

Para 24 to 25

Finish Surah al-Zumar & Surah al-Mumin. Begin Surah Hamim al-Sajdah (verse of *sajdah*).

Hope in Allah

قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ
جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٥٣﴾

Say: "O my servants who have wronged their souls! Do not despair in the mercy of Allah. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins. Verily, He is the most Forgiving, most Merciful." [Qur'an 39:52]

This is an invitation for us to sincerely repent in the court of Allah for He can forgive every sin, even if it may be as plentiful as the foam of the sea.

Groups of the fearful

And those who feared their Lord will be brought to Paradise in groups until they reach Paradise, its doors will be opened for them. And the guardian (angels) of Paradise will say to them: "Peace be upon you. You are pure! Enter Paradise to abide forever." [Qur'an 39:73]

Surah al-Mumin/Ghafir (Chapter 40: The Believer/The Forgiver). Makkan. 85 Verses.

The Forgiver

غَافِرِ الذُّنُوبِ وَقَابِلِ التَّوْبِ شَدِيدِ الْعِقَابِ ذِي الطَّوْلِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ إِلَهِي الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٣﴾

The Forgiver of sins and Acceptor of repentance, the Severe in inflicting punishment, the all-Powerful. [Qur'an 40:3]

The Believer

وَقَالَ رَجُلٌ مُّؤْمِنٌ مِّنْ آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ يَكْتُمُ إِيمَانَهُ أَتَقْتُلُونَ رَجُلًا أَنْ يَقُولَ رَبِّيَ اللَّهُ

And a believing man from the people of Fir'awn, who had concealed his faith said: "Are you going to kill a man for he says: 'My Lord is Allah?'" [Qur'an 40:28]

He was a fellow citizen of the Pharoah who was a believer in Prophet Musa but had concealed his faith and had not made it apparent yet. The Pharoah invited his ministers and helpers and invited this man as well. The Pharoah said: "Musa is a magician, he is going to change your religion and spread corruption in your country, so we should kill him." That believer stood in defence of Prophet Musa and said: "What law of the land has Musa broken, that you want to kill him? Let him be, if he is wrong then his religion will not prosper and spread, rather it will die itself. And if he is true, then fear the torment of Allah, take lessons from the previous nations, otherwise you will not be able to protect yourself from the torment." This speech of the Believer was so effective that there was silence all around, and nobody had the courage to kill him.

Acceptor of the supplication

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي سَيَدْخُلُونَ
جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾

And your Lord said: "Supplicate to Me, I shall accept your supplication." Indeed, those who are arrogant from asking Me will soon enter Hell in disgrace. [Qur'an 40:60]

The Prophet ﷺ said: "The supplication is the essence of worship." [Sunan al-Tirmidhi]

**Surah Hamim al-Sajdah/Fussilat (Chapter 41: Hamim/The Clearly Explained Verses).
Makkan. 54 Verses.**

Hamim from verse 1 & al-sajdah from verse 38. Fussilat from verse 3.

Revelation of the Chapter

كِتَابٌ فَصِّلَتْ آيَاتُهُ قُرْءَانًا عَرَبِيًّا لِقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣﴾

A Book whose verses have been clearly explained. This Qur'an is in Arabic for the people of knowledge. [Qur'an 41:3]

This Chapter was revealed after Hamzah [ra] accepted Islam. Around this time, the number of Muslims were gradually increasing in Makkah and the unbelievers were becoming worried. The commentators of the Quran write several reasons for the first verses being revealed. The unbelievers held a meeting near the Ka'bah and a short distance away was the Prophet ﷺ. 'Utbah ibn Rabi'ah sought permission from the leaders and wanted to speak to the Prophet ﷺ to try and come to an agreement to stop him from preaching Islam. He said: "I present to you some proposals, please accept one of them: If you want wealth, we will make you the wealthiest man of Makkah. If you want to marry a particular woman, we will grant you ten women of your choice. If you are under the influence of the *jinn*, we will arrange for the best doctor and pay for his costs. If you want to be leader, we will make you leader and no decision will be made without you. If you want to be king, we will make you king, just stop this new religion of yours." The Prophet ﷺ listened, and then said: "O Utbah! Now listen to me." He began to recite this Chapter until he reached verse 13:

فَإِنْ أَعْرَضُوا فَقُلْ أَنْذَرْتُكُمْ صَاعِقَةً مِثْلَ صَاعِقَةِ عَادٍ وَثَمُودَ ﴿١٣﴾

Then if they turn away say, "I warn you of a thunderbolt like the thunderbolt which came upon 'Ad and Thamud. [Qur'an 41:13]

Hearing this 'Utbah was taken aback and shocked. he covered the mouth of the Prophet ﷺ and began to say: "Have mercy and stop, do not recite anymore otherwise we will be destroyed." 'Utbah returned, he mentioned what had happened and acknowledged that the Prophet ﷺ was not a poet, magician or soothsayer. But his people did not listen.