

SURAH-86

AT-TARIQ

This Surah derives its title from the word "Tariq" which occurs in its very first verse and which means "he who comes by night." This is an early Makkan Surah and comprises 17 verses.

There is divergence of opinion about the significance of word "At-Tariq" occurring in verse 1. According to some, it is simply a morning star, but according to others it has mystic sense here. It refers to the Prophet himself who came at a time when the world was immersed in the darkness of ignorance as if it were in night and he was sent to bring it to light from darkness. Some scholars have expressed the idea that it refers to a comet which alarmed the people about the time of the advent of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). And some others believe that this verse alongwith the subsequent verses hide some scientific facts which were not known at the time of revelation.

The main theme of this Surah is to make the man realize that he will be brought to life after his death and that the Qur'an is a decisive Word of Allah and the disbelievers cannot frustrate it by their plots. Allah Who has created the man from a mean fluid has definitely the power to resurrect him after his death.

SURAH-87

AL-A'LA

This Surah takes its name from word Al-A'la which occurs in the very first verse. It is an early Makkan Surah usually placed at 8th in the Chronological order. It comprises 19 verses.

The Surah begins with the injunction to glorify the name of Allah, the Most High, Who creates everything, then fixes its destiny and guides it. Verses 6 and 8 show that the Prophet was not yet accustomed to receiving the revelation and was afraid of forgetting it, so he is assured that Allah will enable him to read it. He needs not worry, Allah will facilitate him to the state of ease. In verses 9 and 13, Prophet is enjoined to admonish the people as admonishment indeed benefits them. He who fears Allah will heed but the wretched will avoid it and in consequence he will be thrown into Hell fire where he will neither die nor live.

Verses 14-15 define a spiritually elevated man who is successful in the Hereafter also. He is the man who purifies himself (from the dirt of environment as well as from the dirt of sins), remembers the name of Allah and prays to Him. In the verses 16-19, a great human weakness is pointed out which is a great obstacle in man's spiritual elevation and that is that he prefers the life of the world, whose benefits are near and visible, to the Hereafter, although the latter is more lasting and better. This fact that the Hereafter is better than the life of the world has not only been highlighted by the Scripture of Muhammad but was also written in the Scripture of earlier Prophets like those of Abraham and Moses.

Lesson-354 : Man's creation – Glory be to Allah

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

1. By the heaven and by the night-comer.
2. And what will make you understand what the night-comer is?
3. It is the star of piercing brightness.
4. There is no soul which has not a guardian over it.
5. So let man see from what he is created.
6. He is created from a gushing fluid.
7. That is produced from between the loins and the ribs.
8. Verily, He has indeed the power to bring him back to life.
9. On the Day when the secrets will be put to scrutiny.
10. Then there will be no power for him nor any helper.
11. By the sky which gives the rain.
12. And by the earth which splits (with the growth of plants).
13. Surely, this (Quran) is the decisive Word (or the word that separates the truth from falsehood).
14. And it is not a word of amusement (or joke).
15. Verily, they are devising a plot (against you, O Muhammad).
16. And I am too devising a plot (against them).
17. So give a respite to the disbelievers, leave them alone for a while.

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

1. Glorify the name of your Lord, the Most High.
2. Who created, then perfected.
3. And Who set destiny (of everything), then

آيَاتُهَا (٨٦) سُورَةُ الطَّارِقِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 وَالسَّمَاءِ وَالطَّارِقِ ۝
 وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الطَّارِقُ ۝
 النُّجُومُ الثَّاقِبُ ۝
 إِنَّ كُلَّ نَفْسٍ لَمَّا عَلَيْهَا حَافِظٌ ۝
 فَلْيَنْظُرِ الْإِنْسَانُ مِمَّ خُلِقَ ۝
 خُلِقَ مِنْ مَّاءٍ دَافِقٍ ۝
 يَخْرُجُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الصُّلْبِ وَالتَّرَائِبِ ۝
 إِنَّهُ عَلَى رَجْعِهِ لَقَادِرٌ ۝
 يَوْمَ تُبْلَى السَّرَائِرُ ۝
 فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَلَا نَاصِرٍ ۝
 وَالسَّمَاءِ ذَاتِ الرَّجْعِ ۝
 وَالْأَرْضِ ذَاتِ الصَّدْعِ ۝
 إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلٌ فَصْلٌ ۝
 وَمَا هُوَ بِالْهَزْلِ ۝
 إِنَّهُمْ يَكِيدُونَ كَيْدًا ۝
 وَأَكِيدُ كَيْدًا ۝
 فَمَهْلِكُ الْكَافِرِينَ أَهْمَهُمْ وَرَوِيدًا ۝

آيَاتُهَا (٨٧) سُورَةُ الْأَعْلَى الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 سَبِّحْ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ الْأَعْلَى ۝
 الَّذِي خَلَقَ فَسَوَّى ۝
 وَالَّذِي قَدَّرَ فَهَدَى ۝

guided it.

4. And Who brings forth the pasturage.

5. Then turns it into black rubbish.

6. Soon We shall make you (O Muhammad) read it (the Quran) so that you shall not forget it.

7. Save that which Allah wills. Verily, He knows what is disclosed and what is hidden.

8. And We shall facilitate you to the state of ease.

9. So admonish (the people), the admonishment indeed benefits them.

10. He who fears Allah will heed the reminder.

11. But the wretched will avoid it.

12. He who will be thrown into the Great Fire (i.e. the Hell).

13. Wherein he will neither die nor live.

14. He is indeed successful who purifies himself.

15. And remembers the name of his Lord and then prays.

16. But you (O mankind) prefer the life of the world.

17. Although the Hereafter is better and more lasting.

18. Verily, this is (written) in the earlier Scrolls.

19. The Scrolls of Abraham and Moses.

وَالَّذِي أَخْرَجَ الْمَرْعَىٰ ۝٤

فَجَعَلَهُ غُثَاءً أَحْوَىٰ ۝٥

سَنُقْرِئُكَ فَلَا تَنْسَىٰ ۝٦

إِلَّا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ إِنَّهُ يَعْلَمُ الْجَهْرَ وَمَا يَخْفَىٰ ۝٧

وَنُيَسِّرُكَ لِلْيُسْرَىٰ ۝٨

فَذَكِّرْ إِن نَّفَعَتِ الذِّكْرَىٰ ۝٩

سَيَذَكِّرْهُ مَنْ يَخْشَىٰ ۝١٠

وَيَتَجَنَّبُهَا الْأَتْقَىٰ ۝١١

الَّذِي يُصَلِّيُ الْفَجْرَ الْكُبْرَىٰ ۝١٢

شِعْرَ لَا يَمُوتُ فِيهَا وَلَا يَحْيَىٰ ۝١٣

قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ تَزَكَّىٰ ۝١٤

وَذَكَرَ اسْمَ رَبِّهِ فَصَلَّىٰ ۝١٥

بَلْ تُؤْتِرُونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا ۝١٦

وَالْآخِرَةَ خَيْرٌ وَأَبْقَىٰ ۝١٧

إِنَّ هَذَا لَفِي الصُّحُفِ الْأُولَىٰ ۝١٨

صُحُفِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَىٰ ۝١٩

SURAH-88

AL-GHASHIYAH

This Surah takes its name from word Ghashiyah which occurs in its very first verse. This is an early Makkan Surah, probably revealed in the 4th year of Prophet's mission. It comprises 26 verses. The central theme of the Surah is Resurrection and Hereafter, reward for the believers and punishment for the disbelievers, and Hell and Paradise.

Verses 1-16 describe the Day of Resurrection on which some faces (i.e. disbelievers and evil-doers) will be humiliated, thrown into Hell-fire and will be given to drink boiling water and to eat bitter thorny plant. Some faces (i.e. the believers and good doers) will be joyful, pleased with the consequence of their deeds which they did in the world, will be in Paradise on thrones raised high, and will be eating, merry making and enjoying life. In the verses 17-20 the people have been made to realize the wonders of Allah's creative powers, while the remaining verses urge the Prophet to warn the people as he is a warner and not a compeller over them. Return of the people is to Allah and Allah will tape their account, and He will punish those who disbelieve.

Lesson-355 : Humiliated faces and Joyful faces

In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

1. Has the news of the Overshadowing Event (the Day of Resurrection) reached you?
2. Some faces on that Day will be humiliated.
3. Labouring hard, weary.
4. They will enter the Blazing Fire.
5. They will be given to drink from a boiling spring.
6. They will have no food except bitter thorny plant.
7. Which will neither nourish nor avail against hunger.
8. Some faces on that Day will be joyful.
9. Pleased with their endeavour.
10. In a lofty garden (i.e. Paradise).
11. Wherein, they will hear no vain talk.
12. Wherein will be running springs.
13. Wherein will be thrones raised high.
14. And cups set at hand.
15. And cushions set in rows.
16. And silken carpets spread out.
17. Do they not look at the camels, how they are created?
18. And the sky, how it is raised.
19. And the mountains, how they are firmly established?
20. And the earth, how it is spread?
21. So remind them, for you (O Muhammad) are only an admonisher.

أَيُّهَا (٨٨) سُورَةُ الْغَاشِيَةِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَكُتِبَتْ
 بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 هَلْ أَتَاكَ حَدِيثُ الْغَاشِيَةِ ۝
 وَجُوهُ يُومِئِدْنَ خَاشِعَةً ۝
 عَامِلَةٌ تَأْتِبَهُ ۝
 تَصَلُّ نَارًا حَامِيَةً ۝
 تُسْقَى مِنْ عَيْنٍ آتِيَةٍ ۝
 لَيْسَ لَهُمْ طَعَامٌ إِلَّا مِنْ صَرِيحٍ ۝
 لَا يُسْمِنُ وَلَا يُغْنِي مِنْ جُوعٍ ۝
 وَجُوهُ يُومِئِدْنَ تَائِعَةً ۝
 لَسَعِيهَا رَاضِيَةً ۝
 فِي جَنَّةٍ عَالِيَةٍ ۝
 لَا تَسْمَعُ فِيهَا لِأَغْيَةٍ ۝
 فِيهَا عَيْنٌ جَارِيَةٌ ۝
 فِيهَا سُرُرٌ مَرْفُوعَةٌ ۝
 وَأَكْوَابٌ مَوْضُوعَةٌ ۝
 وَنَمَارِقُ مَصْفُوعَةٌ ۝
 وَزَرَابِيُّ مَبْثُوثَةٌ ۝
 أَفَلَا يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَى الْإِبِلِ كَيْفَ خُلِقَتْ ۝
 وَإِلَى السَّمَاءِ كَيْفَ رُفِعَتْ ۝
 وَإِلَى الْجِبَالِ كَيْفَ نُصِبَتْ ۝
 وَإِلَى الْأَرْضِ كَيْفَ سُطِحَتْ ۝
 فَذَكِّرْ ۚ إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مُذَكِّرٌ ۝

22. You are not a warder over them.

23. Except the one who turns away and disbelieves.

24. So Allah will punish him with a big punishment.

25. Surely, to Us is their return.

26. Then on Us is to take their account.

لَسْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ بِمُصَيِّرٍ ۝
 إِلَّا مَنْ تَوَلَّى وَكَفَرَ ۝
 فَيُعَذِّبُهُ اللَّهُ الْعَذَابَ الْأَكْبَرَ ۝
 إِنَّ إِلَيْنَا إِيَابُهُمْ ۝
 ثُمَّ إِنَّ عَلَيْنَا حِسَابَهُمْ ۝