

Para 13.5 to 14.75

Finish Surah al-Rad. Begin and finish Surah Ibrahim and Surah al-Hijr. Start Surah al-Nahl (verse of *sajdah*).

Remembrance of Allah

الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَتَطْمَئِنُّ قُلُوبُهُمْ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ ﴿١٨﴾

“Those who believe and their hearts become satisfied by the remembrance of Allah. Listen well! It is by the remembrance of Allah that the hearts become satisfied.” [Qur’an 13:28]

Science and technology have made life very comfortable, especially compared to a hundred years ago yet people are still restless and anxious, and sometimes lean towards alcohol and drugs. Allah reminds us that true content is only with Allah and His remembrance.

The Prophet ﷺ said: “For each thing there is a tool to clean and shine it. The tool to clean and shine the hearts is the remembrance of Allah.” [Shu’ab al-Iman]

Surah Ibrahim (Chapter 14: Abraham). Makkan. 52 Verses.

Faith inspiring supplications of Prophet Ibrahim

From verse 35 the faith inspiring duas of Prophet Ibrahim begin. He asks for blessings in Makkah, his children and all the believers.

And recall when Ibrahim said: “O my Lord! Make this land secure, and keep me and my sons away from worshipping the idols.” [Qur’an 14:35]

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ ﴿٤١﴾

“O our Lord, Forgive me, my parents and all the believers on the day the judgement takes place.” [Qur’an 14:41]

Gratitude (*shukr*)

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لَأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ ﴿٧﴾

And recall when your Lord announced: “If you are thankful, I will certainly grant you increase (in blessings), and if you are ungrateful, then My torment is indeed severe.” [Qur’an 14:7]

Allah mentions that Prophet Musa reminded the Bani Israil of Allah’s favours upon them. But they remained ungrateful and disobedient.

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Strange is the affair of the believer, for every situation of his is better. This merit is only for the believer. If he attains happiness and is thankful, this happiness is better for him; and if he suffers hardship and is patient, this hardship is better for him.” [Sahih Muslim]

Deception of Shaytan

Those who do not fear the punishment of Allah and are deceived by Shaytan, then on the Day of Judgement, Shaytan will say: “The promise Allah made with you that is certainly true. The promise I made with you, well I have broken it. I did not force you to do anything that takes you to Hell. All I did was whisper in your ear, encourage and you graciously accepted.” Why did you not think about what would benefit you and what would harm you?”

فَلَا تَلُومُونِي وَلُومُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ

“So do not now blame me, but blame yourselves.” [Qur’an 14:22]

Surah al-Hijr (Chapter 15: The Rocky Tract). Makkan. 99 Verses.

Hijr refers to the land where the people of Thamud lived, which is the region between al-Sham (Syria) and Hijaz. Prophet Salih was sent to them.

And indeed the people of al-Hijr also denied the Messengers. [Qur’an 15:80]

Guardianship of the Quran

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

Verily We have revealed the Quran and We are surely its Guardian. [Qur’an 15:9]

An excellence of the Arabic language is that the Quran was revealed in it. Also, just as the Quran will not change, the Arabic language will also not change. Even in Paradise Arabic will be spoken just as it is written in the Quran.

Oath by the sublime life of the Prophet ﷺ

(O Beloved!) By your life! [Qur’an 15:72]

Allah has not taken an oath by the life of anyone other than the Prophet ﷺ (so this is a distinction of the Prophet ﷺ), and that is because he is the most honourable of all creation according to Allah, and this is indeed the pinnacle of the Prophet’s respect and honour. [al-Jami’ li Ahkam al-Qur’an]

Surah al-Nahl (Chapter 16: The Bee) Makkan. 128 Verses.

Al-Nahl refers to the honeybee. Allah says in this Chapter that honey is a cure for the people.

There comes out from their bellies a drink of varying colours, in which there is a cure for the people. Indeed, there is a sign in this for people who reflect. [Qur’an 16:69]

This Surah mentions the trial and tribulations, the cruelties of the non-Muslims of the previous communities and how they were patient over them. The believers are being comforted that what they are experiencing is nothing new. Rather, the people of faith always have to face difficult and challenging circumstances.

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Bees: 16 pairs (32) of chromosomes in females & 16 exactly in males.

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