

SURAH-97

AL-QADR

This Surah takes its name from the word "Al-Qadr" which means "Destiny or Power" occurring in the first verse. It is an early Makkan Surah and comprises 5 verses only.

In the first verse of this Surah it has been stated that Allah revealed the Qur'an in the Night of Destiny. The commentators and the scholars of the Qur'an have mostly understood two meanings of this statement. One meaning is that the entire Qur'an was entrusted to Gabriel, the Angel of Revelation, in this night and then Gabriel continued to reveal it from time to time according to the need and occasion during the next 23 years of Prophet's life. The second meaning is that the revelation of the Qur'an began in this night and first five verses of Surah 96 were revealed to the Prophet in the cave of Hira.

Verses 2-5 define the Night of Destiny that it is the night which is better than one thousand months, and that in this night Gabriel and other angels or the angels and the spirits descend to earth by Allah's permission with His commandment, and that this night is peace and security till the break of dawn.

Now the question arises as to which of the nights of the year is the Night of Destiny in which the Qur'an was revealed. In this respect the Qur'an helps us when it says in verse 185 of its Surah No 2 that Ramadan is the month in which Qur'an was revealed. So it means that the Night of Destiny is one of the nights of the Holy month of Ramadan. Now the traditions of the Prophet of Allah help us in short listing the nights of this month among which there is probability of the Night of Destiny. According to some traditions, we are advised to find this night among the odd nights of last third part of the month of Ramadan i.e. nights 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th and 29th. Thus on the basis of these traditions, a number of the earliest scholars regard the night of 27th of Ramadan as Lailat-ul-Qadr (the night of Destiny).

The statement in verse 3 that Night of Destiny is better than a thousand months only reflects upon the blessings, virtues and merits of this night. It means that the righteous deeds and acts of Ibadah (devotion or worship) performed in this night alone are better in earning the pleasures of Allah than those done in a long time of one thousand months or 83 years and 4 months (more than an ordinary life time).

Let us reproduce some Traditions of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) about Lailat ul Qadr and its merits.

- 1) Ayesha reported that the Apostle of Allah said: Search for the blessed night in an odd (night) from the last ten (nights) of Ramadan. (Bukhari)
- 2) Zirr-b-Hubaish reported: I asked Obey-b-Ka'ab and said: Verily your brother Ibn Mas'ud says: Whoever stands up (in prayer) for the year will find the Blessed night. He said: May Allah bless him. He intended that the people should not sit idle. Behold! He knew that it is in the Ramazan and that it is in the last ten (nights). And that it is the 27th night. (Muslim)
- 3) Ayesha reported that the Messenger of Allah used to strive hard in the last ten nights besides which he was not accustomed to strive so hard. (Muslim)
- 4) Ayesha reported: I asked: O Apostle of Allah! Inform me that if I can recognise any night as the blessed night, what I should say therein. He said: Say: O Allah! Thou art forgiving, loving forgiveness. So forgive me. (Ahmad, Ibn Majah, Tirmizi)

SURAH-98

AL-BAYYINAH

This Surah takes its name from word "Al-Bayyinah," (The clear Proof) which occurs in the first verse. There is no certainty about the period of revelation of this Surah. Some scholars consider it as an early Madani Surah, while according to majority it is a late Makkan Surah. It comprises 8 verses.

In the preceding Surahs, i.e. Surah 96 and 97 revelation of the Book (the Qur'an) has been dealt, while this Surah deals with the advent of messenger of Allah (Muhammad PBUH) with the Book and also why it was necessary to do so. In the first verse the word "Al-Bayyinah" which means the clear proof has been explained to refer to a messenger who should recite the purified pages of the Book of Allah which contains correct teachings. Thus in the verses 1-3 it has been stated that the disbelievers from the People of the Book (the Jews and Christians) and the idolaters would not have believed till a messenger (Prophet Muhammad) would not have been sent with the Book (the Qur'an) to explain its verses and to invite them to truth. In the verses 4-5, it has been stated that the People of the Scripture were commanded to worship Allah alone, establish prayer, pay Zakat, and keep religion pure for Him. But they were divided into sects after this clear proof had come to them. Verse 6 says that those who disbelieve (Muhammad PBUH and the Qur'an) from the People of the Scripture and the idolaters, they will be thrown in the Fire of Hell wherein they will abide forever as they are worst of all the creatures. On the other hand, those who

believe (Muhammad and the Qur'an) will be admitted into Paradise wherein they will abide forever as they are the best of all creatures.

SURAH-99

AZ-ZILZAL

This Surah takes its name from word Zilzal "shaking or convulsion" in its first verse. There is controversy as to whether this Surah is Makkan or Madinan. However, on the authority of Ibn Masu'd, Jabar and Mujahid, it is considered to be a Makkan revelation. This Surah comprises 8 verses only.

The theme of this Surah is the Day of Judgement. On that Day the earth will be shaken violently with its utmost convulsion and it will throw out all its burdens i.e. the remains of the dead human beings and animals, its all hidden treasures like minerals and metals, and its all hidden mysteries. The man will be surprised as to what has happened to her. On that Day it will relate its chronicles and annals as Allah will inspire it to do so. This statement has been explained by the Prophet himself in a Hadith that on the Day of Judgement the earth will bear witness to all that is done by man on her back. On that Day the human beings will proceed in sorted out groups so that they may be shown their records of deeds. They will be able to see even the smallest of the actions and deeds which they had done in their worldly life on the earth. Whosoever has done any good equal to the weight of an atom shall see it and similarly whosoever has done any evil as small as equal to the weight of an atom will see it.

The following Tradition of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) highlights the excellence of this Surah: Ibn Abbas and Anas-b-Malek reported that the Apostle of Allah said: 'When it will be shaken (99Q)' is equivalent to the half of the Quran and 'Say, He is Allah, the One (112Q)' is equivalent to one-third of the Quran. And 'Say, O you unbelievers (109Q)' is equivalent to one-fourth of the Quran. (Tirmizi)

Lesson-360 :

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

1. Verily, We have revealed it (i.e. the Quran) in the Night of Destiny (or Power or Glory).
2. And what will make you know what the Night of Destiny is?
3. The Night of Destiny is better than a thousand months.
4. The angels and the Spirit (Gabriel) descend in it by the permission of their Lord with all decrees.
5. This night is peace until the break of dawn.

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

1. Those who disbelieve from the People of the Scripture and the idolaters would not have abandoned (their disbelief) till there came to them clear proof.
2. A messenger (Muhammad) from Allah, reciting purified pages (of the Quran).
3. Containing correct writings.
4. And those who were given the Scripture did not divide (into various sects) until after the clear proof came to them.
5. And they were commanded nothing but to worship Allah (alone), keeping religion pure for Him, with single-mindedness, and to establish prayer and to pay Zakat (obligatory charity). And that is true religion.
6. Verily, those who disbelieve from the People of the Scripture and the idolaters, they will be in the Fire of Hell, abiding therein forever. They are the worst of all creatures.
7. (And) Verily, those who believe and do good deeds, they are the best of all creatures.
8. Their reward with their Lord is Gardens of Eternity (the Eden Paradise), beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever. Allah is well pleased with them and they are well pleased with Him. This is for him who fears his Lord.

آيَاتُهَا (٩٧) سُورَةُ الْقَدْرِ مَكِّيَّةٌ رُكُوعُهَا

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ۝

وَمَا آدُرُكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ۝

لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ۝

تَنْزِيلُ الْمَلَكِ وَالرُّوحِ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ۝

سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ۝

آيَاتُهَا (٩٨) سُورَةُ الْبَيْتَةِ مَكِّيَّةٌ رُكُوعُهَا

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

لَمْ يَكُنِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَ

الْمُشْرِكِينَ مُنْفَكِينَ حَتَّىٰ تَأْتِيَهُمُ الْبَيِّنَةُ ۝

رَسُولٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ يَتْلُو صُحُفًا مُطَهَّرَةً ۝

فِيهَا كُتِبَ قِيمَةٌ ۝

وَمَا تَقْرَأُ الَّذِينَ أَوتُوا الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا نُزُوحًا مِمَّا جَاءَتْهُمْ الْبَيِّنَةُ ۝

وَمَا أَوْرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ حُنَفَاءَ

وَيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَذَلِكَ دِينُ الْقِيَمَةِ ۝

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ فِي نَارِ

جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أُولَئِكَ هُمْ شَرُّ الْبَرِيَّةِ ۝

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أُولَئِكَ هُمْ خَيْرُ الْبَرِيَّةِ ۝

جَزَاءُ لَهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٌ عَدْنٌ يَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا

الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَ

رَضُوا عَنْهُ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ خَشِيَ رَبَّهُ ۝

- In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.
1. When the earth is shaken with its utmost shaking.
 2. And the earth throws out all of its burdens.
 3. And man says: What has happened to it?
 4. That Day it will relate its chronicles.
 5. Because your Lord will inspire it.
 6. That Day mankind will proceed in sorted out groups so that they may be shown their (records of) deeds.
 7. Then, whosoever has done good equal to the weight of an atom shall see it.
 8. And whosoever has done evil equal to the weight of an atom shall see it.

آيَاتُهَا (٩٩) سُورَةُ الزَّلْزَلِ فَلْيَنْبِئْ رُؤُوعَهَا
 بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 إِذَا زُلْزِلَتِ الْأَرْضُ زِلْزَالَهَا ۝
 وَأَخْرَجَتِ الْأَرْضُ أَثْقَالَهَا ۝
 وَقَالَ الْإِنْسَانُ مَا لَهَا ۝
 يَوْمَئِذٍ تُحَدِّثُ أَخْبَارَهَا ۝
 يَا نَبِيَّ رَبِّكَ أَوْحَىٰ لَهَا ۝
 يَوْمَئِذٍ يُصْدِرُ النَّاسُ أَشْتَاتًا لَّيُرَوُا أَعْمَالَهُمْ ۝
 فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ ۝
 وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ ۝