

سُورَةُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Surah al Momin

(THE BELIEVER)

This is a Makkan Sūrah and has nine Sections and 85 Āyāt.

Section 1

In the Name of Allah

The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

1. Hā. Mīm
2. The revelation of the Book is from Allah, the Mighty, the Knower.
3. The Forgiver of sin, Acceptor of repentance, Severe in chastisement, Rabb of Power. No god is there but He; to Him is the journeying.
4. None dispute concerning the revelations of Allah save those who disbelieve; so let not their going about in the cities beguile you.
5. The people of Nūḥ and the confederates after them, belied their Messengers before these, and every disbelieving community advanced towards their Messenger that they may seize him, and disputed with vain talk, that they may confute the truth thereby. So I seized them, and how terrible was My chastisement!

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

حَمْدٌ

تَنْزِيلُ الْكِتَابِ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْعَلِيمِ
غَافِرِ الذَّنْبِ وَقَابِلِ التَّوْبِ شَدِيدِ الْعِقَابِ
ذِي الطَّوْلِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ إِلَهُ الْمَصِيرِ

مَا يُجَادِلُ فِي آيَاتِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا
فَلَا يَغْرُزُكَ تَفَلُّهُمُ فِي الْيَلْدِ

كَذَّبَتْ قَبْلَهُمْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ وَالْأَحْزَابُ
مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ وَهَمَّتْ كُلُّ أُمَّةٍ بِرَسُولِهِمْ
لِيَأْخُذُوهُ وَجَدَلُوا بِالْبَاطِلِ لِيُدْحِضُوا بِهِ الْحَقَّ
فَأَخَذْتُهُمْ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ عِقَابِ

6. And thus has the Word of your Rabb been justified on them who disbelieve, that they shall be the inmates of the Fire.

وَكَذَلِكَ حَقَّتْ كَلِمَتُ رَبِّكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا
أَنَّهُمْ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ﴿٦﴾

7. Those who bear the Throne, and those who are round about it, hallow the Praise of their Rabb and believe in Him and ask forgiveness for the faithful, saying: Our Rabb! You comprehend everything in mercy and knowledge, so forgive those who repent and follow Your Path, and protect them from the torment of the Flaming Fire.

الَّذِينَ يَحْمِلُونَ الْعَرْشَ وَمَنْ حَوْلَهُ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ
رَبِّهِمْ وَيُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ، وَيَسْتَغْفِرُونَ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا
رَبَّنَا وَسِعْتَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ رَّحْمَةً وَعِلْمًا
فَاغْفِرْ لِلَّذِينَ تَابُوا وَاتَّبَعُوا سَبِيلَكَ
وَقِهِمْ عَذَابَ الْجَحِيمِ ﴿٧﴾

8. Our Rabb! Make them enter the Everlasting Gardens, which You have promised them, and also such of their fathers and their wives and their offspring as are fit. Verily You! You are the Mighty, the Wise.

رَبَّنَا وَأَدْخِلْهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ عَدْنٍ الَّتِي وَعَدْتَهُمْ
وَمَنْ صَلَحَ مِنْ آبَائِهِمْ وَأَزْوَاجِهِمْ
وَذُرِّيَّتِهِمْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٨﴾

9. And guard them against evils. And whom You shall protect from evils and the Day, him You have certainly taken into Mercy. And that, it is a mighty achievement.

وَقِهِمُ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَمَنْ يَقِ السَّيِّئَاتِ يَوْمَئِذٍ
فَقَدْ رَحِمْنَاهُ، وَذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٩﴾

Secrets of Revelation

It is His great favour that He revealed the Book to indicate the path of guidance. He is the Almighty, the Omnipotent, and the All Knowing, in no need of any human assistance. Rather He is so Munificent that if people start believing in this Book and act on its Commands, He forgives all their sins and accepts their penitence. On the other hand, His punishment is also extremely severe and He

being the Sovereign, no one can escape it. There is none except **Him** worthy of worship. Everyone has to inevitably return to **Him**.

If the infidels argue and dispute over **His** revelations, it is because of their infidelity, which blinds them to the light of the Qurān. And if they are momentarily enjoying a respite and are in control of cities and countries, it is no cause for concern; it is just the law of nature. Everyone is given respite for a certain term, just as the people of Prophet Nūḥ^{AS} and many other nations after him were. Yet they transgressed to the extent of planning to kill the Prophets^{AS}. They scuffled with them pointlessly and instead of accepting the Truth, attempted to allure them away from the Truth. It was then that Allah's punishment seized them. History is witness to their terrible end. Worst of all, they will be punished in the Ākhirah and Hell will be their abode.

On the other hand, unlimited rewards await the believers. The angels who bear Allah's Throne and praise **Him** constantly, exuberant in **His** Presence, also pray for the believers. They say: 'O Allah! Your Mercy is vast, Your Knowledge is complete, and You know the best. It is our humble request that You may forgive all those who expiated, followed Your path and conformed to Your Prophet's teachings. Please spare them from the doom of fire and admit them into Jannah as You have promised, along with their parents, wives and children.

Protected People and Allah's Protection

While all Prophets^{AS} are inherently innocent, the Companions^{RADI} and the Aulia' enjoy **His** Protection. This indeed is the proof of **His** Nearness and **His** Approval. Allah protects them against sinning, because of Zikr and **His** worship. Anyone who is so blessed has indeed achieved a tremendous success!

Section 2

10. Verily those who disbelieve – they will be cried unto: Surely Allah's abhorrence was greater than is your abhorrence toward yourselves, when you were called to belief, and you rejected.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يُسَادُّونَ لَعْنَتُ اللَّهِ
أَكْبَرُ مِنْ مَقْتِكُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِذْ تُدْعَوْنَ
إِلَى الْإِيمَانِ فَتَكْفُرُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

11. They will say: Our Rabb! You have made us die twice, and You have made us live twice, now we

قَالُوا رَبَّنَا أَمَتْنَا اثْنَيْنِ وَأَحْيَيْتَنَا اثْنَيْنِ فَاعْرِفْنَا
بِذُنُوبِنَا فَهَلْ إِلَى خُرُوجٍ مِنْ سَبِيلٍ ﴿١١﴾

confess our sins, is there no getting out any way?

12. That is because when Allah Alone was called upon you denied: And when some one was associated with Him you believed. So the judgement is of Allah, the Exalted, the Great.

13. He it is Who shows you His Signs and sends down provision for you from the heaven, and none receives admonition save him who turns in penitence.

14. Therefore call to Allah, making faith pure for Him, averse as the infidels may be.

15. He is lofty in degrees, Rabb of the Throne. He casts the Spirit of His Command upon whomsoever He wills of His bondmen, that he may warn the people of the Day of Meeting.

16. The Day whereon they will appear; nothing of them will be concealed from Allah. Whose is the dominion today? It is of Allah, the One, the Subduer.

17. Today every soul will be recompensed for what it has earned, no wrong doing today; verily Allah is Swift at Reckoning.

18. Warn them you of the Day of Portending whereon the hearts will be in the throats, choking; then for the ungodly there will be

ذَلِكُمْ بِأَنَّهُ إِذَا دُعِيَ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ كَفَرْتُمْ
وَإِنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ تُؤْمِنُوا فَالْحُكْمُ لِلَّهِ
الْعَلِيِّ الْكَبِيرِ ﴿١٢﴾

هُوَ الَّذِي يُرِيكُمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُنَزِّلُ
لَكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ رِزْقًا
وَمَا يَذْكُرُ إِلَّا مَنْ يَنْسِبُ ﴿١٣﴾

فَادْعُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ
وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

رَفِيعُ الدَّرَجَاتِ ذُو الْعَرْشِ يُلْقِي الرُّوحَ
مِنْ أَمْرِهِ عَلَى مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ
عِبَادِهِ لِيُنْذِرَ يَوْمَ التَّلَاقِ ﴿١٥﴾

يَوْمَ هُمْ بَايَرُونَ لَا يَخْفَى عَلَى اللَّهِ مِنْهُمْ شَيْءٌ
لَعَنَ الْمَلِكُ الْيَوْمَ لِلَّهِ الْوَاحِدِ الْقَهَّارِ ﴿١٦﴾

الْيَوْمَ تُجْزَى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ
لَا ظُلْمَ الْيَوْمَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ﴿١٧﴾

وَأَنْذِرْهُمْ يَوْمَ الْآزِفَةِ إِذِ الْقُلُوبُ لَدَى الْحَنَاجِرِ
كَظِيمِينَ مَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ حَمِيمٍ وَلَا شَفِيعٍ
بُطْءُ ﴿١٨﴾

no ardent friend nor an intercessor
to be given heed to.

19. He knows the fraud of the eyes,
and what the breasts conceal.

20. Allah decrees with truth, while
those whom they call upon beside
Allah cannot decree anything.
Verily Allah: He is the Hearer, the
Beholder!

يَعْلَمُ خَائِبَةَ الْأَعْيُنِ وَمَا تُخْفِي الصُّدُورُ ﴿١٩﴾

وَاللَّهُ يَقْضِي بِالْحَقِّ وَالَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ
لَا يَقْضُونَ شَيْئًا إِنْ أَرَادَ اللَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْبَصِيرُ ﴿٢٠﴾

Secrets of Revelation

Today the infidels attach great importance to temporal benefits and physical comforts, but once they end up in Hell they will despise their own selves. They will bite their fingers in disgust over the fact that they nurtured a loathsome body and in the bargain, failed to obey Allah. A crier will inform them that Allah hated them far more when they used to insist on their infidelity, than they are abhorring themselves today. They shall plead: "O Rabb! We know now that You made us die twice. First when we were in the form of matter and second when we embarked on our journey to eternal life from the mortal life through the gateway of death. And You gave us life twice as well. First in the world, making us viable, and second when You quickened us in the Ākhirah. It is now that we have acquired a complete trust in Your Omnipotence. So is there any way of deliverance from Hell and can our confession be of any use today?"

After a flat refusal they will be told that when they were invited to Allah's Unity they opted for denial, but when partners were ascribed to Him they readily accepted. This indeed was a grave crime against the Magnificence of, the Most Glorified, the Most Exalted. It is He Who has decreed this punishment so they must now dwell in Hell forever. He continues to manifest proofs of His Magnificence and Unity, and arranges provisions for everyone through the most intricate universal system.

Qalb's Propensity to Allah leads to Sound Understanding

The proofs of His Magnificence are observed only by those whose hearts develop a deep realisation. This state leads to sound understanding. And O' Prophet^{SAW}! No matter how annoyed the infidels may be, you must always worship Allah with

deepest devotion. He is the Most Exalted Who raises you in rank. He is Owner of the Grand Throne and blesses His chosen servants with revelation. In other words, He is in no need of public opinion and appoints His Prophets^{AS} by His choice. So forewarn people of the Day when they shall be standing before the All Knowing, Who will ask: Whose Sovereignty is it today? They will all acknowledge His Sovereignty. That Day every soul will be requited and no one will be wronged in any way, nor will there be any delay in this process, for Allah is Swift at Reckoning.

Justice Must not be Delayed

This shows the importance of timely justice, for justice delayed is justice denied. The Holy Prophet^{SAW} must also forewarn them against the Day when terror will quicken their heart beat, they desperately trying to regain composure. On that Day the transgressors will have no friend or intercessor. Allah is so deeply Observant that even a malefic glance is in His Knowledge, as are the secrets inside the hearts. He will Judge with accuracy and fairness, while the partners ascribed to Him will avail them naught, nor will they have any worth.

Section 3

21. Have they not travelled about in the land so that they may see how has been the end of those who were before them? They were mightier than these in strength and in the traces in the land. Yet Allah seized them for their sins, and from Allah they had none as protector.

أَوَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ كَانُوا هُمْ أَشَدَّ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةً وَءَانَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَأَخَذَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَمَا كَانَ لَهُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَاقٍ ﴿٢١﴾

22. This, because their Messengers used to bring them evidences, but they disbelieved: So Allah seized them. Verily He is Strong, Severe in chastisement.

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَانَتْ تَأْتِيهِمْ رُسُلُهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَكَفَرُوا فَأَخَذَهُمُ اللَّهُ إِنَّهُ قَوِيٌّ شَدِيدٌ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٢٢﴾

23. And assuredly We sent Mūsa with Our Signs; and a clear authority.

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَىٰ بِآيَاتِنَا وَسُلْطَانٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٢٣﴾

24. To the Pharaoh, Hāmān and Qārūn; but they said: A magician, a liar.

25. And when he came to them with truth from before Us they said: Slay the sons of those who have believed with him and let their women live. And the plot of the infidels was nothing but vain.

26. And said the Pharaoh: Leave me alone, that I may slay Mūsa and let him call upon his Rabb. I fear that he may change your religion or that he may cause disruption in the land.

27. And said Mūsa: Verily I seek refuge in my Rabb and your Rabb from every stiff-necked person who does not believe in the Day of Reckoning.

إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ وَهَامَانَ وَقَارُونَ فَقَالُوا سَاحِرٌ كَذَّابٌ ﴿١١﴾

فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِالْحَقِّ مِنْ عِنْدِنَا قَالُوا اقْتُلُوا أَبْنَاءَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ وَاسْتَحْيُوا نِسَاءَهُمْ وَمَا كَيْدُ الْكَافِرِينَ إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ ﴿١٢﴾

وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ ذَرُونِي أَقْتُلْ مُوسَىٰ وَلْيَدْعُ رَبَّهُ إِنِّي أَخَافُ أَنْ يُبَدِّلَ دِينَكُمْ أَوْ أَنْ يُظْهِرَ فِي الْأَرْضِ الْفَسَادَ ﴿١٣﴾

وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ إِنِّي عُذْتُ بِرَبِّي وَرَبِّكُمْ مِنَ كُلِّ مُتَكَبِّرٍ لَا يُؤْمِنُ بِيَوْمِ الْحِسَابِ ﴿١٤﴾

Secrets of Revelation

The infidels being frequent travellers must have certainly witnessed the remains of the preceding nations who had denied. They were far more powerful than them as borne out by their citadels and ruins. Yet their grandeur and might availed them naught and when their sins invoked Allah's punishment, they found no helper or friend to save them. This was in sequel to their denial, as Allah's Messengers had been raised with clear evidences but they had refused to accept the Message, for instance Prophet Mūsa's^{AS} sent unto the nation of the Pharaoh, Hāmān and Qārūn with clear proofs and miracles. Their response was in the negative. They readily rejected the miracles calling these magic and declared the evidences to Allah's Unity and Prophet Mūsa's^{AS} Prophethood as fabrication. Eversince the astrologers had prophesied the advent of a Prophet the Pharaoh had ordered the execution of every male infant born to Banī Isrāīl, sparing the females. Yet his planning failed miserably, the Prophet^{AS} was born and Allah took the service of

bringing him up from the Pharaoh himself. And when finally Prophet Mūsa^{AS} conveyed Allah's Message he was outraged and threatened to kill him under the very sight of his Rabb.

The Wicked Agree on Evil and Label the Opponent as Mischievous

The Pharaoh feared that the Prophet^{AS} would change the religion of his people and create mischief, which in fact lies in denial and evilness, and is the same as oppression in all its forms, while the invitation to faith promotes peace and harmony. The Prophet^{AS}, in turn, sought the protection of his as well as the Pharaoh's Rabb against every arrogant denier of the Day of Judgment, fully conscious of the fact that the Pharaoh could do him no harm without His consent.

Section 4

28. And a believing man of the Pharaoh's household, hiding his faith, said: Would you slay a man because he says, my Rabb is Allah, and has come to you with evidences from your Rabb? If he is an impostor, upon him will be his imposture, but if he is truthful, then shall befall you some of what he threatens you with. Verily Allah does not guide any one extravagant or a liar.

وَقَالَ رَجُلٌ مُّؤْمِنٌ مِّنْ آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ
يَكْتُمُ إِيمَانَهُ أَتَقْتُلُونَ رَجُلًا أَنْ يَقُولَ رَبِّيَ
اللَّهُ وَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَإِنْ يَكُ
كَذِبًا فَعَلَيْهِ كَذِبُهُ وَإِنْ يَكُ صَادِقًا
يُصِيبْكُمْ بَعْضُ الَّذِي يَعِدُكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ
لَا يَهْدِي مَنْ هُوَ مُسْرِفٌ كَذَّابٌ ﴿٢٨﴾

29. My people! Yours is the kingdom today, you are being triumphant in the land; but who will succour us against scourge of Allah if it comes to us? The Pharaoh said: I show you only what I see; and I guide you to the path of rectitude.

يَقُومُ لَكُمْ الْمُلْكُ الْيَوْمَ ظَاهِرِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ
فَمَنْ يَنْصُرُنَا مِنَ بَأْسِ اللَّهِ إِنْ جَاءَنَا قَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ
مَا أُرِيكُمْ إِلَّا مَا أَرَى وَمَا أَهْدِيكُمْ
إِلَّا سَبِيلَ الرَّشَادِ ﴿٢٩﴾

30. And he who believed said: My people! I fear for you a fate like that of the factions of the old.

وَقَالَ الَّذِي ءَامَنَ يَقُومُ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ
مِثْلَ يَوْمِ الْأَحْزَابِ ﴿٣٠﴾

31. Like the fate of the people of Nūh and 'Ād and Thamūd and those

مِثْلَ دَابِ قَوْمِ نُوحٍ وَعَادٍ وَثَمُودَ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ

after them; and Allah does not intend any wrong to His bondmen.

32. And, my people! I fear for you a day of Mutual Calling.

33. A Day whereon you shall turn away retreating; for you there will be no protector from Allah and he whom Allah sends astray, for him there is no guide.

34. And assuredly earlier there came to you Yūsuf with evidences, yet you ceased not to be in doubt concerning what he brought to you, until he died, and you said: Allah will by no means raise a Messenger after him. Thus does Allah keeps astray one who is extravagant and a doubter.

35. Those who wrangle concerning the Signs of Allah without any authority that has come to them. It is greatly abhorrent to Allah and to those who believe. Thus Allah seals up the heart of every stiff-necked highhanded person.

36. And the Pharaoh said: Hāmān! Build for me a tower that I may reach the roads.

37. The roads of the heavens so that I may mount up to the God of Mūsa, and surely I believe him to be a liar. And thus fair seeming to the Pharaoh was made the evil of his work, and he was hindered

وَمَا اللَّهُ يُرِيدُ ظُلْمًا لِّلْعِبَادِ ﴿٢١﴾

وَيَقَوْمِ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ يَوْمَ التَّنَادِ ﴿٢٢﴾

يَوْمَ تَوَلَّوْنَ مُذِيرِينَ مَا لَكُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ مِن عَاصِمٍ
وَمَن يُضِلِلِ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِن هَادٍ ﴿٢٣﴾

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ يُوسُفُ مِن قَبْلُ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ
فَمَا زِلْتُمْ فِي شَكٍّ مِّنَآ جَاءَكُمْ بِهِ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا
هَلَكَ قُلْتُمْ لَن يَبْعَثَ اللَّهُ مِن بَعْدِهِ رَسُولًا
كَذَٰلِكَ يُضِلُّ اللَّهُ مَن هُوَ مُسْرِفٌ
مُّرْتَابٌ ﴿٢٤﴾

الَّذِينَ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي آيَاتِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ سُلْطَانٍ
أَنَّهُمْ كَبُرَ مَقْتًا عِندَ اللَّهِ وَعِندَ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا
كَذَٰلِكَ يَطْبَعُ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ قَلْبٍ
مُّتَكَبِّرٍ جَبَّارٍ ﴿٢٥﴾

وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ يَنْهَكُنْ أَبْنِيَ لِي صَرْحًا لَّعَلِّي أَبْلُغُ
الْأَسْبَاطَ ﴿٢٦﴾

أَسْبَاطَ السَّمَوَاتِ فَاتَّطَاعَ إِلَٰهَ مُوسَىٰ
وَإِنِّي لَأَظُنُّهُ كَاذِبًا وَكَذَٰلِكَ زَيْنَ
لِّفِرْعَوْنَ سَوَاءٌ عَمَلِهِ وَصُدَّ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ
وَمَا كَيْدُ فِرْعَوْنَ إِلَّا فِي تَبَابٍ ﴿٢٧﴾

from the Path. And the plot of the
Pharaoh ended only in perdition.

Secrets of Revelation

A secret believer from the Pharaoh's folk spoke out: "Do you intend killing a man just because he believes in **Allah** as his **Rabb** and also proves with manifest evidence that **He** is your **Rabb** too? If it is presumed that he is lying about **Allah**, it is by no means a minor crime and he will have to bear the consequences and will surely be punished by **Allah Himself**. On the other hand, if he is telling the truth, where will you stand? If you persist on denial, the calamities he promises upon defiance are bound to befall you, as it is certain that **Allah** does not guide trespassers and liars. And if he is a liar, he will never succeed. But if he is the true Prophet, and you are transgressing and false in your religion you will never succeed in killing him as the oppressors never achieve their goal. Today our sovereignty and power is acknowledged by the whole world, but if we are struck by **Allah's** doom, everything will be wrecked and no one will be able to help us against **Him**."

The Pharaoh frowned at this sermon and reiterated that he was showing his nation the course of action most beneficial to them. The covert believer added that the path Pharaoh was talking about was adopted by the preceding nations, who consequently fell prey to **Allah's** wrath. He feared that the Pharaoh and his followers might qualify for a similar fate as met by Nūḥ's^{AS} people or the 'Ād and Thamūd and many more. Although **Allah** does not like to wrong any of **His** creations, yet the wreckage of the earlier nations had been the outcome of their own decisions, quite similar to what the Pharaoh was bent upon. He further said that he was deeply concerned for his people with regard to the Day of Reckoning when everyone will be screaming and yelling. No efforts to escape to safety, nor any planning nor strategy will avail them. His words were falling on deaf ears, he knew, as **Allah** always leads a crooked heart astray. This was nothing new, Prophet Yūsuf^{AS} had been sent unto their ancestors who did not believe his words and remained victims of doubt. After he passed away the people said good riddance, so why would **Allah** send any more Prophets unto them? They were pretty sure that no Prophet would be sent to them in future.

Such wayward thoughts haunt only the shameless, the impudent and the incredulous as a Divine punishment. The believers are aggrieved about those who

dispute and deny Allah's Commands and the Prophetic Message. At the same time, their mindless attitude is a grave crime with Allah.

To Annoy the Aulia' also leads to Digression

The gravity of denial is multiplied if the deniers tease the believers and the Aulia'. Allah seals the hearts of such arrogant and rebellious lot whereafter they can never attain guidance. The Pharaoh had no answer to the logical reasoning of the believer. So he turned to Hāmān and directed him to construct a building tall enough to touch the sky, so that he could climb on top and peep into the heavens at the Rabb of Mūsa^{AS}, and see how He looked like, as he did not believe him. According to the Commentators, the construction did start but the building collapsed at certain height. All these evil plans were fairseeming to the Pharaoh, for when Allah is annoyed, one begins to appreciate evil. This is a Divine punishment impeding guidance, as in case of the Pharaoh.

Section 5

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| 38. | And he who had believed said: My people! Follow me, and I shall guide you to the path of rectitude. | وَقَالَ الَّذِي ءَامَنَ يَتَقَوْمِ اتَّبِعُونِ
أَهْدِيكُمْ سَبِيلَ الرَّشَادِ ﴿٢٨﴾ |
| 39. | My people! The life of this world is only a passing enjoyment, and verily the Hereafter! That is the Abode of rest. | يَتَقَوْمِ إِنَّمَا هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا مَتَاعٌ
وَإِنَّ الْآخِرَةَ هِيَ دَارُ الْقَرَارِ ﴿٢٩﴾ |
| 40. | Whoever works an evil, he shall not be requited except the like thereof; and whoever, male or female, works righteously, and is a believer – they will enter a Garden wherein they shall be provided for without measure. | مَنْ عَمِلَ سَيِّئَةً فَلَا يُجْزَى إِلَّا مِثْلَهَا
وَمَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّن ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أَنثَى
وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَأُولَٰئِكَ يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ
يُرْزَقُونَ فِيهَا بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ﴿٣٠﴾ |
| 41. | And, my people! How is it that I call you unto salvation, while you call me to the Fire? | وَيَتَقَوْمِ مَا لِيَ أَدْعُوكُمْ إِلَى النَّجْوَى
وَتَدْعُونَنِي إِلَى النَّارِ ﴿٣١﴾ |
| 42. | You call me for this, that I should blaspheme against Allah, and associate with Him that of which | تَدْعُونَنِي لِأَكْفُرَ بِاللَّهِ وَأُشْرِكَ بِهِ مَا لَيْسَ
لِي بِهِ عِلْمٌ وَأَنَا أَدْعُوكُمْ إِلَى الْعَزِيمِ الْغَفِيرِ ﴿٣٢﴾ |

I have no knowledge, while I call you to the Mighty, the Forgiver.

43. Undoubtedly you only call me to what is not to be invoked in this world nor in the Hereafter; and verily our return shall be to Allah; and the extravagant! They shall be the inmates of the Fire.

44. And soon you shall remember what I am telling you. I confide my affair to Allah; verily Allah is the Beholder of His bondmen.

45. So Allah protected him from the ills, which they plotted, and the evil of the torment surrounded the household of the Pharaoh.

46. The Fire! They are exposed thereto morning and evening. And on the Day whereon the Hour will rise, it will be said: Cause the household of the Pharaoh to enter the most grievous torment.

47. And consider what time they will wrangle in the Fire together, and the oppressed will say to the stiff-necked: Verily we have been unto you a following; are you going to avail us against a portion of the Fire?

48. Those who were stiff necked will say: Verily we are all in it; Verily Allah has judged between His bondmen.

49. And those in the Fire will say to the keepers of Hell: Pray to your

لَا جُرَّةَ لَنَا تَدْعُونَنِي إِلَيْهِ لَيْسَ لِي دَعْوَةٌ فِي الدُّنْيَا
وَلَا فِي الْآخِرَةِ وَأَنْ مَرَدَّنَا إِلَى اللَّهِ
وَأَنْتَ الْمُسْرِيفِينَ هُمْ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ﴿١٧﴾

فَسَتَذْكُرُونَ مَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ وَأَفْوِضُ
أَمْرِي إِلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَصِيرٌ بِالْعِبَادِ ﴿١٨﴾

فَوَقَّعَهُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتٍ مِمَّا مَكَرُوا
وَحَاقَ بِهَا فِرْعَوْنُ سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ ﴿١٩﴾

النَّارُ يُعْرَضُونَ عَلَيْهَا غُدُوًّا وَعَشِيًّا وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ
السَّاعَةُ أَدْخِلُوا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ أَشَدَّ الْعَذَابِ ﴿٢٠﴾

وَإِذْ يَتَحَاجُّونَ فِي النَّارِ فَيَقُولُ الضُّعَفَاءُ
لِلَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا إِنَّا كُنَّا لَكُمْ تَبَعًا فَمَا
أَنْتُمْ مُفْعَلُونَ عَنَّا نَصِيبًا مِنَ النَّارِ ﴿٢١﴾

قَالَ الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا إِنَّا كُلٌّ فِيهَا
إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ حَكَمَ بَيْنَ الْعِبَادِ ﴿٢٢﴾

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ فِي النَّارِ لِخَزَنَةِ جَهَنَّمَ ادْعُوا

Rabb that He may lighten for us a day of torment.

50. They will say: Did not there come to you your Messengers with evidences? They will say: Yea! They will say: Pray then yourselves. And the praying of the infidels is but in wandering.

رَبِّكُمْ يُخَفِّفْ عَنْكُمْ مَا فِي الْعَذَابِ ﴿١٩﴾

قَالُوا أَوَلَمْ تَكُ تَأْتِيكُمْ رُسُلُكُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا بَلَى قَالُوا فَادْعُوا وَمَا دُعَاؤُ الْكَافِرِينَ إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ ﴿٢٠﴾

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This covert believer tried his level best to convince his people to follow his advice to piety and guidance. The temporal life was indeed a passing phase, not worth preferring over eternal abode of the Ākhirah. Whoever sins will have to bear the consequences, while those men or women who accept the true faith and mould their conduct in accordance with it shall be admitted into Jannah, an abode of great comforts and luxury. He told them that it was foolish of them to invite him to their false beliefs, which would definitely drive him to Hell, whereas he was inviting them to Allah's Pleasure and Jannah. They were asking him to ascribe partners to Allah, which was indeed preposterous and baseless as no evidence could be found in its support as against his invitation to Allah Whose Omnipotence is obvious as the daylight. He is so Forgiving that despite obstinate denial, their penitence was certain to invoke His Forgiveness. All shall inevitably return to Him and those trespassing His limits, that is, the infidels will be condemned to Hell whence they will recall his words.

His nation was infuriated, yet he chose to leave the matter to Allah, the Omnipresent. And He protected him and they could not harm him in the least, while the Pharaoh's folk perished having no solace in Barzakh either. And they are exposed to the fire of Hell, both morning and evening.

Retribution in Grave

This Āyah also proves the retribution in the grave and that the dead do not simply vanish into extinction. According to Ḥadīth, the grave is either a pit of Hell, or a garden of Jannah. The nation of the Pharaoh will remain in this state until the Doomsday, followed by a much worse and severer punishment in Hell. They will then dispute with one another. The commoners will remind the ruling lot of their

devotion to them imploring for help; at least reduction in the intensity of the flames? The influential will regret being in the same boat, obviously unable to help especially after the Divine Judgement had been passed. They will then request the angels of Hell to pray for them only for a day's respite from the agony of Hell as they were not worthy of being listened to by Allah. The angels will ask them if Allah's Messengers were not sent to them with evidences. Upon their confession, the angels will tell them to pray for themselves, as they are not allowed to do so for the infidels. But what good would the infidels' prayers in the Ākhirah be, when they had lost the chance to pray in the world.

Section 6

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| <p>51. Verily! We shall surely succour Our Messengers and those who believe, both in the life of this world and on a Day whereon the witnesses will stand forth.</p> | <p>إِنَّا لَنَنْصُرُ رُسُلَنَا وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فِي الْحَيَاةِ
الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْأَشْهُدُ ﴿٥١﴾</p> |
| <p>52. A Day whereon their excuse will not profit the ungodly. Theirs will be curse and theirs will be the evil Abode.</p> | <p>يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ الظَّالِمِينَ مَعَذِرَتُهُمْ
وَلَهُمُ اللَّعْنَةُ وَلَهُمْ سُوءُ الدَّارِ ﴿٥٢﴾</p> |
| <p>53. And assuredly We vouchsafed to Mūsa the guidance and We caused the Children of Isrāil to inherit the Book.</p> | <p>وَلَقَدْ ءَاتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْهُدَى وَأَوْرَثْنَا
بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ الْكِتَابَ ﴿٥٣﴾</p> |
| <p>54. A guidance and an admonition to men of understanding.</p> | <p>هُدًى وَذِكْرَى لِلْأُولَى ﴿٥٤﴾</p> |
| <p>55. So be steadfast. The Promise of Allah is true; and ask forgiveness for your fault; and hallow the praise of your Rabb at evening and dawn.</p> | <p>فَاصْبِرْ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَدُنْكَ
وَمَسِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ بِالْعِشِيِّ وَالْإِبْكَرِ ﴿٥٥﴾</p> |
| <p>56. Verily those who wrangle concerning the revelations of Allah without an authority having come to them - nothing is there in their breasts save ambitions,</p> | <p>إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي ءَايَاتِ
اللَّهِ يَغْتَابِرُ مُلْطَنَ أَنَّهُمْ إِن فِي صُدُورِهِمْ
إِلَّا كِبْرٌ مَّا هُمْ بِيَلْفِيهِ فَاسْتَغْزِبُوا بِاللَّهِ</p> |

which they shall not achieve. Seek refuge you then in Allah; verily He! He is the Hearer, the Beholder.

57. The creation of the heavens and the earth is indeed greater than the creation of mankind; Yet most of mankind know not.

58. Not equal are the blind and the seeing, nor those who believe and work righteous deeds and the wicked. Little are you admonished.

59. Verily the Hour is coming; there is no doubt thereof, yet most of mankind believe not.

60. And your Rabb has said: Call upon Me, and I shall answer you. Verily those who are stiff necked against My worship, now they will enter Hell abject.

إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ ﴿٥٧﴾

لَخَلْقُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَكْبَرُ مِنْ خَلْقِ النَّاسِ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

وَمَا يَسْتَوِي الْأَعْمَى وَالْبَصِيرُ وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَلَا الْعِمَى ۚ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾

إِنَّ السَّاعَةَ لَآتِيَةٌ لَّا رَيْبَ فِيهَا وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي ۖ أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَٰخِرِينَ ﴿٦١﴾

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Faith and Obedience Key to Temporal Success

The chronicles of the bygone nations also testify that Allah extends His succour to His Messengers and those who believe in them in this temporal world, while eternal success is entirely theirs. They will be honoured and shall enjoy all the comforts. These infidels will forget all arrogance and pride on the eve of accountability, and shall resort to useless pleading. They will be accursed and pushed into the Hell. Allah guided Prophet Mūsa^{AS} and gave him a Book. He was vehemently opposed by a mighty infidel nation, but they could do him no harm, nor could they contain the Book. Rather, they were themselves destroyed while the

Book and the Truth survived for generations in the Banī Isrāīl, indeed a great admonition for the people of understanding.

Sway of Dīn and the Prophecy of its Survival after the Companions^{-RAU}

In a way this example is a prophecy that like the Pharaoh's folk these infidels will also fail and Islam will survive as a legacy after the Companions^{-RAU}. The Holy Prophet^{-SAW} is advised to be patient over their momentary success and not to worry about the hindrances they create in his path. Assuredly, Allah's Promise is true, that he and his followers will ultimately prevail. He must, however, seek Allah's Forgiveness by remembering Him morning and evening, that is, round the clock.

Constant Zikr

The Commentators interpret the term 'morning and evening' as practising Zikr round the clock. This is because Zikr generates a state of constant presence before Allah, and a feeling of always being in His Company, which indeed is the solution to all problems and the answer to all difficulties.

Arrogance and Egotism Impede Obedience

People who oppose Allah's Word, neither have any evidence nor can they ever have an excuse. In fact such behaviour stems out of arrogance and egotism. They presume that conformity to the Holy Prophet's^{-SAW} ways would adversely affect their stature and importance. By denial they seek to uphold their vainglory and whims, which they will never be able to do. So let them exert in their cause while the Holy Prophet^{-SAW} may continue to seek Allah's Protection, Who Sees and Hears everything.

Allah's Protection

A believer possesses a very powerful weapon in the form of Allah's Protection in answer to the propaganda and conspiracies of the infidels. He should seek it both by word of mouth as well as practically through obedience and conformity to the Sunnah. These infidels fail to realise that He Who created the heavens and the earth as well as the entire universal system can have no difficulty in quickening the dead. The problem is that these ignorant souls do not possess the light of faith. The blind cannot obviously be at par with the one blessed with sight as well as the light of faith together with the capacity to obey Allah. They cannot stand up against such a believer. The Qayamah will be established without doubt and their denial will not effect it in any way.

Prayer and its Acceptance

Allah enjoins that all prayers be addressed to Him whereas acceptance is subject to conformity with Sunnah of the Holy Prophet ^{SAW}. According to the erudites, a believer's prayer is never wasted. Firstly he may get what he has asked for immediately or with a slight delay. Secondly if what he has asked for is not in his favour, it is replaced with something better. Lastly, his unanswered prayer is added to his credit and will benefit him immensely on the Day of Reckoning. It is an honour for the supplicant to converse with Allah and those who disobey Him out of arrogance will be admitted into Hell, duly disgraced.

Section 7

61. Allah it is Who has made the night that you may repose therein, and the day enlightening. Verily Allah is the Rabb of Grace for mankind; yet most of mankind return not thanks.

اللَّهُ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ اللَّيْلَ لِتَسْكُنُوا فِيهِ
وَالنَّهَارَ مُبْصِرًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَذُو فَضْلٍ
عَلَى النَّاسِ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ
لَا يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

62. Such is Allah, your Rabb the Creator of everything; there is no god but He. Whither then are you straying away?

ذَٰلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَاَن تَوَفَّكُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

63. In this way those who were used to gainsay the Signs of Allah have strayed away.

كَذَٰلِكَ يُؤْفِكُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا يَتَايَأَتِ اللَّهَ
يَجْحَدُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

64. Allah it is Who has made the earth for you a resting place and the sky a structure; and fashioned you and fashioned well, and provided for you goodly things. Such is Allah, your Rabb! So blessed be Allah, the Rabb of the worlds.

اللَّهُ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ قَرَارًا
وَالسَّمَاءَ بَنَاءً وَصَوَّرَكُمْ فَأَحْسَنَ
صُورَكُمْ وَرَزَقَكُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ
ذَٰلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ
الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٦٤﴾

65. He is the Living; no god there is but He. So call upon Him, making faith pure for Him. All

هُوَ الْحَيُّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَادْعُوهُ
مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٦٥﴾

praise for Allah, the Rabb of the worlds.

66. Say you; verily I am forbidden that I should worship those whom you call upon besides Allah when evidences have come to me from my Rabb, and I am commanded that I should submit to the Rabb of the worlds.

قُلْ إِنِّي نُهَيْتُ أَنْ أُعْبِدَ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ
مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ لَمَّا جَاءَ فِي الْبَيِّنَاتِ مِنْ رَبِّي وَأُمِرْتُ
أَنْ أُسْلِمَ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٦٦﴾

67. He it is Who created you of dust, and then of a drop, and then of a clot, and then He brings you forth as an infant, and then He ordains that you attain your full strength, and then that you become old men - though some of you die earlier - and that you attain the appointed term; and that perhaps you may reflect.

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ
ثُمَّ مِنْ عَلَقَةٍ ثُمَّ يُخْرِجُكُمْ طِفْلًا ثُمَّ لِتَبْلُغُوا
أَشَدَّكُمْ ثُمَّ لِيَتَّكُونُوا شُبُهَاءَ وَمِنْكُمْ
مَنْ يُوَفَّى مِنْ قَبْلُ وَلِيَتَّبِعُوا أَجَلًا مُّسَمًّى
وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾

68. He it is Who causes life and death; and whence He decrees an affair He only says to it: Be, and it becomes.

هُوَ الَّذِي يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ فَإِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا
يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ﴿٦٨﴾

Secrets of Revelation

How Magnificent and Kind Allah is to create night to satisfy the human need for rest! It marks the temporary suspension of activity, creating a peaceful atmosphere for rest; whereby lost energies are regained. Then after an appropriate interlude the hustle bustle of life returns with the daylight and mankind attends to the daily business afresh. How Merciful He is upon mankind to have arranged the fulfilment of their entire needs, yet most of them are ingrates and resort to disobedience. He created everything for the service of mankind according to a perfect programme. So can there be anyone save Him worthy of worship? Why then man wanders away and resorts to denial unjustly and to satisfy his ego, fully knowing that Allah's Commands are based on Truth. See how Munificent He is to

have made the earth a place of dwelling for mankind, which despite its spherical shape, is flat to facilitate habitation, agriculture, industry etc. **He** has made the sky a canopy without any supporting columns and it does not fall down being an integral part of the Universal System.

Moreover, **He** blessed mankind with handsome outlook, and prescribed for them the best things as food, rather than letting them graze like the cattle. If pondered over, these realities can unfold the Magnificence and Barakah of the Only Sustainer of the entire universe. **He** is Eternal and there is none else worthy of worship save **Him**. So O' believer! Adore **Him** with purest sincerity, pin all hopes on and seek everything from **Him**. All things exist because of **Him**; only **He** is the Immortal and flawless. The infidels must never expect that a believer will pin his hopes on idols like they do, or that he will ever rely on mundane resources against **His** directions. Ironically we are living in an era sinking in darkness where we rely on resources more than the infidels do on their idols.

The Idols of Contemporary Era

Even the infidels have become worshippers of super powers today and as such there is a general indifference towards religion. Yet a believer employs all means within the limits of **Allah's** obedience and given the choice, he abandons the former but not the latter. **He** will certainly not worship the means as the infidels do, for he has clear directions from **Allah** to worship only **Him**, **He Who** is the Creator, the Owner, the Provider and the Sustainer of the entire universe.

Stages of Human Creation and the Qurān

'O' Children of Ādam! We created you from dust through a definite process, from a sperm dropped into the female womb, turned into a clot, then into an embryo. After fashioning tissues, bones and organs **Allah** ushers you in this world as a human being. Praise be to **Him**! Qurān reveals these stages of human development at more than one place, whence medical science did not exist and nobody could have known it otherwise. Even after fourteen centuries, science has no option but to endorse the Quranic revelations.

He then brings you up into a blooming youth, ultimately turning you into a feeble old person. And everyone does not go through this complete cycle of life, some die before attaining the old age, others in their childhood. These are all proofs of **His** Magnificence and **His** favours for you to ponder over in order to understand. **He** gives life and enforces death. When **He** wishes to accomplish a task **He**

Commands it to be, and it is. He is neither dependant on anyone's assistance or permission, nor is there any delay in whatever He wants to execute.

Section 8

69. Do you not see those who wrangle concerning the revelations of Allah, whither are they turning away?
 أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي مَآيَاتِ اللَّهِ أَنِّي يُضَرِّفُونَ ﴿٧١﴾
70. Those who belie the Book and the Message with which We sent Our Messengers, presently they will come to know.
 الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِالْكِتَابِ وَمِمَّا أَرْسَلْنَا بِهِ رَسُولَنَا فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾
71. When shackles will be on their necks and also chains; they will be dragged.
 إِذَا الْأَغْطَالُ فِي أَعْتَقِهِمْ وَالسَّلَاسِلُ يُسْحَبُونَ ﴿٧٣﴾
72. Into the boiling water, then into the Fire they will be stocked.
 فِي الْحَمِيمِ ثُمَّ فِي النَّارِ يُسْجَرُونَ ﴿٧٤﴾
73. Then it will be said to them; where are those whom you have been associating?
 ثُمَّ قِيلَ لَهُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ تُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٧٥﴾
74. Besides Allah? They will say: They have failed us: Aye! We have not been calling on anything before. Thus does Allah lead the infidels astray.
 مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ قَالُوا ضَلُّوا عَنَّا بَلْ لَمْ نَكُن نَدْعُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ شَيْئًا كَذَلِكَ يَضِلُّ اللَّهُ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٧٦﴾
75. That is because you had been exulting in the earth without any right, and because you had been strutting.
 ذَلِكَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَفْرَحُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَبِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَمْرَحُونَ ﴿٧٧﴾
76. Enter you the gates of Hell, as abiders therein. Hapless is the abode of the stiff-necked.
 ادْخُلُوا أَبْوَابَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا فِئْسَ مَثْوًى الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ ﴿٧٨﴾
77. Wherefore you be steadfast; verily the promise of Allah is true. Then whether We let you see a portion
 فَأَصْبِرْ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ فَكَيْمَا نُرِيدُكَ بَعْضَ الَّذِي نَعِدُهُمْ أَوْ نَتَوَفَّيَنَّكَ فَإِنَّا يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٧٩﴾

of what we have promised them,
or whether We cause you to die,
to Us they all will be returned.

78. Assuredly We have sent Messengers before you: Of them are some whose story We have recounted to you. And it was not possible for any Messenger to bring a Sign save by Allah's leave. So when comes the command of Allah, judgement will be given with truth, and then the followers of falsehood will lose.

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلًا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْهُمْ مَنْ قَصَصْنَا
عَلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَمْ نَقْصُصْ عَلَيْكَ وَمَا كَانَ
لِرَسُولٍ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ بِثَابِتٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ فَإِذَا جَاءَ
أَمْرُ اللَّهِ قُضِيَ بِالْحَقِّ وَخَسِرَ هُنَالِكَ
الْمُبْطِلُونَ ﴿٧٨﴾

Secrets of Revelation

Mark how the infidels not only deny Allah's Commands but also exert to prove their absurdities as valid! They are indeed misguided and have obviously lost the track by denying the Divine Book, based purely on Truth. He has not just flunked it down, but also raised His Prophet with it, who is exemplary in nobility, piety and devotion. Nevertheless these infidels remain indifferent. The results thereof will be witnessed soon when they will be yoked, fettered and dragged through the boiling water into the blazing inferno. They will then be asked about their deities, the devils, the Jinn or the resources which they had worshipped all their lives instead of bowing before the Magnificent Allah? They will confess that all objects of their hope had strayed away from them, as if they had never worshipped anyone. In other words, all props turned out to be worthless. Indeed, the problem with infidelity is that Allah's annoyance plunges an infidel into totally useless pursuits. They are punished with misguidance in the world, and will suffer Hell in the Ākhirah, because they are arrogant and swollen headed. They consider accepting Allah's Word as a challenge to their vanity.

So the Holy Prophet^{SAW} and the believers must be patient over the vexation of those infidels. Standing fast on the belief that Allah's promise is bound to come true is in itself a great demonstration of patience. The punishments promised to the infidels will certainly come whether during the lifetime of the Holy Prophet^{SAW} or

after he passes away. The grandeur of infidelity will surely be reduced to ashes for such an end is natural for evil. And everyone has to simultaneously appear before Him in the Ākhirah.

Allah had sent many Messengers^{AS} before. Some of them have been mentioned in detail in the Qurān, while others have not been. Yet it is an established fact that all had acted entirely in accordance with Allah's Will including the manifestation of miracles. They did not indulge in the magical tricks to demonstrate whatever was asked for. And when the Hour of Judgement arrives, everyone will be given a fair deal. All disputes will be settled and the followers of falsehood will realise that they had indeed incurred a serious loss.

Section 9

79. Allah it is Who has made cattle for you, that you may ride on some of them, and of others you eat.

اللَّهُ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَنْعَامَ
لِتَرْكَبُوا مِنْهَا وَمِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ ﴿٧٩﴾

80. And for you there are other benefits in them, and that you may attain through them any desire that is in your breasts; and upon them and upon the ships you are borne.

وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَنَافِعُ وَلِتَبْلُغُوا عَلَيْهَا حَاجَةً
فِي صُدُورِكُمْ وَعَلَيْهَا وَعَلَى الْفُلْكِ
تُحْمَلُونَ ﴿٨٠﴾

81. And He shows you His Sign, which, then, of the Signs of Allah will you deny?

وَيُرِيكُمْ آيَاتِهِ، فَأَيُّ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ تُنْكِرُونَ ﴿٨١﴾

82. Have they not travelled on the earth that they may behold how has been the end of those before them? They were more numerous than these, and mightier in strength and the traces in the land. But nothing availed them of what they had been earning.

أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ
الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ كَانُوا أَكْثَرُ مِنْهُمْ وَأَشَدَّ
قُوَّةً وَأَثَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَمَا أَغْنَى عَنْهُمْ
مَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾

83. And when their Messengers came to them with evidences, they exulted in the knowledge they had

فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ
فَرِحُوا بِمَا عِنْدَهُمْ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ وَحَافَ

with them, and there surrounded them what they had been mocking.

84. Then when they beheld Our Prowess they said: We believe in Allah alone, and we disbelieve in what we have been associating with Him.

85. But their belief profited them naught when they had seen Our Prowess. This is Allah's dispensation that has been in regard to His bondmen. And lost were the infidels then and there.

بِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾

فَلَمَّا رَأَوْا بَأْسَنَا قَالُوا آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَحْدَهُ
وَكُفِّرْنَا بِمَا كُنَّا بِهِ مُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾

فَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَنْفَعُهُمْ إِيمَانُهُمْ لَمَّا رَأَوْا بَأْسَنَا سَأَلَتْ
اللَّهُ أَلَيْكَ قَدْ خَلَتْ فِي عِبَادِهِ وَخَيْرُهُنَّالِكَ
الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾

Secrets of Revelation

It is Allah's Munificence that He created numerous animal species to serve mankind, some as mounts while others as food. Yet others are stock in trade for him to make money. Man also employs different means of transportation on land and on water, all testifying to His Magnificence. So how many of the evidences will the infidels deny besides the fate of the preceding nations? The ruined settlements reveal that their inhabitants excelled their ancestors in resources and power. Yet the devastation invoked by infidelity could not be deferred in the least by their grandeur and might. They had paid no heed to Allah's Words conveyed by His Messengers and had remained vainglorious over their own ungodly philosophies, deeply engrossed in amassing wealth and in their scientific pursuits.

The truth is that it was Allah Who had bestowed knowledge, but the infidels assumed it as their personal excellence and derided Allah's Instructions. This crime led to their destruction. When they saw the horrific doom they readily believed in the Unity of Allah, refuting all partners ever ascribed to Him. But once the doom commenced the acceptance or denial was of no significance. It is His Law that confessions after the denial of teachings and evidences presented by His Prophets^{AS} are not accepted for once the truth is unveiled, no one can dare deny it. And it is here that the infidels shall discover the real loss.