

Para 29 to 30

Begin and finish Surah al-Mulk, Surah al-Qalam, Surah al-Haaqah, Surah al-Ma'arij, Surah Nuh, Surah al-Jinn, Surah al-Muzzammil, Surah al-Muddaththir, Surah al-Qiyamah, Surah al-Dahr and Surah al-Mursalat. (11)

Surah al-Mulk (Chapter 67: The Kingdom) Makkan. 30 Verses.

تَبْرَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١﴾

Blessed is He (Allah) in whose power is the kingdom (of the entire universe). And He is powerful over everything. [Qur'an 67:1]

Mentions the wisdom behind creating life and death. Life is a test to see who does good actions. Allah knows from eternity, but this way other people also find out on the Day of Judgement. This way nobody has any objections as to why somebody is entering paradise and why somebody is thrown into Hell. (Verse 2)

The signs of the power of Allah are mentioned such as the creation of the heavens and its adornment with the stars. Allah challenges the human beings to continuously look at the creation and try to find a flaw and defect. When you cannot, then you should believe in the power of Allah. (Verses 3-5)

Excellence of Surah al-Mulk

The Prophet ﷺ said: "There is a Chapter in the Qur'an which has thirty verses. Whoever the thirty verses intercede for he shall be forgiven, and that Chapter is Surah al-Mulk." [Sunan al-Tirmidhi]

Surah al-Qalam (Chapter 68: The Pen) Makkan. 52 Verses.

ن وَالْقَلَمِ وَمَا يَسْطُرُونَ ﴿١﴾

Nun. By the pen and what they write. [Qur'an 68:1]

Allah takes an oath by the pen. Shows the importance of the pen and writing. Qatadah [ra] says: "The pen is a great gift and favour of Allah. If there was no pen our system of life would not be in order and neither would the religion be established." [Tafsir al-Qurtubi] Today, through writing we have the Qur'an and prophetic traditions (ahadith). One can only imagine the further differences had they not been in written form.

Take lessons from previous nations who were given everything but became ungrateful and were destroyed. The wealth you have been given by Allah, do not let it deceive you, if you become ungrateful for what you have, just as Allah has given it to you, He can just as easily take it away from you. (Verses 17-13)

Surah al-Haaqah (Chapter 69: The True Occurrence) Makkan. 52 Verses.

الْحَاقَّةُ ﴿١﴾ مَا الْحَاقَّةُ ﴿٢﴾ وَمَا أُذْرِكُ مَا الْحَاقَّةُ ﴿٣﴾

It is to occur (the Day of Judgement). What is to occur? What do you know about what is to occur? [Qur'an 69:1-3]

The Day of Judgement is certainly to come. Even the greatest of thinkers cannot comprehend the horrors of that day, when the earth and mountains will split and turn to dust at just the arrival of that day, what will the actual day be like? Take lessons from the previous nations such the people of Thamud, 'Ad, Fir'awn, Prophet Lut and Prophet Nuh etc.

Our book of deeds will be given to us. If it is given in our right hands because of our good deeds and our faith, we will enter Paradise. If it is given in our left hand, we will be facing the torment of Hell. (Verses 18-37)

Surah al-Ma'arij (Chapter 70: The Ways of Ascent) Makkan. 44 Verses.

سَأَلَ سَائِلٌ بِعَذَابٍ وَاقِعٍ ۝ لِّلْكَافِرِينَ لَيْسَ لَهُ دَافِعٌ ۝ مِّنَ اللَّهِ ذِي الْمَعَارِجِ ۝

A demanding one asked about that torment (of the Day of Judgement) which is to occur. (That torment) is for the deniers. Nobody is to avert it. (That torment) is from Allah who is the Owner of the ways of ascent. [Qur'an 70:1-3]

The unbelievers did not have certainty of the Day of Judgement and thought it is still a while, so they objected, when is it to come? Whereas for the believers they have certainty that one day it is to come. The actual time Allah knows. Even if it is far, it is still close because every ticking moment is a moment closer to the Day of Judgement. The ways of ascent: Allah is owner of the ways of ascent, being raised, according to His status. There are numerous levels to reaching His closeness which pious people ascend and so do the angels.

Mentions the reality of a friend in the hereafter. In this world every close friend tries to help his friend but, in the hereafter, he will be so absorbed with his own deeds that he will not even have the thought of asking about others. However, Allah will take care of His special servants who will be able to help others. (Verse 10)

The sinful and disobedient will not receive any help from their wives, parents, children and they will be willing to sacrifice them just to save themselves. (Verses 11-15)

Surah al-Nuh (Chapter 71: Noah) Makkan. 28 Verses.

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِۦٓ أَنْ أَنْذِرْ قَوْمَكَ مِن قَبْلِ أَن يَأْتِيَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ۝

Indeed, We sent Nuh to his people so he warns his people before a painful torment befalls them. [Qur'an 71:1]

Prophet Nuh invited his people to *tawhid* and told them to repent, so Allah will forgive their sins and He will also cause rain to fall so their crops can grow and they will have streams from which they will have wealth and children. Prophet Nuh preached to his people for 950 years. His preaching had little effect on his people since they would not listen. They would stick their fingers in their ears, they would wrap a cloth over themselves to hide themselves from him, so they could not see Prophet Nuh and he could not see them. When only a few had listened, when they had planned to kill him and when there was no hope of their faith (*iman*), he prayed against them, and Allah drowned them in the water.

Surah al-Jinn (Chapter 72: The Jinn) Makkan. 28 Verses.

قُلْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيَّ أَنَّهُ اسْتَمَعَ نَفَرٌ مِّنَ الْجِنِّ فَقَالُوا إِنَّا سَمِعْنَا قُرْءَانًا عَجَبًا ﴿١﴾

Say: "It has been revealed to me that a group of jinn listened carefully (to the Qur'an) and (returned to the other jinn and) said: 'Indeed we have heard a wondrous Qur'an.'" [Qur'an 72:1]

Some polytheist *jinn* are mentioned at the beginning. After listening to the Qur'an from the Prophet ﷺ they repented and became Muslim. There are good and bad *jinn*. "Different groups of *jinn* came six times to the Prophet ﷺ." [Tafsir Ruh al-Ma'ani]

عَلَّمَ الْغَيْبِ فَلَا يُظْهِرُ عَلَىٰ غَيْبِهِ أَحَدًا ﴿٢٦﴾ إِلَّا مَن أَرْتَضَىٰ مِن رَّسُولٍ

He is the Knower of the unseen. And He does not acquaint (any ordinary person) of the unseen; except a Messenger who He chooses. [Qur'an 72:26-27]

The Prophet ﷺ was granted knowledge of the unseen (ilm al-ghayb) by Allah.

Surah al-Muzzammil (Chapter 73: The Enshrouded One) Makkan. 20 Verses.

يَأْتِيهَا الْمُرْمِلُ ﴿١﴾ فَمِ اللَّيْلِ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿٢﴾ نِصْفَهُ أَوْ أَنْقُصَ مِنْهُ قَلِيلًا ﴿٣﴾

O enshrouded one! Stand at night (for prayer) except a little. Half the night or less. [Qur'an 73:1-3]

When the Arabs wanted to express their love and affection towards somebody, they would address them with the situation they found them in. For example, when 'Ali [ra] was in the mosque, the Prophet ﷺ referred to him as Abu Turab (the father of dust), since there was dust on his body.

Allah addressed the Prophet ﷺ in the situation he was in, in this case when he was lying down wrapped in a cloak. The night prayer refers to *tahajjud* which was forever performed by the Prophet ﷺ. The Prophet ﷺ said: "A servant is closest to his Lord in the last part of the night. If you can remember Allah during this time, then remember Him." [Sunan al-Tirmidhi]

Surah al-Muddatthir (Chapter 74: The Cloaked One) Makkan. 56 Verses.

يَأْتِيهَا الْمُدَّثِّرُ ﴿١﴾ فَمِ فَأَنْذِرْ ﴿٢﴾

O cloaked one! Stand, then warn. [Qur'an 74:1-2]

O cloaked one! Go out and preach now, glorify your Lord, warn the people about the punishment of Allah, they need to stay away from their idols and preach to them to keep their clothes clean. The beginning of this Chapter was revealed after a short gap in revelation after the first revelation.