

Continuation from Quranic Pearls #27:

**Surah al-Bayyinah/Lam Yakun (Chapter 98: The Clear Proof) Makkan. 8 Verses.**

لَمْ يَكُنِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ مُنْفَكِينَ حَتَّى تَأْتِيَهُمُ الْبَيِّنَةُ ﴿١﴾

*Those who disbelieve among the People of the Book and the polytheists were not about to change their ways (of unbelief and polytheism) until they were sent clear evidence.*

[Qur'an 98:1]

This Chapter mentions the need for a sublime Messenger to be sent. The unbelievers of Arabia were so stubborn in their unbelief that they were not going to desist from their unbelief until a clear proof of the oneness of Allah came. So, Allah sent a sublime Messenger whose entire life was an extraordinary proof and evidence as they used to call him *Sadiq* (truthful) and *Amin* (trustworthy) and he recited the Qur'an which has the correct rulings.

**Surah al-Zilzal/al-Zalzalah (Chapter 99: The Earthquake) Makkan. 8 Verses.**

إِذَا زُلْزِلَتِ الْأَرْضُ زِلْزَالَهَا ﴿١﴾

*When the earth is shaken with its earthquake.* [Qur'an 99:1]

There shall be an earthquake and the earth will take out all the buried humans with their bones and resurrect them. On that day the earth will narrate all the actions a human performed. (Verses 1-5) On that day, Allah will grant permission to the earth to speak. It will mention everything that used to happen on top of it. Hearing this, the human will be shocked: "What has happened to this earth? It used to be lifeless and now it is exposing our situation, we could not believe the earth would now be speaking against us."

فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ ﴿٧﴾ وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ ﴿٨﴾

*Thus, whoever does a good deed equal to the smallest particle will see it. And whoever does a bad deed equal to the smallest particle will see it.* [Qur'an 99:7-8]

This reminds everybody that any action you do whether small or big is being recorded and will be shown in front of everybody. Do not consider a small sin trivial for sometimes a flame can burn an entire house. And do not consider a small, good action trivial for sometimes a sip of water can save a person's life. And do not worry if nobody sees what good you are doing for whatever action it is Allah is watching and seeing which is all that matters.

The Prophet ﷺ said: "Whoever recited *Surah al-Zilzal* it is equivalent to half the Quran." [Sunan al-Tirmidhi]

**Surah al-'Adiyat (Chapter 100: The Charging Steeds) Makkan. 11 Verses.**

وَالْعَدِيَّتِ ضَبْحًا ﴿١﴾

*By the galloping horses that pant.* [Qur'an 100:1]

In the initial verses, Allah takes oaths by the states of the horses who fight in His way.

This Chapter then mentions a general weakness of humans which is being very ungrateful to Allah. For this, you do not need any external proof, rather your own life is proof of this. You have become so blinded by amassing wealth that you have forgotten your real Benefactor, and you are busy in amassing both *halal* (lawful) and *haram* (unlawful) wealth.

أَفَلَا يَعْلَمُ إِذَا بُعِثَ مَا فِي الْقُبُورِ ۖ وَحُصِّلَ مَا فِي الصُّدُورِ ۚ إِنَّ رَبَّهُم بِهِمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١١﴾

*Does he not know of that time when everything will be taken out from within the graves? And whatever is (hidden) in the chests will be revealed. Indeed, their Lord is most Aware about them on that Day. [Qur'an 100:9-11]*

Beware, O ungrateful person! Remember that day when your public and private will be made apparent in front of everybody.

**Surah al-Qari'ah (Chapter 101: The Terrifying Event) Makkan. 11 Verses.**

الْقَارِعَةُ

*The terrifying event. [Qur'an 101:1]*

The initial stages of the Day of Judgement are mentioned when angel Israfil blows the horn, and everything will be destroyed. How will the people understand its severity? The day when people will be scattered like moths and the mountains will be like scattered particles of wool. (Verses 1-5)

In the latter half, the later stages of the Day of Judgement are mentioned. When angel Israfil blows the horn, everybody will be resurrected and gathered in the divine court. Whoever's good deeds were more, their scales (*mawazin*) of reward will be heavier and they will be granted such a life which they will be content and pleased. Whoever's bad deeds were more, and their scales of sin were heavier will be thrown into the Hell of blazing fire (*hawiyah*). (Verses 6-11)

**Surah al-Takathur (Chapter 102: The Amassers of Wealth) Makkan. 8 Verses.**

أَلْهَيْكُمْ التَّكَاثُرُ

*The craving for accumulating wealth has kept you neglectful. [Qur'an 102:1]*

This Chapter warns those who are obsessed with amassing wealth that this wealth has made you forget the hereafter (*akhirah*). However, when you die you will have certainty of the hereafter and this wealth will not benefit you in any way. If only you had certainty in this life and were not forgetful of the hereafter. The favours a human receives in this world and is then arrogant really needs to remember that it is a test, and everyone will be held accountable.

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Do any of you not have the ability to recite 1,000 verses every day?” The Companions said: “Who has ability to do that every day?” The Prophet ﷺ said: “Can any one of you not recite Surah al-Takathur everyday?” i.e.: it is equivalent to 1000 verses. [*al-Mustadrak 'ala'l-Sahihayn*]

The Prophet ﷺ said to his Companions: “I am about to recite Surah al-Takathur so whoever cries for him is Paradise.” He recited it and some cried and some did not. The ones who did not said: “O Allah’s Messenger! We tried but we could not.” The Prophet ﷺ said: “I will recite it again, those that cry for them is Paradise and those that cannot, should try to cry.”  
[*al-Durr al-Manthur*]

**Surah al-‘Asr (Chapter 103: The Time) Makkan. 3 Verses.**

وَالْعَصْرِ ۝ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ ۝ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا  
بِالصَّبْرِ ۝

*By the time. Indeed, humanity is in loss. Except those who believed and did good actions, and encourage each other to the truth and encourage each other to have patience. [Qur’an 103:1-3]*

This Chapter contains the beliefs, actions and social dealings of Islam in such a short and comprehensive manner that Imam al-Shafi’i says that this Chapter contains all the sciences of the Qur’an, and if nothing else was to be revealed of the Quran then this Chapter would be sufficient, and if people only pondered over this Chapter, it would be sufficient.

*Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.*

**Surah al-Humazah (Chapter 104: The Backbiter) Makkan. 9 Verses.**

وَيْلٌ لِّكُلِّ هُمَزَةٍ لُّمَزَةٍ ۝ الَّذِي جَمَعَ مَالًا وَعَدَّدَهُ ۝ يَحْسَبُ أَنَّ مَالَهُ أَخْلَدَهُ ۝

*Ruin is for every slandering, backbiter. Who amassed wealth and counts it over and over. He assumes his wealth will keep him alive forever. [Qur’an 104:1]*

This Chapter condemns those people who are busy accumulating wealth, who are occupied in counting each and every pound and keeping it with them to such an extent that they completely forget death and think this wealth is to stay with them forever and is never to perish. One sign of such a person in this world is that he is so intoxicated and blinded by his wealth that he does not care about anybody else and occupies himself in picking out faults in others and cursing and slandering them. In the hereafter such a person will be thrown in such a fire which will be encircled with large pillars (*‘amad mumaddadah*) of burning fire.

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