالَهَا حِينَ يُمْسِي كَانَ بِتِلْكَ الْمُنزِلَةِ". (الترمذي 2922)

On the authority of Ma'qil reported that the Prophet said, "Whoever when he wakes in the morning says thrice 'I seek refuge with Allah against the accursed Satan' and then recites three verses from the last part of surah Al-Hashr, will be assigned seventy thousand angels to pray for him until the evening, and should he die that day, he would have died a martyr. And whoever does so in the evening, will get the same reward." [Tirmidhi 2922]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- The Jewish tribe of Banu Nadir is given the order of exile for their mutiny against the Madinan Muslim community.
- Distribution of the belongings of Banu Nadir.
- Historical background of the Jews.
- Good qualities of true immigrants and Ansar (the residents of Madinah).
- Conspiracy of the Hypocrites.
- The parable of a satan vs. a disbeliever.
- Let each soul see what it is sending for the Hereafter.
- If the Quran was sent down upon a mountain it would have crumbled into pieces from the fear of disobedience to Allah.
- Fifteen attributes of Allah in three verses: the God, the Knower of the Seen and the Unseen, the Compassionate, the Merciful, the King, the Holy, the Giver of Peace, the Grantor of Security, the Guardian, the Almighty, the Irresistible, the Supreme, the Creator, the Evolver and the Shaper.

### SELECTED VERSES

59:7 Fair distribution of wealth

﴿مَا آفَاءَ اللَّهُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْقُرَى فَلِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ وَلِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ كَيْ لَا يَكُونَ دُولَةً بَيْنَ الْأَغْنِيَاءِ مِنْكُمْ وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ

الْعِقَابِ ﴿٧﴾

"And what Allah restored to His Messenger from the people of the towns - it is for Allah and for the Messenger and for [his] near relatives and orphans and the [stranded] traveler - so that it will not be a perpetual distribution among the rich from among you. And whatever the Messenger has given you - take; and what he has forbidden you - refrain from. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty."

**59:9** Value of sacrifice

﴿وَالَّذِينَ تَبَوَّءُوا الدَّارَ وَالْإِيمَانَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ يُحِبُّونَ مَنْ هَاجَرَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَا يَجِدُونَ فِي صُدُورِهِمْ حَاجَةً مِمَّا أُوتُوا وَيُؤْتُونَ عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَلَوْ كَانَ بِهِمْ خَصَاصَةٌ وَمَنْ يُوقِ شَحْنًا نَفْسِهِ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٩﴾﴾

"And [also for] those who were settled in al-Madinah and [adopted] the faith before them. They love those who emigrated to them and find not any want in their breasts of what the emigrants were given but give [them] preference over themselves, even though they are in privation. And whoever is protected from the stinginess of his soul - it is those who will be the successful."

**59:16** Hypocrites act treacherously

﴿كَمَثَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِذْ قَالَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ اكْفُرْ فَلَمَّا كَفَرَ قَالَ إِنِّي بَرِيءٌ مِنْكَ إِنِّي أَخَافُ اللَّهَ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٦﴾﴾

"[The hypocrites are] like the example of Satan when he says to man, "Disbelieve." But when he disbelieves, he says, "Indeed, I am disassociated from you. Indeed, I fear Allah, Lord of the worlds."

**59:18** Look at your own actions

﴿يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨﴾﴾

"O you who have believed, fear Allah. And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow - and fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is acquainted with what you do."

**59:19** Do not forget Allah

﴿وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ نَسُوا اللَّهَ فَأَنْسَاهُمْ أَنْفُسَهُمْ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿١٩﴾﴾

"And be not like those who forgot Allah, so He made them forget themselves. Those are the defiantly disobedient."

**59:20** Success is for the people of Paradise

﴿لَا يَسْتَوِي أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ وَأَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾﴾

"Not equal are the companions of the Fire and the companions of Paradise. The companions of Paradise - they are the attainers [of success]."

**59:21** Power of the Quran

﴿لَوْ أَنْزَلْنَا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ عَلَى جَبَلٍ لَرَأَيْتَهُ خَشِعًا مُتَصَدِّعًا مِّنْ خَشْيَةِ اللَّهِ وَتِلْكَ الْأَمْثَلُ نَضْرِبُهَا لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢١﴾﴾

"If We had sent down this Quran upon a mountain, you would have seen it humbled and coming apart from fear of Allah. And these examples We present to the people that perhaps they will give thought."

#### 59:22-24 Beautiful Names of Allah (Asmaul Husna)

﴿هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَالِمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٢٢﴾ هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْمَلِكُ الْقُدُّوسُ السَّلَامُ الْمُؤْمِنُ الْمُهَيَّمِبُ الْعَزِيزُ الْجَبَّارُ الْمُتَكَبِّرُ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾ هُوَ اللَّهُ الْخَلِيقُ الْبَارِئُ الْمُصَوِّرُ لَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٢٤﴾﴾

- Alimul Ghayb washahada (The Knower of the unseen and seen)
- Al-Rahman (The Most Compassionate)
- Al-Raheem (The Most Merciful)
- Al-Malik (The True King)
- Al-Quddus (The Holy)
- Al-Salam (The Source of Peace)
- Al-Mu'min (The Source of Security/ Giver of Faith)
- Al-Muhaymin (The Protector)
- Al-'Azeez (The All-Powerful)
- Al-Jabbar (The Compeller)
- Al-Mutakabbir (The Proud)
- Al-Khaliq (The Creator)
- Al-Bari (The Maker)
- Al-Musawwir (The Fashioner)
- Al-Hakim (The All-Wise)

#### SUPPLICATION

﴿رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيمَانِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلًّا لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٠﴾﴾

**59:10** "Our Lord, forgive us and our brothers who preceded us in faith and put not in our hearts [any] resentment toward those who have believed. Our Lord, indeed You are Kind and Merciful."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

Emigrants [v.8] **الْمُهَاجِرِينَ**

Those who **لَا يَفْقَهُوْنَ**  
do not comprehend [v.13]

Divided [v.14] **شَتَّى**



# الممتحنة

## 60. Al-Mumtahanah: The Examined Ones

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

The surah was revealed in Madinah after the Treaty of Hudaibiya and contains 13 verses.

### VIRTUE

تَمَّازُ هَذِهِ السُّورَةُ بِتَصَدُّرِهَا بِنَهْيِ قَاطِعٍ عَنِ مَوَالَاةِ مَنْ آذَى الرَّسُولَ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ. (ابن كثير، تفسير القرآن العظيم، ص. 346، 347، جزء 4)

This surah has the privilege of commencing with a decisive prohibition to befriend those who offend the Prophet and the believers. [Tafsir of Ibn Kathir, 4/346-347]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Do not befriend those who are the enemies of Allah and the Muslims.
- The Prophet Ibrahim and his companions are an excellent example for the believers.
- Exception to the prohibition of friendship with unbelievers is made for those who had neither fought against the believers nor expelled them from their homes.
- For women that become believers, test their iman, and if you find them truthful do not return them to their unbelieving husbands.
- Women's bai'ah (oath of allegiance) in Islam is based on their commitment that they will not commit shirk, they will not steal, they will not commit adultery, they will not kill their children, they will not give any cause for scandal and that they will not disobey the Prophet.
- Three issues on which this surah provides guidance:
  1. Ethics of engagement during warfare and peace.
  2. Migration of muslim women to Madinah and the status of their marriages.
  3. Women who accepted Islam are instructed by the Prophet (saw) to pledge that they will refrain from major evils which were prevalent among the women of pre-Islamic Arabia.

### SELECTED VERSES

**60:3** Relatives and children on the Day of Judgement

﴿لَنْ نَنْفَعَكُمْ أَرْحَامَكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَفْصَلُ بَيْنَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ﴾

"Never will your relatives or your children benefit you on the Day of Resurrection He will judge between you. And Allah, of what you do, is Seeing."

**60:8** Act justly



﴿لَا يَنْهَىٰكُمْ اللَّهُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَلَمْ يُخْرِجُواكُم مِّن دِيَارِكُمْ أَن تَبَرُّوهُمْ وَتُقْسِطُوا إِلَيْهِمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ حُبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ ﴿٨﴾﴾

"Allah does not forbid you from those who do not fight you because of religion and do not expel you from your homes - from being righteous toward them and acting justly toward them. Indeed, Allah loves those who act justly."

#### 60:9 Testing the believers

﴿إِنَّمَا يَنْهَىٰكُمْ اللَّهُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ قَاتَلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَأَخْرَجُواكُم مِّن دِيَارِكُمْ وَظَاهَرُوا عَلَىٰ إِخْرَاجِكُمْ أَن تَوَلَّوهُمْ وَمَن يَتَوَلَّهُمْ فَأُوْلَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٩﴾﴾

"Allah only forbids you from those who fight you because of religion and expel you from your homes and aid in your expulsion - [forbids] that you make allies of them. And whoever makes allies of them, then it is those who are the wrongdoers."

#### 60:12 Oath of Allegiance

﴿يَأَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتُ يُبَايِعَنَّكَ عَلَىٰ أَن لَا يُشْرِكْنَ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَسْرِقْنَ وَلَا يَزْنِينَ وَلَا يَقْتُلْنَ أَوْلَادَهُنَّ وَلَا يَأْتِينَ بِبُهْتَانٍ يَفْتَرِينَهُ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِنَّ وَأَرْجُلِهِنَّ وَلَا يَعْصِيَنَّكَ فِي مَعْرُوفٍ فَبَايِعْنَهُنَّ وَأَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُنَّ ۗ اللَّهُ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٢﴾﴾

"O Prophet, when the believing women come to you pledging to you that they will not associate anything with Allah, nor will they steal, nor will they commit unlawful sexual intercourse, nor will they kill their children, nor will they bring forth a slander they have invented between their arms and legs, nor will they disobey you in what is right - then accept their pledge and ask forgiveness for them of Allah. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."

### SUPPLICATIONS

﴿رَبَّنَا عَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْنَا وَإِلَيْكَ أَنبَأْنَا وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٥﴾ رَبَّنَا لَا تَجْعَلْنَا فِتْنَةً لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَآغْفِرْ لَنَا رَبَّنَا ۗ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٦﴾﴾

60:4-5 "Our Lord, upon You we have relied, and to You we have returned, and to You is the destination. Our Lord, make us not [objects of] torment for the disbelievers and forgive us, our Lord. Indeed, it is You who is the Exalted in Might, the Wise."

### SELECTED VOCABULARY

You (all) [v.11] أَنْتُمْ

He became angry [v.13] غَضِبَ



# الصَّفِّ

## 61. As-Saff: The Ranks

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Madinah and contains 14 verses.

### VIRTUE

عَنِ الْعَرَبِاضِ بْنِ سَارِيَةَ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ لَا يَنَامُ حَتَّى يَقْرَأَ الْمُسَبِّحَاتِ، وَيَقُولُ: "فِيهَا آيَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ آيَةٍ." (الترمذي 3406)

Irbad Ibn Sariyah is reported that the Prophet (saw) would not sleep before reading the musabbihat (surahs that start with exalting Allah i.e. Al-Hadid, Al-Hashr, As-Saf, Al-Jumu'ah and At-Taghabun and would say, "They include a verse that is better than one thousand verses." [Tirmidhi 3406]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Believers are commanded not to say something that they won't do.
- The Prophet Isa gave good news of a messenger coming after him whose name would be Ahmad (Muhammad).
- A bargain to save oneself from the hellfire is to believe in Allah, His Messenger and strive your utmost in the cause of Allah (jihad) with one's wealth and person.
- Believers are commanded to be the helpers of Allah like the disciples of Isa.

### SELECTED VERSES

**61:2-3** Conformity of action with speech

﴿يَتَأْتُوا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَمْ يَقُولُوا مَا لَا تَفْعَلُونَ ۗ كَبُرَ مَقْتًا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَنْ تَقُولُوا مَا لَا تَفْعَلُونَ﴾

"O you who have believed, why do you say what you do not do? Great is hatred in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not do."

**61:4** Fighting in the path of Allah

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِهِ صَفًّا كَأَنَّهُمْ بُنْيَانٌ مَرْصُومٌ﴾

"Indeed, Allah loves those who fight in His cause in a row as though they are a [single] structure joined firmly."

**61:6** Muhammad (saw) foretold by Isa

﴿وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَبْنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدٌ ۖ فَأَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا هَذَا سِحْرٌ مُبِينٌ﴾

"And [mention] when Jesus, the son of Mary, said, "O children of Israel, indeed I am the messenger of Allah to you confirming what came before me of the Torah and bringing good tidings of a messenger to come after me, whose name is Ahmad." But when he came to them with clear evidences, they said, 'This is obvious magic.'"

**61:8** Allah is The Protector

﴿يُرِيدُونَ لِيُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَاللَّهُ مُتِمُّ نُورِهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٨﴾﴾

"They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah will perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it."

**61:9** Truth will prevail

﴿هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِأُتْقَانٍ وَالْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٩﴾﴾

"It is He who sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion, although those who associate others with Allah dislike it."

**61:10-13** A transaction with Allah

﴿يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا هَلْ أَذُكُم عَلَىٰ تَجَرَّةٍ تُنجِيكُمْ مِّنْ عَذَابِ أَلِيمٍ ﴿١٠﴾ تَوَافُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَتُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنفُسِكُمْ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِن كُنتُمْ تَعْمُونَ ﴿١١﴾ يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَيُدْخِلْكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِن تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ وَمَسَاكِنَ طَيِّبَةً فِي جَنَّاتِ عَدْنٍ ذَٰلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿١٢﴾ وَأُخْرَىٰ تُحِبُّونَهَا نَصْرٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَفَتْحٌ قَرِيبٌ وَبَشِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٣﴾﴾

"O you who have believed, shall I guide you to a transaction that will save you from a painful punishment? [It is that] you believe in Allah and His Messenger and strive in the cause of Allah with your wealth and your lives. That is best for you, if you should know. He will forgive for you your sins and admit you to gardens beneath which rivers flow and pleasant dwellings in gardens of perpetual residence. That is the great attainment. And [you will obtain] another [favor] that you love - victory from Allah and an imminent conquest; and give good tidings to the believers."

**61:14** Helpers of Allah

﴿يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُونُوا أَنْصَارَ اللَّهِ...﴾

"O you who have believed, be supporters of Allah..."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

Structure [v.4] بُنِينَ

Solid [v.4] مَرَّضُوصٌ

He invents [v.7] أَفْتَرَىٰ



# الجمعة

## 62. Al-Jumu'ah: Friday

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Madinah and consists of 11 verses. It was revealed in two stages. Its first section was revealed in 7 AH probably on the occasion of the conquest of Khaybar, and the second section was revealed shortly after the migration as the Prophet established the Friday congregation prayer on the 5th day after his arrival at Madinah.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ عُبَيْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ أَبِي رَافِعٍ، قَالَ: "كَانَ مَرْوَانُ يَسْتَخْلِفُ أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ عَلَى الْمَدِينَةِ فَيَقْرَأُ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ بِسُورَةِ الْجُمُعَةِ، وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ، قُلْتُ: يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ، لَقَدْ قَرَأْتَ سُورَتَيْنِ كَانَ عَلِيُّ يَقْرَأُ بِهِمَا"، قَالَ: "سَمِعْتُ حَبِيبَ أَبِي الْقَاسِمِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، يَقْرَأُ بِهِمَا". (النسائي 1747)

Ubaydullah Ibn Abu Rafi is reported to have said: "Marwan used to appoint [in his absence] Abu Hurayra as his ruling successor over Madina. He would recite on Friday surah Al-Jumu'ah and al-Munafiqun. I said, 'O Abu Hurayra! You have recited two surahs that Ali used to recite.'" He said, "I heard my beloved one, Abu al-Qasim (i.e Prophet Muhammad) reciting them." [Nasai 1747]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Allah has appointed Muhammad (saw) as His Messenger.
- Allah rebutted the claim of Jews to be the favourites of God to the exclusion of others.
- Commandment relating to the obligation of Friday prayers.

### SELECTED VERSES

**62:2** Four-fold mission of the Prophet (saw)

- Reciting to them His Verses
- Purifying them
- Teaching them the Book
- Teaching Wisdom

﴿هُوَ الَّذِي بَعَثَ فِي الْأُمِّيِّينَ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ﴾

"It is He who has sent among the unlettered a Messenger from themselves reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Book and wisdom - although they were before in clear error."

**62:5** Metaphor of a donkey

﴿مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ حُمِلُوا التَّوْرَةَ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَحْمِلُوهَا كَمَثَلِ الْحِمَارِ يَحْمِلُ أَسْفَارًا بِئْسَ مَثَلُ الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٦٢﴾﴾

"The example of those who were entrusted with the Torah and then did not take it on is like that of a donkey who carries volumes [of books]. Wretched is the example of the people who deny the signs of Allah. And Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people."

#### 62:8 Meeting death

﴿قُلْ إِنَّ الْمَوْتَ الَّذِي تَفِرُونَ مِنْهُ فَإِنَّهُ مُلَاقِيكُمْ ثُمَّ تُرَدُّونَ إِلَىٰ عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾﴾

"Say, 'Indeed, the death from which you flee - indeed, it will meet you. Then you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, and He will inform you about what you used to do.'"

#### 62:9 Obligation of Jumu'ah

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾﴾

"O you who have believed, when [the adhan] is called for the prayer on the day of Jumu'ah [Friday], then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you, if you only knew."

#### 62:10 Seek the bounty of Allah

﴿فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ الصَّلَاةُ فَانْتَشِرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَابْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾﴾

And when the prayer has been concluded, disperse within the land and seek from the bounty of Allah, and remember Allah often that you may succeed."

### SELECTED VOCABULARY

The unlettered ones  
الْأُمِّيِّينَ [v.2]

Prayer [v.9] ذَكَرَ

You (all) disperse [v.10] فَانْتَشِرُوا





# المُنَافِقُونَ

## 63. Al-Munafiqun: The Hypocrites

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Madinah and consists of 11 verses. It was sent down either during the Prophet's return journey from his campaign against Bani al-Mustaliq, or immediately after his arrival back at Madinah.

### VIRTUE

عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ: أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «كَانَ يَقْرَأُ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ فِي صَلَاةِ الصُّبْحِ الْمُنَزَّلَ، وَهَلْ أَتَى عَلَيَّ الْإِنْسَانَ، وَفِي صَلَاةِ الْجُمُعَةِ بِسُورَةِ الْجُمُعَةِ، وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ». (النسائي 1748)

Ibn Abbas is reported to have said that the Messenger of Allah (saw) used to recite on Friday in the fajr prayer [the surah that starts with] 'Alif Lam Meem. [This is] the revelation' [i.e. surah Al-Sajdah] and [the surah that starts with] 'Has it ever occurred to man that they were once non-existent [in the course] of time' [i.e. surah Al-Insan]; and in Friday prayer [he used to recite] surah Al-Jumu'ah and Al-Munafiqun." [Nasai 1748]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Hypocrisy is such a sin against Islam and Muslims that even the Messenger's prayer cannot obtain forgiveness for the Hypocrites from Allah.
- Let not your riches or children divert you from the remembrance of Allah, lest you become a real loser.

### SELECTED VERSES

**63:1** Hypocrites are liars

﴿إِذَا جَاءَكَ الْمُنَافِقُونَ قَالُوا نَشْهَدُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِنَّكَ لَرَسُولُهُ وَاللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ إِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ لَكَاذِبُونَ﴾

"When the hypocrites come to you, [O Muhammad], they say, "We testify that you are the Messenger of Allah." And Allah knows that you are His Messenger, and Allah testifies that the hypocrites are liars."

**63:2** They hide behind false oaths

﴿اتَّخَذُوا أَيْمَانَهُمْ جُنَّةً فَصَدُّوا عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ إِنَّهُمْ سَاءَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ﴾

"They have taken their oaths as a cover, so they averted [people] from the way of Allah. Indeed, it was evil that they were doing."

**63:4** They appear nice and speak attractively

﴿وَإِذَا رَأَيْتَهُمْ تُعْجِبُكَ أَجْسَامُهُمْ وَإِنْ يَقُولُوا تَسْمَعُ لِقَوْلِهِمْ كَأَنَّهُمْ خُشْبٌ مُّسْنَدَةٌ تَحْسَبُونَ كُلَّ صَاحِحَةٍ عَلَيْهِمْ هُمُ الْعَدُوُّ فَاحْذَرَهُمْ قَتَلَهُمُ اللَّهُ أَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ﴾

"And when you see them, their forms please you, and if they speak, you listen to their speech. [They are] as if they were pieces of wood propped up - they think that every shout is against them. They are the enemy, so beware of them. May Allah destroy them; how are they deluded?"

**63:5** They turn away their heads with pride

﴿وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ تَعَالَوْا يَسْتَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ لَوَّأُ رُءُوسَهُمْ وَرَأَيْتَهُمْ يَصُدُّونَ وَهُمْ مُسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٥﴾﴾

"And when it is said to them, 'Come, the Messenger of Allah will ask forgiveness for you,' they turn their heads aside and you see them evading while they are arrogant."

**63:7** They discourage others from giving charity

﴿هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ لَا تُنْفِقُوا عَلَىٰ مَنْ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ حَتَّىٰ يَنْفَضُوا ۗ وَاللَّهُ خَزَائِنُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَكِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٧﴾﴾

"They are the ones who say, "Do not spend on those who are with the Messenger of Allah until they disband." And to Allah belongs the depositories of the heavens and the earth, but the hypocrites do not understand."

**63:6** Whether or not the Prophet (saw) asks forgiveness for the dead hypocrites, Allah will never forgive them

﴿سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْهِمْ أَسْتَغْفَرْتَ لَهُمْ أَمْ لَمْ تَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ لَنْ يَغْفِرَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٦﴾﴾

"It is all the same for them whether you ask forgiveness for them or do not ask forgiveness for them; never will Allah forgive them. Indeed, Allah does not guide the defiantly disobedient people."

**63:9** Distraction of wealth and children

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُلْهِكُمْ أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ ۗ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٩﴾﴾

"O you who have believed, let not your wealth and your children divert you from remembrance of Allah. And whoever does that - then those are the losers."

**63:10** Flee for a second chance

﴿وَأَنْفِقُوا مِنْ مَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ أَحَدَكُمُ الْمَوْتُ فَيَقُولَ رَبِّ لَوْلَا أَخَّرْتَنِي إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ فَأَصَّدَّقَ وَأَكُن مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٠﴾﴾

"And spend [in the way of Allah] from what We have provided you before death approaches one of you and he says, 'My Lord, if only You would delay me for a brief term so I would give charity and be among the righteous.'"

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

It is equal [v.6] سَوَاءٌ

While [v.10] أَجَلٍ

Then I would give فَأَصَّدَّقَ charity [v.10]



# التَّجَابُنُ

## 64. At-Taghabun: Mutual Disillusion

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Madinah and consists of 18 verses. It derives its title from verse 9 which calls the Day of Judgement 'the day of mutual loss and gain.'

### VIRTUE

جَاءَ فِي تَفْسِيرِ الْأَلُوسِيِّ فِي قَوْلِهِ تَعَالَى فِي هَذِهِ السُّورَةِ: "مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِن بِاللَّهِ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ قَلْبَهُ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ". (11): "قِيلَ: لَيْسَ فِي الْآيَاتِ لِمَنْ تَأْمَلُ فِي الْحَثِّ عَلَى التَّوَكُّلِ أَعْظَمُ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْآيَةِ." (روح المعاني، ص. 125، 126، جزء 28)

"No disaster strikes except by permission of Allah. And whoever believes in Allah - He will guide his heart. And Allah is Knowing of all things." (v.11): "It was said, "It appears through contemplation that there is no verse more urging upon Tawakkul (putting one's trust in Allah) than this verse." [Ruh al-Ma`ani of Al-Alusi, 28/125-126]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- To Allah belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, and He knows all that you conceal and reveal.
- Surely there will be life after death, the Day of Judgement and reward for good and bad deeds.
- No affliction can ever befall anyone except by the permission of Allah.
- Among your wives and children there are some who are your enemies, be aware of them.

### SELECTED VERSES

**64:2** Freedom of choice

﴿هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ فَمِنْكُمْ كَافِرٌ وَمِنْكُمْ مُؤْمِنٌ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ﴾

"It is He who created you, and among you is the disbeliever, and among you is the believer. And Allah, of what you do, is Seeing."

**64:3** Allah perfecting our creation

﴿خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِالْحَقِّ وَصَوَّرَكُمْ فَأَحْسَنَ صُوَرَكُمْ وَإِلَيْهِ الْمَصِيرُ﴾

"He created the heavens and earth in truth and formed you and perfected your forms; and to Him is the [final] destination."

**64:8** The Quran is a light

﴿فَقَامِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَالنُّورِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلْنَا وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ﴾

"So believe in Allah and His Messenger and the Light which We have sent down. And Allah is acquainted with what you do."

**64:9** The day of mutual loss and gain

﴿يَوْمَ تَجْمَعُكُمْ لِيَوْمِ الْجَمْعِ ذَٰلِكَ يَوْمُ التَّعَابِنِ ۗ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَيَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا يُكْفِرْ عَنْهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِ وَيُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ۗ ذَٰلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿١١﴾﴾

"The Day He will assemble you for the Day of Assembly - that is the Day of Deprivation. And whoever believes in Allah and does righteousness - He will remove from him his misdeeds and admit him to gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the great attainment."

**64:11** No calamity befalls except by the permission of Allah

﴿مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۗ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ قَلْبَهُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٢﴾﴾

"No disaster strikes except by permission of Allah. And whoever believes in Allah - He will guide his heart. And Allah is Knowing of all things."

**64:14** Beware of your spouses and your children

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنَّ مِنْ أَرْوَاجِكُمْ وَأَوْلَادِكُمْ عَدُوًّا لَكُمْ فَاحْذَرُوهُمْ ۗ وَإِنْ تَعَفَوْا وَتَصَفَحُوا وَتَغْفِرُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٤﴾﴾

"O you who have believed, indeed, among your wives and your children are enemies to you, so beware of them. But if you pardon and overlook and forgive - then indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."

**64:15** Wealth and children are a trial

﴿إِنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٥﴾﴾

"Your wealth and your children are but a trial, and Allah has with Him a great reward."

**64:16** Obedience according to one's capacity

﴿فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ وَأَسْمِعُوا وَأَطِيعُوا وَأَنْفِقُوا خَيْرًا لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ ۗ وَمَنْ يُوقِ شُحَّ نَفْسِهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَالِحُونَ ﴿١٦﴾﴾

"So fear Allah as much as you are able and listen and obey and spend [in the way of Allah]; it is better for your selves. And whoever is protected from the stinginess of his soul - it is those who will be the successful."

**64:17** A loan to Allah

﴿إِنْ تَقْرَضُوا اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا يَضْعَفْهُ لَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ شَكُورٌ حَلِيمٌ ﴿١٧﴾﴾

"If you loan Allah a goodly loan, He will multiply it for you and forgive you. And Allah is Most Appreciative and Forbearing."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

With the leave of بِالَّذِي  
Allah [v.11]

And spend in أَنْفِقُوا  
charity [v.16]

Most forbearing حَلِيمٌ  
[v.17]



# الطَّلَاقُ

## 65. At-Talaq: Divorce

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed at Madinah and contains 12 verses. Its title is derived from verse 1, which deals with divorce.

### VIRTUE

تُبَيِّنُ هَذِهِ السُّورَةُ أَنَّ التَّقْوَى هِيَ مِلْكُ الْأَمْرِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى وَمِفْتَاحُ الْفَرَجِ وَالسَّعَةِ وَسَعَادَةِ الدَّارَيْنِ. (انظر روح المعاني، ص. 135، جزء 28)

This surah explains that piety is the true measure of every thing in the sight of Allah and the key to comfort and happiness in this world and in the hereafter. [Ruh Al-Ma`ani of Al-Alusi, 28/135]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Laws of divorce.
- Iddah (waiting period before the divorce takes effect) is commanded to be three menstrual periods, three months if menstruation is not applicable, and in case of pregnancy it is the delivery of the child.
- Rebellion against Allah's commandment may bring stern reckoning or exemplary punishment, so fear Allah and adhere to His laws.

### SELECTED VERSES

**65:1** The limits of Allah in divorce

﴿يَأَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِذَا طَلَّقْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَطَلِّقُوهُنَّ لِعَدَّتِهِنَّ وَأَحْصُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ رَبَّكُمْ لَا تُخْرِجُوهُنَّ مِنْ بُيُوتِهِنَّ وَلَا يَخْرُجْنَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَأْتِيَنَّ بِفَحِشَةٍ مُبَيِّنَةٍ وَتِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ ظَلَمَ نَفْسَهُ لَا تَدْرِي لَعَلَّ اللَّهَ يُحْدِثُ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ أَمْرًا ﴿١﴾﴾

"O Prophet, when you [Muslims] divorce women, divorce them for [the commencement of] their waiting period and keep count of the waiting period, and fear Allah, your Lord. Do not turn them out of their [husbands'] houses, nor should they [themselves] leave [during that period] unless they are committing a clear immorality. And those are the limits [set by] Allah. And whoever transgresses the limits of Allah has certainly wronged himself. You know not; perhaps Allah will bring about after that a [different] matter."

**65:2-3** Sustenance from a source which you never imagined

﴿... وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ تَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا ﴿٢﴾ وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ ﴿٣﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَلِغُ أَمْرِهِ قَدْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدْرًا ﴿٤﴾﴾

"...And whoever fears Allah - He will make for him a way out. And will provide for him from where he does not expect. And whoever relies upon Allah - then He is sufficient for him. Indeed, Allah will accomplish His purpose. Allah has already set for everything a [decreed] extent."

**65:4** Period of Iddah

﴿وَالَّذِي يَبِيسَنَّ مِنَ الْمَحِيضِ مِنْ نِسَائِكُمْ إِنْ أَرْتَبْتُمْ فَعِدَّتُهُنَّ ثَلَاثَةُ أَشْهُرٍ وَالَّتِي لَمْ تَحِضْ وَأُولَاتُ الْأَحْمَالِ أَجَلُهُنَّ أَنْ يَضَعْنَ حَمْلَهُنَّ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ تَجْعَلْ لَهُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِ يُسْرًا ﴿٤﴾﴾

"And those who no longer expect menstruation among your women - if you doubt, then their period is three months, and [also for] those who have not menstruated. And for those who are pregnant, their term is until they give birth. And whoever fears Allah - He will make for him of his matter ease."

**65:7** Spend according to one's means

﴿لِيُنْفِقَ ذُو سَعَةٍ مِّنْ سَعَتِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ قُدِرَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقُهُ فَلْيُنْفِقْ مِمَّا آتَاهُ اللَّهُ ۚ لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا مَاءً آتَاهَا ۚ سَيَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ بَعْدَ عُسْرٍ يُسْرًا ﴿٧﴾﴾

"Let a man of wealth spend from his wealth, and he whose provision is restricted - let him spend from what Allah has given him. Allah does not charge a soul except [according to] what He has given it. Allah will bring about, after hardship, ease."

**SELECTED VOCABULARY**

Allah has prepared أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ [v.10]	Power [v.12] قَدِيرٌ	Surrounds [v.12] أَحَاطَ
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# التَّحْرِيمُ

## 66. At-Tahrim: The Prohibition

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Madinah and contains 12 verses. The title is taken from verse 1 which asks the Prophet why he has forbidden himself something which is lawful in the sight of Allah.

### VIRTUE

تَمَيَّزُ هَذِهِ السُّورَةُ بِأَنَّهَا تَلْفِتُ الْأَنْظَارَ إِلَى فَضْلِ إِحْسَانِ الْعِشْرَةِ مَعَ الزَّوْجَاتِ وَالتَّلَطُّفِ فِي الْعُتْبِ وَالْإِعْرَاضِ عَنِ اسْتِقْصَاءِ الذَّنْبِ. (روح المعاني، ص. 151، جزء 28)

This surah is distinguished by drawing attention to the merit of being kind to wives, reproaching them gently and the abstention of exploring their mistakes. [Ruh Al-Ma`ani of Al-Alusi, 28/151]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Do not make something unlawful which Allah has made lawful.
- Wives of the Prophet are admonished on their behaviour with him.
- Believers are commanded to turn to Allah in sincere repentance if they want to be forgiven.
- Example of the wives of Nuh and Lut who will go to Hell and the example of Pharaoh's wife and Maryam who will go to Paradise.

### SELECTED VERSES

**66:3** Allah knows the unseen

﴿وَإِذْ أَسَرَّ النَّبِيُّ إِلَى بَعْضِ أَزْوَاجِهِ حَدِيثًا فَلَمَّا نَبَّأَتْ بِهِ وَأَظْهَرَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَرَفَ بَعْضَهُ وَأَعْرَضَ عَنْ بَعْضٍ فَلَمَّا نَبَّأَهَا بِهِ قَالَتْ مَنْ أَنْبَأَكَ هَذَا قَالَ نَبَّأَنِيَ الْعَلِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ﴾

"And [remember] when the Prophet confided to one of his wives a statement; and when she informed [another] of it and Allah showed it to him, he made known part of it and ignored a part. And when he informed her about it, she said, "Who told you this?" He said, 'I was informed by the Knowing, the Acquainted.'"

**66:5** Ideal spouses:

- Muslimah – submissive to Allah
- Mu'minah – believers
- Qanitah – obedient to Allah
- Ta'ibah – turning in repentance to Allah
- Abidah – worshipper of Allah
- Saihah – inclined to fasting

﴿عَسَىٰ رَبُّهُ إِنْ طَلَّقَكُنَّ أَنْ يُبَدِّلَهُ أَزْوَاجًا خَيْرًا مِنْكَ مِمَّنْ مُسَلِّمَاتٍ مُّؤْمِنَاتٍ قَنِيئَاتٍ تَتَّبِعْتِ عِبَادَاتٍ سَلِيحَاتٍ تَتَّبِعْتِ  
وَأَبْكَارًا ﴿٦٦﴾﴾

"Perhaps his Lord, if he divorced you [all], would substitute for him wives better than you, submitting [to Allah], believing, devoutly obedient, repentant, worshipping, and traveling , [ones] previously married and virgins."

**66:6** Prioritise: save yourselves and your family first

﴿يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَاظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ  
مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾﴾

"O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones, over which are [appointed] angels, harsh and severe; they do not disobey Allah in what He commands them but do what they are commanded."

**66:7** Make no excuses

﴿يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَعْتَدُوا الْيَوْمَ إِنَّمَا تُحْزَوْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾﴾

"O you who have disbelieved, make no excuses that Day. You will only be recompensed for what you used to do."

**66:8** Sincere repentance

﴿يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا تَوْبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَوْبَةً نَّصُوحًا ...﴾

"O you who have believed, repent to Allah with sincere repentance..."

**66:10** Example of the wife of Nuh and the wife of Lut

﴿ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا امْرَأَتَ نُوحٍ وَامْرَأَتَ لُوطٍ ۗ كَانَتَا تَحْتَ عَبْدَيْنِ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا صَالِحِينَ  
فَخَانَتَاهُمَا فَلَمْ يَغْنَبْنَا عَنْهُمَا مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَقِيلَ ادْخُلَا النَّارَ مَعَ الدَّٰخِلِينَ ﴿٦٩﴾﴾

"Allah presents an example of those who disbelieved: the wife of Noah and the wife of Lot. They were under two of Our righteous servants but betrayed them, so those prophets did not avail them from Allah at all, and it was said, 'Enter the Fire with those who enter.'"

**66:11** Asiyah is "an example for those who believe"

﴿وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا امْرَأَتَ فِرْعَوْنَ ۗ إِذْ قَالَتْ رَبِّ ابْنِ لِي عِنْدَكَ بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَخِّنِي مِنْ  
فِرْعَوْنَ وَعَمَلِهِ وَخِّنِي مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٧٠﴾﴾

"And Allah presents an example of those who believed: the wife of Pharaoh, when she said, 'My Lord, build for me near You a house in Paradise and save me from Pharaoh and his deeds and save me from the wrongdoing people.'"

**66:12** Maryam bint 'Imran

وَمَرْيَمَ ابْنَتَ عِمْرَانَ الَّتِي أَحْصَنَتْ فَرْجَهَا فَنفَخْنَا فِيهِ مِنْ رُوحِنَا وَصَدَّقَتْ بِكَلِمَاتِ رَبِّهَا وَكُتِبَ لَهَا مِنَ الذَّكْرِ إِسْمٌ فَتَابَ رَبُّهَا وَجَعَلَهَا آيَةً لِلْعَالَمِينَ

الْقِنِينِ ﴿١٢١﴾

"And [the example of] Mary, the daughter of 'Imran, who guarded her chastity, so We blew into [her garment] through Our angel, and she believed in the words of her Lord and His scriptures and was of the devoutly obedient."

#### SUPPLICATIONS

﴿رَبَّنَا آتِنَا لَنَا نُورًا وَأَغْفِرْ لَنَا إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١٢٢﴾﴾

**66:8** "Our Lord, perfect for us our light and forgive us. Indeed, You are over all things competent."

﴿رَبِّ ابْنِ لِي عِنْدَكَ بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنَ الْفِرْعَوْنَ وَعَمَلِهِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٢٣﴾﴾

**66:11** "My Lord, build for me near You a house in Paradise and save me from Pharaoh and his deeds and save me from the wrongdoing people."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

He informed [v.3] عَرَّفَ

Then when [v.3] فَلَمَّا

His lord/master/all مَوْلَاهُ  
protector [v.4]



# المَلِكِ

## 67. Al- Mulk: The Supreme Power

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

The subject matter and the style indicate that it is one of the earliest surahs revealed during the life of the Prophet's residence at Makkah. It consists of 30 verses.

### VIRTUES

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: إِنَّ سُورَةَ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ ثَلَاثُونَ آيَةً شَفَعَتْ لِرَجُلٍ حَتَّى غُفِرَ لَهُ، وَهِيَ سُورَةُ تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ. (الترمذي 2891)

Abu Hurayra reported that the Prophet (saw) said: "There is a chapter in the Quran consisting of thirty verses which intercedes for a person till he is forgiven by Allah and it is surah Mulk." [Tirmidhi 2891]

عَنْ جَابِرٍ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ لَا يَنَامُ حَتَّى يَقْرَأَ أَلَمْ تَنْزِيلُ، وَتَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ. (الترمذي 2892)

Jabir reported that the Prophet (saw) did not go to sleep without reading surah Sajdah and surah Al-Mulk." [Tirmidhi 2892]

كَمَا وَرَدَ أَنَّ قِرَاءَةَ هَذِهِ السُّورَةِ تَقِي مِنَ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ. (النسائي 10479)

It was also narrated that reading of this surah is a means of protection from the punishment of the grave. [Nasai 10479]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- The Kingdom of the universe belongs to Allah.
- The lower heaven is decorated with lamps (stars).
- The dwellers of Hell will wish: "Had we only listened to the call of Islam, we would have not been among the inmates of Hell."
- No one can help you against Allah, nor can any one save you from the punishment of Allah.

### SELECTED VERSES

**67:1** Allah has power over all things

﴿تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ﴾

"Blessed is He in whose hand is dominion, and He is over all things competent."

**67:2** Who is best in good deed?

﴿الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا...﴾

"[He] who created death and life to test you [as to] which of you is best in deed ..."

**67:3** Can you see any fault in the creation of Allah?

﴿الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا مَّا تَرَى فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ مِن تَفَنُّوتٍ فَارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ هَلْ تَرَى مِن فُطُورٍ﴾

"[And] who created seven heavens in layers. You do not see in the creation of the Most Merciful any inconsistency. So return [your] vision [to the sky]; do you see any breaks?"

**67:10** Listen and reason

﴿وَقَالُوا لَوْ كُنَّا نَسْمَعُ أَوْ نَعْقِلُ مَا كُنَّا فِي أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ﴾

"And they will say, "If only we had been listening or reasoning, we would not be among the companions of the Blaze."

**67:15** The earth has been made subservient to you

﴿هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ ذُلُولًا فَامْشُوا فِي مَنَاكِبِهَا وَكُلُوا مِن رِّزْقِهِ وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ﴾

"It is He who made the earth tame for you - so walk among its slopes and eat of His provision - and to Him is the resurrection."

**67:19** Who holds the birds in the skies?

﴿أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى الطَّيْرِ فَوْقَهُمْ صَافِتٍ وَيَقْبِضْنَ مَا يُمْسِكُهُنَّ إِلَّا الرَّحْمَنُ إِنَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ بَصِيرٌ﴾

"Do they not see the birds above them with wings outspread and [sometimes] folded in? None holds them [aloft] except the Most Merciful. Indeed He is, of all things, Seeing."

**67:21** Who will provide for you?

﴿أَمَّنْ هَذَا الَّذِي يَرْزُقُكُمْ إِنْ أَمْسَكَ رِزْقَهُ بَل لَّجُوا فِي عُتُوٍ وَنُفُورٍ﴾

"Or who is it that could provide for you if He withheld His provision? But they have persisted in insolence and aversion."

**67:23** Ungrateful nature of humans

﴿قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْشَأَكُمْ وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَرَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ﴾

"Say, 'It is He who has produced you and made for you hearing and vision and hearts; little are you grateful.'"

**67:30** Who will provide you with water?

﴿قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ مَاؤُكُمْ غَوْرًا فَمَن يَأْتِيكُم بِمَاءٍ مَّعِينٍ﴾

"Say, 'Have you considered: if your water was to become sunken [into the earth], then who could bring you flowing water?'"

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

Discrepancies [v.3] تَفَنُّوتٍ

Up right [v.22] سَوِيًّا

Sunk away [v.30] غَوْرًا





# القلم

## 68. Al-Qalam: The Pen

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This is one of the earliest surahs revealed in Makkah at a time when opposition to the Prophet had grown very harsh and tyrannical. It consists of 52 verses.

### VIRTUE

تَمَيَّزُ هَذِهِ السُّورَةُ بِأَنَّهَا تَلْفَتْ الْأَنْظَارَ إِلَى أَهْمِيَّةِ الْكِتَابَةِ وَعِظْمِ مَنْفَعَتِهَا. (الرازي، مفاتيح الغيب، ص 68، جزء 30)

This surah has the advantage of drawing the attention to the importance and great benefit of writing. [Mafateeh Al-Ghayb of Ar-Razi, 30/68]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Allah declared Muhammad (saw) to be of the highest moral character.
- Commandment of not yielding to any disbelieving oath monger, slanderer and wicked person.
- Example of the arrogant and miserly owners of a garden who did not want to pay charity and as a result their garden was destroyed.
- Allah is not going to treat the Muslims as He will treat the guilty.
- Those who do not believe in Allah's revelations are led step by step towards destruction.
- Three important themes of this surah:
  - Response to the opponents' objections
  - Warning and admonition to the disbelievers
  - Exhortation of patience to the Prophet (saw)

### SELECTED VERSES

**68:2** The Prophet is not a madman

﴿مَا أَنْتَ بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ بِمَجْنُونٍ﴾

"You are not, [O Muhammad], by the favor of your Lord, a madman."

**68:4** The Prophet embodies the best of human ethics

﴿وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَى خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ﴾

"And indeed, you are of a great moral character."

**68:8-9** Danger of compromise

﴿فَلَا تُطِعِ الْمُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٨﴾ وَدُوا لَوْ تَدَّهِنُ فَيُدَّهِنُونَ ﴿٩﴾﴾

"Then do not obey the deniers. They wish that you would soften [in your position], so they would soften [toward you]."

**68:17-33** Story of the People of the Garden

68:35-36 Judging the believers

﴿أَفَتَجْعَلُ الْإِنْسَانَ كَالْجُرْمِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾ مَا لَكُمْ كَيْفَ تَحْكُمُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾﴾

"Then will We treat the Muslims like the criminals? What is [the matter] with you? How do you judge?"

68:44-45 The plan of Allah is firm

﴿فَذَرْنِي وَمَنْ يُكَذِّبُ ۖ هَذَا الَّذِي سَنَسْتَدْرِجُهُمْ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾ وَأُمْلِي لَهُمْ ۗ إِنَّ كَيْدِي مَتِينٌ ﴿٤٥﴾﴾

"So leave Me, [O Muhammad], with [the matter of] whoever denies the Quran. We will progressively lead them [to punishment] from where they do not know. And I will give them time. Indeed, My plan is firm."

68:48 Be patient

﴿فَاصْبِرْ لِحُكْمِ رَبِّكَ وَلَا تَكُنْ كَصَاحِبِ الْخُوتِ إِذْ نَادَىٰ وَهُوَ مَكْظُومٌ ﴿٤٨﴾﴾

"Then be patient for the decision of your Lord, [O Muhammad], and be not like the companion of the fish when he called out while he was distressed."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

Deprived [v.27] مَحْرُومُونَ

The ones who desire رَاغِبُونَ  
[v.32]

Will vouch [v.40] زَعِيمٌ



# الْحَاقَّةُ

## 69. Al-Haqqah: The Reality

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Makkah about four years before the Hijrah of the Prophet. It contains 52 verses and derives its name from verses 1–3, which refer to the Day of Judgement, as 'the impending reality.'

### VIRTUE

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: "شَيْبَتَنِي سُورَةُ هُودٍ وَأَخَوَاتُهَا: الْوَاقِعَةُ، وَالْقَارِعَةُ، وَالْحَاقَّةُ، وَإِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ) وَ(سَأَلَ سَائِلٌ). (الجامع الصغير 4915)

Anas Ibn Malik is reported to have said that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said: "The surah of [Prophet] Hud and its sisters made my hair grow grey: surah Al-Waqi`ah, surah Al-Qari`ah, surah Al-Haqqah, [the surah that starts with] 'When the sun enfolds (i.e. At-Takwir)' and [the surah that starts with] 'A [mocking] questioner has asked (i.e. Al-Ma`arij)'. " [Al-Jami` As-Sagheer 4915]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Description of the Day of Resurrection and the Day of Judgement.
- Righteous people and their reward.
- Sinful people and their punishment.
- The Quran is the word of Allah and not of the Prophet, and that it is a reminder for those who fear Allah.

### SELECTED VERSES

**69:1-3** The inevitable reality

﴿الْحَاقَّةُ ﴿١﴾ مَا الْحَاقَّةُ ﴿٢﴾ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الْحَاقَّةُ ﴿٣﴾﴾

"The Inevitable Reality - What is the Inevitable Reality? And what can make you know what is the Inevitable Reality?"

**69:24** Heart's satisfaction

﴿كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا هَنِيئًا بِمَا أَسْلَفْتُمْ فِي الْأَيَّامِ الْخَالِيَةِ ﴿٢٤﴾﴾

"[They will be told], 'Eat and drink in satisfaction for what you put forth in the days past.'"

**68:28-29** Wealth is of no benefit

﴿مَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنِّي مَالِيَّةٌ ﴿٢٨﴾ هَلَكَ عَنِّي سُلْطَانِيَّةٌ ﴿٢٩﴾﴾

"My wealth has not availed me. Gone from me is my authority."

**68:33-34** Belief and social justice

﴿إِنَّهُ كَانَ لَا يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٦٩﴾ وَلَا تَحُضُّ عَلَىٰ طَعَامِ الْمِسْكِينِ ﴿٦٨﴾﴾

"Indeed, he did not used to believe in Allah, the Most Great, Nor did he encourage the feeding of the poor."

**69:35** Feeling of loneliness

﴿فَلَيْسَ لَهُ الْيَوْمَ هَاهُنَا حَمِيمٌ ﴿٦٩﴾﴾

"So there is not for him here this Day any devoted friend."

**69:48** Quran for the God-fearing

﴿وَإِنَّهُ لَتَذِكْرَةٌ لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾﴾

"And indeed, the Quran is a reminder for the righteous."

**69:51** Absolute truth

﴿وَإِنَّهُ لَحَقُّ الْيَقِينِ ﴿٥١﴾﴾

"And indeed, it is the truth of certainty."

**69:52** Glorifying the name of Allah

﴿فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٥٢﴾﴾

"So exalt the name of your Lord, the Most Great."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

Remnants [v.8] بَاقِيَةٍ

A soothsayer [v.42] كَاهِنٍ

So glorify [v.52] فَسَبِّحْ



# المعارج

## 70. Al-Ma'arij: The Ascending Stairways

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Makkah and contains 44 verses. Its title is drawn from verse 3, which refers to Allah as 'the Lord of the Stairways.'

### VIRTUE

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: "شَبَّتَنِي سُورَةُ هُودٍ وَأَخَوَاتُهَا: الْوَاقِعَةُ، وَالْقَارِعَةُ، وَالْحَاقَّةُ، وَإِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ) وَ(سَأَلَ سَائِلٌ). " (الجامع الصغير 4915)

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### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- The Day of Judgement will be equal to fifty thousand years.
- Disbelievers will wish to save themselves from the punishment at the expense of their children, wives, brothers and relatives, but it will not happen.
- Paradise is not for the disbelievers.
- Disbelievers will have downcast eyes and countenances distorted with shame.

### SELECTED VERSES

**70:4** A day in the Hereafter

﴿تَعْرُجُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ إِلَيْهِ فِي يَوْمٍ كَانَ مِقْدَارُهُ خَمْسِينَ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ﴾

"The angels and the Spirit will ascend to Him during a Day the extent of which is fifty thousand years."

**70:6-7** The Hereafter is closer than we think

﴿إِنَّهُمْ يَرَوْنَهُ بَعِيدًا ﴿٦﴾ وَنَرَاهُ قَرِيبًا ﴿٧﴾﴾

"Indeed, they see it [as] distant, But We see it [as] near."

**70:10-11** Everyone for themselves

﴿وَلَا يَسْأَلُ حَمِيمٌ حَمِيمًا ﴿١٠﴾ يُبْصَرُونَهُمْ ﴿١١﴾ يَوَدُّ الْمُجْرِمُ لَوْ يَفْتَدِي مِنْ عَذَابِ يَوْمِئِذٍ بِنِيبِهِ ﴿١٢﴾﴾

"And no friend will ask [anything of] a friend, They will be shown each other. The criminal will wish that he could be ransomed from the punishment of that day by his children"

**70:19** Human beings have been created impatient

﴿ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ خُلِقَ هَلُوعًا ﴾

"Indeed, mankind was created anxious:"

Characteristics of those who pray:

**70:23** Those who are constant in their prayers i.e. always pray

﴿ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ عَلَى صَلَاتِهِمْ دَائِمُونَ ﴾

"Those who are constant in their prayer"

**70:24-25** Those, in whose wealth, there is a known right, for the one who asks and the deprived

﴿ وَالَّذِينَ فِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ حَقٌّ مَّعْلُومٌ ﴿٢٤﴾ لِلسَّائِلِ وَالْمَحْرُومِ ﴾

"And those within whose wealth is a known right. For the petitioner and the deprived."

**70:26** Those who verify (with their certain belief) the Day of Judgment

﴿ وَالَّذِينَ يُصَدِّقُونَ بِيَوْمِ الدِّينِ ﴾

"And those who believe in the Day of Recompense"

**70:27-28** Those who fear the punishment of Allah

﴿ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مِّنْ عَذَابِ رَبِّهِمْ مُّشْفِقُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ إِنَّ عَذَابَ رَبِّهِمْ غَيْرُ مَأْمُونٍ ﴾

"And those who are fearful of the punishment of their Lord -Indeed, the punishment of their Lord is not that from which one is safe."

**70:32** Those who keep their trusts (amanah) and covenants ('ahd)

﴿ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَمْتِنَتِهِمْ وَعَهْدِهِمْ رَاعُونَ ﴾

"And those who are to their trusts and promises attentive"

**70:33** Those who stand firm in their testimonies (shahadah)

﴿ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِشَهَادَاتِهِمْ قَائِمُونَ ﴾

"And those who are in their testimonies upright"

**70:34** Those who guard their prayers well

﴿ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ عَلَى صَلَاتِهِمْ يُحَافِظُونَ ﴾

"And those who [carefully] maintain their prayer:"

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

About to befall [v.1] وَقَعَ

Can avert [v.2] دَافَعُ

Remain constant [v.23] دَائِمُونَ

Fifty [v.4] خَمْسِينَ







## 71. Nuh: Noah

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Makkah and contains 28 verses. The entire surah is devoted to the call of Prophet Nuh to his people.

### VIRTUE

جَاءَ فِي تَفْسِيرِ أَبِي السُّعُودِ فِي قَوْلِهِ تَعَالَى: "رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِمَنْ دَخَلَ بَيْتِي مُؤْمِنًا وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَلَا تَزِدِ الظَّالِمِينَ إِلَّا تَبَارًا" (28): "مَنْ قَرَأَ سُورَةَ نُوحٍ كَانَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ تُدْرِكُهُمْ دَعْوَةُ نُوحٍ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ." (إرشاد العقل السليم إلى مزايا الكتاب الكريم، ص. 42، جزء 9)

"My Lord, forgive me and my parents and whoever enters my house a believer and the believing men and believing women. And do not increase the wrongdoers except in destruction." (28): "Whoever recites Surah Nuh (Noah) will be among the believers who benefit from the supplication of Nuh (as)." [Tafsir of Abu As-Sa`ud, 9/42]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- The Prophet Nuh's preaching and submission to Allah after exhausting all his efforts.
- The Prophet Nuh's prayer not to leave any unbeliever on the surface of the earth and Allah granted his prayer.

### SELECTED VERSES

**71:5-9** Persistence in inviting others to Islam

﴿قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُ قَوْمِي لَيْلًا وَنَهَارًا ﴿٥﴾ فَلَمْ يَزِدْهُمْ دُعَائِي إِلَّا فِرَارًا ﴿٦﴾ وَإِنِّي كُلَّمَا دَعَوْتُهُمْ لِتَغْفِرَ لَهُمْ جَعَلُوا أُصْذِعُهُمْ فِي آذَانِهِمْ وَأَسْتَغْشَوْا ثِيَابَهُمْ وَأَصْرُوا وَآسْتَكْبَرُوا اسْتِكْبَارًا ﴿٧﴾ ثُمَّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُهُمْ جَهَارًا ﴿٨﴾ ثُمَّ إِنِّي أَعْلَنْتُ لَهُمْ وَأَسْرَرْتُ لَهُمْ إِسْرَارًا ﴿٩﴾﴾

"He said, "My Lord, indeed I invited my people [to truth] night and day. But my invitation increased them not except in flight. And indeed, every time I invited them that You may forgive them, they put their fingers in their ears, covered themselves with their garments, persisted, and were arrogant with [great] arrogance. Then I invited them publicly. Then I announced to them and [also] confided to them secretly."

**71:10-12** Seeking forgiveness

﴿فَقُلْتُ اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا ﴿١٠﴾ يُرْسِلِ السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِدْرَارًا ﴿١١﴾ وَيُمْدِدْكُمْ بِأَمْوَالٍ وَيَبْنِيَنَّ وَيَجْعَلَ لَكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ وَيَجْعَلَ لَكُمْ أَنْهَارًا ﴿١٢﴾﴾

"And said, 'Ask forgiveness of your Lord. Indeed, He is ever a Perpetual Forgiver. He will send [rain from] the sky upon you in [continuing] showers And give you increase in wealth and children and provide for you gardens and provide for you rivers."

**70:13** Having regard for the gratefulness of Allah

﴿مَا لَكُمْ لَا تَرْجُونَ لِلَّهِ وَقَارًا﴾

"What is [the matter] with you that you do not attribute to Allah [due] grandeur."

**71:21** "My Lord! They have disobeyed me"

﴿قَالَ نُوحٌ رَبِّ إِنَّهُمْ عَصَوْنِي وَأَتَّبَعُوا مَن لَّمْ يَزِدْهُ مَالُهُ وَوَلَدُهُ إِلَّا خَسَارًا﴾

"Noah said, "My Lord, indeed they have disobeyed me and followed him whose wealth and children will not increase him except in loss."

### SUPPLICATIONS

﴿رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ مِنَ الْكٰفِرِينَ دَيَّارًا﴾ إِنَّكَ إِن تَذَرَهُمْ يُضِلُّوْا عِبَادَكَ وَلَا يَلِدُوْا إِلَّا فٰجِرًا كَفَّارًا

﴿رَبِّ اٰغْفِرْ لِيْ وَلِوٰلِدَيْ وَلِمَن دَخَلَ بَيْتِيْ مُؤْمِنًا وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنٰتِ وَلَا تَرِدِ الظَّٰلِمِيْنَ اِلَّا تَبٰۤاْرًا﴾

**71:26-28** "My Lord, do not leave upon the earth from among the disbelievers an inhabitant. Indeed, if You leave them, they will mislead Your servants and not beget except [every] wicked one and [confirmed] disbeliever. My Lord, forgive me and my parents and whoever enters my house a believer and the believing men and believing women. And do not increase the wrongdoers except in destruction."

### SELECTED VOCABULARY

أَصْبَعُهُمْ Their fingers [v.7]      ءَاذَانِهِمْ Their ears [v.7]      مَكْرُواً They have plotted [v.22]



# الجِنِّ

## 72. Al-Jinn

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

This surah was revealed in Makkah about two years before the Prophet's Hijrah to Madinah. It consists of 28 verses.

### VIRTUE

فِيهَا إِثْبَاتٌ لِكِرَامَةِ النَّبِيِّ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) بِبُلُوغِ دَعْوَتِهِ إِلَى جِنْسِ الْجِنِّ. (التحرير والتنوير ص. 217)

It proves the great honor of the Prophet (saw) that he conveyed his message to the jinn. (At-Tahrir wa At-Tanwir of Ibn Ashur, p. 217)

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- A beautiful speech of the Jinn who embraced Islam after hearing the Quran.
- Jinn also have different religions and sects, some are Muslims and some are deviators from the Truth.
- Messengers do not have the power to harm or benefit anyone, their mission is only to convey Allah's message.
- Only Allah knows the Unseen, He reveals what He wants to whom He chooses from the messengers.

### SELECTED VERSES

**72:2-3** The Quran guides to the right path

﴿هُدًى إِلَى الرُّشْدِ فَآمَنَّا بِهِ ۗ وَلَنْ نُشْرِكَ بِرَبِّنَا أَحَدًا ۝ وَأَنَّهُ تَعَالَى جَدُّ رَبِّنَا مَا اتَّخَذَ صَاحِبَةً وَلَا وَلَدًا ۝﴾

"It guides to the right course, and we have believed in it. And we will never associate with our Lord anyone. And [it teaches] that exalted is the nobleness of our Lord; He has not taken a wife or a son"

**72:18** Mosques are for Allah

﴿وَأَنَّ الْمَسَاجِدَ لِلَّهِ فَلَا تَدْعُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا ۝﴾

"And [He revealed] that the mosques are for Allah, so do not invoke with Allah anyone."

**72:28** Allah is aware of everything

﴿... وَأَحْصَىٰ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عَدَدًا ۝﴾

"He keeps count of all things."

### SELECTED VOCABULARY

The right path [v.2] الرُّشْدُ

The right way [v.12] الطَّرِيقَةُ

Numbers [v.24] عَدَدًا



# المزَّمِّل

## 73. Al-Muzzammil: The Wrapped One

### PERIOD OF REVELATION

The two sections of this surah were revealed in two separate periods.

The first section (vv. 1–19) is unanimously a Makki Revelation. This is supported both by its subject matter and by the traditions of the Hadith. This section was revealed at a time when the Prophet (s) had openly started preaching Islam and the opposition to him at Makkah had grown active and strong.

About the second section, (v. 20) although many of the commentators have expressed the opinion that this too was sent down at Makkah, some other commentators regard it as a Madani revelation. This same opinion is confirmed by the subject matter of this section. It mentions fighting in the way of Allah and, obviously, there could be no question of it at Makkah. It also contains the command to pay the obligatory zakah, and it is confirmed that paying zakah at a specific rate and with an exemption limit (nisab) was enjoined at Madinah.

### VIRTUE

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ، قَالَ: «بِتُّ عِنْدَ خَالَتِي مَيْمُونَةَ، فَقَامَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يُصَلِّي مِنَ اللَّيْلِ، فَصَلَّى ثَلَاثَ عَشْرَةَ رَكْعَةً مِنْهَا رَكْعَتَا الْفَجْرِ، حَزَرْتُ قِيَامَهُ فِي كُلِّ رَكْعَةٍ يَقْدِرُ بِأَيِّهَا الْمَزْمَلُ.» (أبو داود 1365)

Ibn Abbas is reported to have said, "I spent a night at my aunt Maymunah's house. The Prophet (saw) woke up to pray at night. He prayed 13 rak'ahs (units of Prayer) that included the two (supererogatory) rak'ahs of Fajr prayer. I assessed his standing at every rak'ah to be [as long as reciting the surah that starts with] 'O you who is enwrapped [in a mantle] (i.e. Al-Muzzammil)'." [Abu Dawud 1365]

### KEY THEMES AND MESSAGES

- Allah ordered the Prophet not to stand in prayer the whole night.
- Those who oppose the Prophet will be treated with heavy fetters and blazing fire.
- The Quran is a reminder for those who want to find the right way.
- Read from the Quran as much as you easily can.
- Whatever you spend in the way of Allah, you will find it in the Hereafter.

### SELECTED VERSES

**73:1-6** Spiritual preparation

﴿بِتَّيْهَا الْمَزْمَلُ ﴿١﴾ قُمْ أَلَيْلَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿٢﴾ نَصَفَهُ أَوْ أَنْقِصْ مِنْهُ قَلِيلًا ﴿٣﴾ أَوْ زِدْ عَلَيْهِ وَرَتِّلِ الْقُرْآنَ تَرْتِيلًا ﴿٤﴾﴾  
﴿إِنَّا سَنُلْقِي عَلَيْكَ قَوْلًا ثَقِيلًا ﴿٥﴾ إِنَّ نَاشِئَةَ اللَّيْلِ هِيَ أَشَدُّ وَطْأًا وَأَقْوَمُ قِيلًا ﴿٦﴾﴾

"O you who wraps himself [in clothing], arise [to pray] the night, except for a little, half of it - or subtract from it a little .Or add to it, and recite the Quran with measured recitation. Indeed, We

will cast upon you a heavy word. Indeed, the hours of the night are more effective for concurrence [of heart and tongue] and more suitable for words."

**73:10** Face opposition with patience

﴿وَأَصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا يَقُولُونَ وَاهْجُرْهُمْ هَجْرًا حَمِيلًا﴾

"And be patient over what they say and avoid them with gracious avoidance."

**73:15** The Messenger is a witness over us

﴿إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ رَسُولًا شَاهِدًا عَلَيْكُمْ كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ رَسُولًا﴾

"Indeed, We have sent to you a Messenger as a witness upon you just as We sent to Pharaoh a messenger."

**73:20** Diversity of religious practice

﴿إِنَّ رَبَّكَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ تَقُومُ أَدْنَىٰ مِنْ ثُلُثِي اللَّيْلِ وَنِصْفَهُ وَثُلُثَهُ وَطَائِفَةٌ مِّنَ الَّذِينَ مَعَكَ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يُقَدِّرُ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ ۗ عَلِمَ أَن لَّنْ نَّحْضُوهُ فِتَابًا عَلَيْكُمْ ۖ فَاقْرَءُوا مَا تَيَسَّرَ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ ۗ عَلِيمٌ أَن سَيَكُونُ مِنكُم مَّرْضَىٰ ۖ وَآخَرُونَ يَضْرِبُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَبْتَغُونَ مِن فَضْلِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَآخَرُونَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۖ فَاقْرَءُوا مَا تَيَسَّرَ مِنْهُ ۗ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَاقْرَضُوا اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا ۗ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا لِأَنفُسِكُمْ مِن خَيْرٍ نَّجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ هُوَ خَيْرًا وَأَعْظَمَ أَجْرًا ۗ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا لِلَّهِ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ﴾

"Indeed, your Lord knows, [O Muhammad], that you stand [in prayer] almost two thirds of the night or half of it or a third of it, and [so do] a group of those with you. And Allah determines [the extent of] the night and the day. He has known that you [Muslims] will not be able to do it and has turned to you in forgiveness, so recite what is easy [for you] of the Quran. He has known that there will be among you those who are ill and others traveling throughout the land seeking [something] of the bounty of Allah and others fighting for the cause of Allah. So recite what is easy from it and establish prayer and give zakah and loan Allah a goodly loan. And whatever good you put forward for yourselves - you will find it with Allah. It is better and greater in reward. And seek forgiveness of Allah. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."

#### SELECTED VOCABULARY

Wrapped in **الْمَزْمَلِ**  
garments [v.1]

In a slow style [v.4] **تَرْتِيلاً**  
A heap of sand [v.41] **كَثِيبًا**

Poured out and **مَهِيلاً**  
flowing [v.41]