

Para 30 to Surah al-Layl

Begin and finish Surah al-Naba, Surah al-Nazi'at, Surah 'Abasa, Surah al-Takwir, Surah al-Infitar, Surah al-Mutaffifin, Surah al-Inshiqaq (verse of *sajdah*), Surah al-Buruj, Surah al-Tariq, Surah al-A'la, Surah al-Ghashiyah, Surah al-Fajr, Surah al-Balad, Surah al-Shams and Surah al-Layl. (15)

Continuation from Quranic Pearls #25:

Surah al-Qiyamah (Chapter 75: The Day of Judgement) Makkan. 40 Verses.

لَا أُقْسِمُ بِيَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ ۝

I swear by the Day of Judgement. [Qur'an 75:1]

The arrival of the Day of Judgement and its events are mentioned. Certainly, Allah will resurrect the human being from its bones. In the latter verses, Allah reminds the people how He created the human being from a drop of semen and just as He created a great human being from such a drop, He can easily resurrect such a human being after its passing away.

The Prophet ﷺ is consoled that do not worry about memorising the Quran, We will gather it in your heart and you will recite it very calmly and softly for that is Our responsibility. No other book has the honour of being preserved in such a manner where even if every copy was to perish, a young boy could recite the entire Quran by memory and there would not be a difference of even a single letter. (Verses 16-19)

Surah al-Dahr/al-Insan (Chapter 76: The Time/The Human Being) Makkan. 31 Verses.

هَلْ أَتَى عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ حِينٌ مِّنَ الدَّهْرِ لَمْ يَكُنْ شَيْئًا مَّذْكُورًا ۝

Indeed, such a time has passed upon the human being when he was nothing worth mentioning. [Qur'an 76:1]

The human being is reminded of his reality. Today you are the best of creation and ruling over the rest of creation, but you were not always like this. You used to be nothing. You were created from a clot of blood from your parents, then you were granted the ability to hear and see so that upon seeing the power of Allah you believe in Him and be grateful to Him.

The characteristics of the pious people are mentioned who feed the poor, orphans and prisoners and then their rewards i.e.: Allah will save them from punishment and enter them into Paradise. (Verses 7-22)

Surah al-Mursalat (Chapter 77: Those Sent Forth) Makkan. 50 Verses.

وَالْمُرْسَلَاتِ عُرْفًا ۝

By the pleasant winds which are sent forth one after the other. [Qur'an 77:1]

Allah takes an oath of five things and then says the Day of Judgement is certainly to come. The first three oaths are of the winds. One type are the pleasant winds where benefit is taken

from. The second is when it turns cold and forms storms which causes harm and the third is the wind that disperses clouds to different areas causing rain.

هَذَا يَوْمٌ لَا يَنْطِقُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

The day on which they will not be able to speak. [Qur'an 77:35] If a person tries to lie on the Day of Judgement, his lips will be sealed, and his limbs will unveil the reality on his behalf.

Para 30: Surah al-Naba (Chapter 78: The News) Makkan. 40 Verses.

عَمَّ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ﴿١﴾ عَنِ النَّبَأِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٢﴾

What are the people asking each other about? About this momentous news? [Qur'an 78:1-2]

When the Prophet ﷺ told the unbelievers about the momentous, grand news, they began to ask one another, what is this Day of Judgement? Is it even possible to be resurrected after dying? The unbelievers began to have differing opinions amongst themselves.

It is mentioned that the evil people will be in Hell forever and when they get thirsty, they will be given pus to drink and boiling hot water. Whereas the God-fearing will be in Paradise forever and receive all sorts of fruits, wives, and pure alcohol. (Verses 21-36)

When the unbelievers see their fate on that day, they will wish if only they were turned into dust (*turab*) so they do not have to stand to be taken to account. However, there will be no escape. (Verse 40)

Surah al-Nazi'at (Chapter 79: Those Who Pull) Makkan. 46 Verses.

وَالَّذِينَ عَرَفْنَا

By the (angels) who pull out (the souls of the unbelievers) with extreme force. [Qur'an 79:1]

The unbelievers laughed as to how is the Day of Judgement going to occur. We are going to die, turn into dust, how can we be brought back again? Allah mentions the stages leading up to the Day of Judgement. At the beginning of this Chapter, He takes an oath of five states of the angels. These are the angels who will forcefully remove the souls of the unbelievers. Their souls will not be willing to leave their bodies, so the angel of death and his helpers will pull the soul from the veins of the unbelievers and pull it out forcefully. (Verses 1-14)

Surah 'Abasa (Chapter 80: He Frowned) Makkan. 42 Verses.

عَبَسَ وَتَوَلَّى ﴿١﴾

He frowned and turned his face. [Qur'an 80:1]

The incident of the Prophet ﷺ with 'Abdullah ibn Umm Maktum [*ra*] and the leaders of Quraysh is mentioned. The Prophet ﷺ was occupied in inviting the leaders of Quraysh towards Islam when a blind Companion came and interrupted the Prophet ﷺ, asking to be taught. Naturally, the Prophet ﷺ became displeased for he was for the leaders of Quraysh to accept Islam and he was interrupted in preaching Islam. However, since there was a

possibility for people to consider him giving precedence to the rich over the poor, Allah revealed the opening verses.

Those who fear Allah in this life and are obedient to him, on that day their faces will be glowing. Those that did not fear Him and wasted their lives in sin and immorality, the effects of that will be evident on their face. (Verses 38-42)

Surah al-Takwir (Chapter 81: To Fold) Makkan. 29 Verses.

إِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ ①

When the sun will be folded up. [Qur'an 81:1]

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Whoever wants to see the Day of Judgement as though he is seeing it with his own eyes should recite (carefully) Surah *al-Takwir*, Surah *al-Infitar* and Surah *al-Inshiqaq*.” [Sunan al-Tirmidhi]

Just as Allah is Lord of the worlds, the Prophet ﷺ is mercy to the worlds, the Quran is also guidance for all the worlds. Nobody can attain guidance and advice without Allah’s will. However, those who try to walk on the path of Allah, Allah grants them the ability and they are set on the right path. (Verses 27-29)

Surah al-Infitar (Chapter 82: The Torn Apart) Makkan. 19 Verses.

إِذَا السَّمَاءُ أَنْفَطَرَتْ ①

When the skies will be torn apart. [Qur'an 82:1]

Allah mentions the opening stages to the Day of Judgement in the initial verses. Allah then warns the human being of his creation. How from nothing, he was adorned with these beautiful limbs and body parts and that he has not made you a small, lowly creation. You should now be grateful, but what has made you forgetful of God? (Verse 6)

And there are guarding angels appointed over you. Who are honourable, recording (kiraman katibin). They know everything you do. (Verses 10-12)

Surah al-Mutaffifin (Chapter 83: The Defrauders) Makkan. 36 Verses.

وَيْلٌ لِّلْمُطَفِّفِينَ ①

Woe to the defrauders (those who measure less). [Qur'an 83:1]

In the first six verses, Allah warns the merchants who give short measure but demand full measure from others. The punishment for those merchants is mentioned who cause harm to others by being dishonest in their measurements and weights. They should fear that day when they rise from their graves, they will be made to stand in front of Allah, and be held accountable for every pound, rather every penny they defrauded others.

Do not make fun of others. Today the unbelievers make fun of the believers. They make fun of the believers who leave the worldly pleasures in exchange for some distant made-up rewards of the hereafter. However, tomorrow when the believers will be sat on their thrones

and will glance towards the unbelievers in Hell, they will laugh at the unbelievers, that how foolish were these people who left these permanent and everlasting rewards for some temporary desires and urges in this world and now they are receiving their complete outcome for their bad actions. (Verses 29-36)

Surah al-Inshiqaq (Chapter 84: The Split Apart) Makkan. 25 Verses.

إِذَا السَّمَاءُ انشَقَّتْ ﴿١﴾

When the sky split open. [Qur'an 84:1]

In the first six verses a short but comprehensive description of the Day of Judgement is mentioned. When the skies will be torn apart and turned to dust and the earth will spill out its treasures which were inside it. Then the human will stand in the divine court of justice.

There is a warning for those who reject the Qur'an that they will receive a severe torment. However, those who believe in it will have a never-ending reward. (Verse 21-25)

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