

Para 22 to 23

Finish Surah al-Ahzab, Surah Saba & Surah Fatir. Begin Surah Yasin.

Battle of al-Ahzab/al-Khandaq (The Alliance/The Trench)

In the year 5 A.H., the Muslims faced a threat of 10,000 enemies from the Quraysh and similar groups from around Arabia. The Muslims despite severe hunger, cold and internal threats, dug a trench around Madinah within six days and with only 3,000 faced the Alliance. After a siege of a month, a windstorm uprooted the tents of the non-Muslims who returned.

The Prophet is an eyewitness to the entire creation and Allah

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَهِيدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا ﴿٤٥﴾

O Prophet! Indeed, We have sent you as an eyewitness, and as a giver of glad tidings, and as a warner (of punishment). [Qur'an 33:45]

Salutations upon the Prophet ﷺ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

Indeed Allah and His angels send blessings upon the Prophet. O you who believe! You too send blessings upon him and salutations of peace in abundance. [Qur'an 33:56]

Surah Saba (Chapter 34: Sheba). Makkan. 54 Verses.

لَقَدْ كَانَ لِسَبَإٍ فِي مَسْكِنِهِمْ ءَايَةٌ ﴿١٥﴾

Indeed, there was a sign for the people of Sheba in their homeland. [Qur'an 34:15]

City of Sheba

There was a city called Sheba to the south of Arabia, in Yemen. Their city was free of flies, mosquitos, lice, rats and snakes etc., and they were blessed with mountains which provided water from the rain and streams, due to which they had gardens as far as the eye could see. They were blessed with pleasant winds, greenery, crops, trees and fruits. They were also told to be grateful by the Prophets. However, when its citizens became ungrateful and turned away from the commands of the Prophets, the city became so barren and desolate, due to a flood, that the people were forced to move out due to severe hunger.

Excellence of Prophet Dawud and Prophet Sulayman (Verses 10-13)

Prophet Dawud and Prophet Sulayman were given many miracles and a vast amount of land but remained grateful to Allah. For example, Prophet Dawud had such a voice that the mountains and birds would join in with his glorification (*tasbih*) and iron would turn soft in his hands. Prophet Sulayman had control over the winds and *jinn*. There is a lesson for the wealthy today who forget where and who they got it from, and where they started.

The finality of Prophethood

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا

And (O beloved Messenger!) We have sent you as a giver of glad tidings and a warner to all the people. [Qur'an 33:28]

Surah Fatir/al-Malaikah (Chapter 35: The Creator/The Angels). Makkan. 45 Verses.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ فَاطِرِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ جَاعِلِ الْمَلَكَةِ رُسُلًا أُولِي أجنحةٍ مثنى وثلاث
وزربع

All praise is for Allah who is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. And who sent the angels as messengers who have wings, in twos, threes and fours. [Qur'an 35:1]

This verse mentions the power of Allah and the attributes of the angels. In reality all praise is for Allah. He created the heavens and earth, only through Him do you receive sustenance, He sent for your guidance the Prophets. When there is no creator or Provider apart from Him then there is also no one worthy of worship except Him.

The promise of Allah

“O people! Indeed the promise of Allah is true. So never let the world deceive you.” [Qur'an 35:5]

People are reminded of the certainty of the hereafter. It is the promise of Allah and Allah never goes against His promise. You shall be brought back to life and held accountable. Whoever considered this life to be everything and was disobedient to Allah then he shall face a tormenting punishment in the hereafter. Therefore, ponder and be careful that the life of this world does not make you forget the hereafter.

True honour

مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ الْعِزَّةَ فَلِلَّهِ الْعِزَّةُ جَمِيعًا

Whoever desires honour, then all honour belongs to Allah. [Qur'an 35:10]

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Charity does not decrease wealth. Whoever forgives, Allah increases him in honour. Whoever humbles himself for Allah, Allah raises him.” [Sahih Muslim]

Surah Yasin (Chapter 36: Yasin). Makkan. 83 Verses.

Excellence of Surah Yasin

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Everything has a heart, and the heart of the Quran is Yasin.” [Sunan al-Tirmidhi] “If Yasin is recited near the deceased, Allah makes it easier for him.” [al-Durr al-Manthur] “Whoever recites Yasin over the grave of his parents or even one of them every Thursday; Allah will forgive them for each letter of this Surah.” [Ibid]

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