

SURATUL'ANKABOOT (29)

The *Suratulqasas* is a stern warning to the arrogant and defiant Makkan leaders bent on persecuting the believers. The *Suratul'ankaboot* opens with a candid utterance to chasten the wavering believers into constancy and steadfastness in the face of persecution and terror given free rein to by the Makkan polytheists. Allah shall know the true from the false. But the persecutors, also, shall not go unpunished while those who suffer and keep striving for Islam shall be excellently rewarded. If young believers' parents pressure them into abandoning Islam, they must not do so, but treat them well. The tenth and eleventh verses expose such weak characters further and warn them that Allah shall know the steadfast believers from the hypocritical and opportunistic ones. The twelfth and thirteenth verses expose such polytheists as used to shake the irresolute further by their irresponsible utterances. The Surah, in this way, strives to convince the suffering and persecuted believers to have patience and wait for Allah's help because persecutors shall not go scot free. Hence, the Surah, for their encouragement and consolation, proceeds to narrate, from the fourteenth verse to the fortieth verse, what had happened to the persecutors of Noah, Abraham, Lot, *Shu'ayb*, *Ṣaaliḥ*, Moses, and the messenger sent to the *'Aad*.

All of them had been wiped out and, similarly, the Makkan persecutors shall not be spared if they persist in their wrongdoing, defiance, and persecution. Hence, believers led by messengers succeed and are rescued while polytheists perish because polytheism proves to be as weak as a spider's web as pictured in the forty-first verse. The believers must, therefore, rest in Allah and ponder the fate of the persecutors through ages. The forty-fourth verse, further, assures the persecuted believers that Allah has created the cosmos with justice and His justice shall appear to their entire satisfaction. The forty-fifth verse exhorts the Messenger and, through him, all the persecuted believers to recite the *Quraan* and keep to performing the obligatory prayer as it will fortify their hearts through their trials and tribulations. The forty-sixth verse restrains the believers from disputing with the people of the Book except excellently and, that too, by stressing agreed points. As the *Injeel* and the Torah were revealed, so has the *Quraan* been revealed. Those who possess the knowledge of revealed books recognize it and believe in it. The Surah, then, from the forty-eighth verse to the fifty-second verse, proceeds to convince them that the *Quraan* has been revealed to the Last Messenger who can neither read nor write and Allah is the witness to it. As for the polytheists' demand for punishment, the fifty-third, the fifty-fourth, and the fifty-fifth verses reply that it shall come upon them and the Gehenna has, already, encompassed them. The fifty-sixth verse encourages the persecuted believers to emigrate and the next three verses promise the patient and those trusting in their *Rabb* excellent reward. As for their sustenance, the sixtieth verse assures them that Allah shall take care of it.

From the sixty-first verse, the Surah, finally, proceeds to mention natural phenomena, such as the Sun, the Moon, their food, and the rainfall and argue for the oneness of Allah. If He does all such things, how can their deities be associated with Him? In fact, they do not exercise their reason, concludes the sixty-third verse. If they do, they shall not exult

in the life of the world and think of the afterworld. The sixty-fifth verse again exposes the falseness of polytheism, when they turn to Allah alone while in a felucca hemmed in by waves and forget their deities. But, when they are rescued to the land, they forget Allah and thank their deities. Similarly, they enjoy all the benefits of the peaceful Holy House in the name of Allah, but disbelieve in His oneness and believe in their false deities. They reject the truth __ the *Quraan* __ when it has come to them, only to make room for themselves in the Gehenna (Hell). The last verse, on the contrary, assures the persecuted believers suffering and striving for Allah that He shall guide them to His ways __ the ways to eternal success and salvation.

SURATUL' ANKABOOT

In the name of ALLAH, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

1. *Aliflaam meem.*
2. Do the people think that they will be left, only, that they say, "We believe" and they will not be tried out?
3. Though We had tried out (those peoples) who had been before them and hence, Allah shall know (those people) who are true (to Him) and He shall know the lying.
4. Do (those people) who have been doing evils think that they will get the better of (Us)? Very bad is what they judge.
5. Whoever fears appearing before Allah (for accountability, must know that) Allah's appointed time is certain to come, and He is the Hearer, the Omniscient.
6. And he who struggles (for Allah), in fact, struggles for himself; Allah can, indeed, dispense with all the inhabitants of the world.
7. And We will remit the sins of (those people) who believe and do good deeds and reward them for what they have been doing (in this world) in the best manner.
8. And We have enjoined man to treat his parents excellently and if both of them exert their pressure on you to attribute an associate to Me,

سُورَةُ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

آلَمْ

أَحْسِبَ النَّاسُ أَنْ يُتْرَكُوا أَنْ يَقُولُوا آمَنَّا وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ ﴿١﴾

وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ الْكَاذِبِينَ ﴿٢﴾

أَمْ حَسِبَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ السَّيِّئَاتِ أَنْ يَسْفِقُونَا سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ ﴿٣﴾

مَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ أَجَلَ اللَّهُ لَكَ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٤﴾

وَمَنْ جَاهَدَ فَإِنَّمَا يُجَاهِدُ لِنَفْسِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَغَنِيٌّ عَنِ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٥﴾

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَنُكَفِّرَنَّ عَنْهُمْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَحْسَنَ الَّذِي كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٦﴾

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حُسْنًا وَإِنْ جَاهَدَاكَ لِتُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا

which you have no knowledge of, you must, in no case, obey both of them; to Me is to be your return, and then, I will tell you what you have been doing (in the world).

9. And We will admit (those people) who believe and do good deeds among the righteous.

10. And, among the human beings, there are some people who say, "We believe in Allah." But, when they are persecuted for Allah's sake, they treat the persecution of human beings as Allah's punishment and if help comes from your *Rabb*, they shall say, "We have been with you." And does Allah not know best what is (hidden) in the hearts of all the human beings?

11. And Allah shall know (those people) who believe and He shall know the hypocrites.

12. And (those people) who disbelieve say to (those people) who believe, "Follow our way and we will bear your sins" though they are not going to bear any part of their sins at all: they are, certainly, liars.

13. And they shall bear their burdens of sins and (some more) burdens along with their burdens and they shall be questioned, on the Resurrection Day, about what they have been forging.

SECTION 2

14. And We sent Noah to his people and hence, he stayed among them

إِلَىٰ مَرْجِعِكُمْ فَأُنَبِّئُكُم بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٨﴾

وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَنُدْخِلَنَّهُمْ
فِي الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٩﴾

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَقُولُ ءَامَنَّا بِاللَّهِ فَإِذَا أُوذِيَ فِي اللَّهِ
جَعَلَ فِتْنَةَ النَّاسِ كَعَذَابِ اللَّهِ وَلَئِن جَاءَ
نَصْرٌ مِّن رَّبِّكَ لَيَقُولُنَّ إِنَّا كُنَّا مَعَكُمْ أَوْ لَيْسَ
اللَّهُ بِأَعْلَمَ بِمَا فِي صُدُورِ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠﴾

وَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا
وَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ ﴿١١﴾

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّبِعُوا
سَبِيلَنَا وَلْنَحْمِلْ خَطِيئَتَكُمْ وَمَا هُمْ بِحَامِلِينَ
مِّنْ خَطِيئَتِهِمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِنَّهُمْ لَكَذِبُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

وَلَيَحْمِلُنَّ أَثْقَالَهُمْ وَأَثْقَالًا مَّعَ أَثْقَالِهِمْ وَلَيَسْتَلْنَ
يَوْمَ أَلْقَيْتُمَا عَمَّاكَ إِنَّا تَرَىٰ فِتْنَتَهُمْ
يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ﴿١٣﴾

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ فَلَبِثَ

for a thousand years except fifty years and as a result of (their disobedience), a typhoon seized them while they were wrongdoers.

15. But, We rescued him and the passengers of the ark (felucca) and made it a lesson (an instructive example) for all the human beings.

16. And (We, also, sent) Abraham when he said to his people, "Serve (render exclusive obedience to) Allah and fear disobeying Him __ such (a course) is the best for you if you know.

17. In fact, what you are worshipping, besides Allah, are, only, wooden or stone idols and you are forging falsehood; indeed, those (deities) whom you are worshipping, besides Allah, do not possess any power to give you sustenance, and hence, you must seek sustenance from Allah and serve (render exclusive obedience to) Him and thank Him: to Him all of you shall be returned.

18. And if you belie and deny, (many) communities before you have belied and denied and there is no obligation on the messenger but that of the clear communication" (of the message).

19. Do they not see how Allah originates (brings creation into existence from non-existence) and then, He shall restore it? Indeed, such (a restoration) is easy for Allah.

فِيهِمْ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ إِلَّا خَمْسِينَ عَامًا
فَأَخَذَهُمُ الطُّوفَانُ وَهُمْ ظَالِمُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

فَأَنْجَيْنَاهُ وَأَصْحَابَ السَّفِينَةِ وَجَعَلْنَاهَا
آيَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٥﴾

وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَانْفِقُوا
ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٦﴾

إِنَّمَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْثَانًا وَتَخْلُقُونَ
إِنْفَكًا إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُعْبُدُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ
لَا يَمْلِكُونَ لَكُمْ رِزْقًا فَابْتَغُوا عِندَ اللَّهِ الرِّزْقَ
وَاعْبُدُوهُ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ إِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

وَإِن تَكْذِبُوا فَقَدْ كَذَّبَ أُمَمٌ مِّن قَبْلِكُمْ
وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿١٨﴾

أَلَمْ يَرَوْا كَيْفَ يُبْدِئُ اللَّهُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ
يُعِيدُهُ ۚ إِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ﴿١٩﴾

20. Say, "Travel through the Earth and then, see, (for yourselves), how He originated (brought) creation (into existence from non-existence); and then, Allah shall resurrect again; indeed, Allah possesses absolute power and authority over everything."

قُلْ سِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ
بَدَأَ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ اللَّهُ يُنشِئُ النَّشْأَةَ الْآخِرَةَ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٢٠﴾

21. He will punish whom He wills and have mercy on whom He wills and to Him all of you shall be returned.

يُعَذِّبُ مَن يَشَاءُ وَيَرْحَمُ مَن يَشَاءُ وَإِلَيْهِ
تُقْلَبُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

22. And all of you can neither frustrate (Him) throughout the Earth nor throughout the heaven nor do you have any protector nor any helper besides Allah.

وَمَا أَنْتُمْ بِمُعْجِزِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ
وَمَا لَكُم مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ مِن وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ ﴿٢٢﴾

SECTION 3

23. And (those people) who disbelieve in Allah's verses and appearing before Him (for accountability are such people as) are in despair of My mercy and such (people) shall have a grievous punishment (in the afterworld).

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَلِقَائِهِ أُولَٰئِكَ
يَئْسُونَ مِن رَّحْمَتِي وَأُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٣﴾

24. But the response of his people was no other than that they said, "Kill him or burn him." But Allah rescued him from the fire; indeed, there are lessons in such (a story) for the people who believe.

فَمَا كَانَتْ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَن قَالُوا اقْتُلُوهُ
أَوْ حَرِّقُوهُ فَأَنجَاهُ اللَّهُ مِنَ النَّارِ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ
لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾

25. And (Abraham) said (to his people further), "The wooden or stone idols you have taken to (worshipping as your deities) besides Allah, (are based on) love among yourselves in the life of the world and then, on the Resurrection

وَقَالَ إِنَّمَا اتَّخَذْتُم مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْثَانًا مَّوَدَّةَ
بَيْنِكُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا ثُمَّ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ
يَكْفُرُ بَعْضُكُم بِبَعْضٍ وَيَلْعَنُ

Day, everyone of you will reject the other and curse one another and your abode shall be the fire (of the Hell) and you shall not have any helpers, whatsoever."

بَعْضُكُمْ بِبَعْضٍ وَمَأْوَاكُمُ النَّارُ
وَمَا لَكُمْ مِنْ نَاصِرِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾

26. Hence, Lot submitted himself to him and (Abraham) said, "I am going to emigrate to my *Rabb*: indeed, He is the Almighty, the Sole Source of wisdom."

فَأَمَّا لُهُ لُوطٌ وَقَالَ إِنِّي مُهَاجِرٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّي
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٢٦﴾

27. And We gave him Isaac and Jacob and kept prophethood and the Book among his descendants and gave him his reward in (this very) world and in the afterworld, he shall, certainly, be among the righteous.

وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ إِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَجَعَلْنَا فِي ذُرِّيَّتِهِ
النُّبُوَّةَ وَالْكِتَابَ وَءَاتَيْنَاهُ أَجْرَهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا
وَإِنَّهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ لِمِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾

28. And (We sent) Lot (as a messenger). Remember when he said to his people, "You commit such a gross obscenity as none of the human beings has, ever, done it before you.

وَلُوطًا إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ إِنَّكُمْ لَأَتُونَ
الْفَاحِشَةَ مَا سَبَقَكُمْ بِهَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ
مِنَ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾

29. Do you copulate with males (commit buggery__ anal intercourse), and engage in highway robbery and commit enormities in your meeting places?" But his people had no answer except that they said, "Bring Allah's punishment on us, if you are among the truthful."

أَيُنْكِحُكُمْ لَأَتُونَ الرِّجَالَ وَتَقْطَعُونَ السَّبِيلَ
وَتَأْتُونَ فِي نَادِيكُمْ الْمُنْكَرَ فَمَا كَانَ
جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا أَنْتِنَا بِعَذَابِ
اللَّهِ إِن كُنْتُمْ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

30. He said, "O my *Rabb*! Help me against a wrongdoing, disorderly, and corrupt people."

قَالَ رَبِّ انصُرْنِي عَلَى الْقَوْمِ
الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾

SECTION 4

31. And when Our envoys (angels) reached Abraham with the good news, they said (to him), "In fact,

وَلَمَّا جَاءَتْ رُسُلُنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ بِالْبُشْرَىٰ قَالُوا
إِنَّا مَهْلِكُوا أَهْلَ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ إِنَّا أَهْلُهَا

we are going to wipe out the inhabitants of this town: its inhabitants are, indeed, wrongdoers."

32. (Abraham) said (to them), "In it, there is Lot." They said, "We know best who in it is. We will rescue him and his household except his wife. She will be among those remaining behind."

33. And (it so happened that) when Our envoys came to Lot, he felt grieved at them and his strength failed and he could not stand (remain firm in the face of) them and they said, "You must neither fear nor grieve. We are going to rescue you and your household except your wife who is going to be among those remaining / staying behind."

34. We are going to bring down a punishment from the heaven on the inhabitants of this town because they have been transgressing."

35. And We have left a clear sign of it for the people who exercise their reason.

36. And We (sent, to the people of) *Madyan*, their brother, *Shu`ayb* and he said (to them), "O my people! You must serve (render exclusive obedience to) Allah and fear the Last Day and must not go to great lengths causing wrong, disorder, and corruption in the land."

37. But they belied and denied him and then, a violent tremor of the earthquake seized them and, as a result of it, all of them lay prostrate, with faces downwards on the ground in their houses.

كَانُوا ظَالِمِينَ ﴿٣١﴾

قَالَ إِن فِيهَا لُوطٌ فَأَلُوهُ نَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ فِيهَا
لَنَنْجِيَنَّهُ وَأَهْلَهُ إِلَّا أَمْرَأَتَهُ كَانَتْ
مِنَ الْغَائِبِينَ ﴿٣٢﴾

وَلَمَّا أَن جَاءَتْ رُسُلُنَا لُوطًا سِيقَهُمْ
وَصَافَ بِهِمْ ذُرْعًا وَقَالُوا لَا تَخَفْ وَلَا تَحْزَنْ
إِنَّا مُنْجُونَكَ وَأَهْلَكَ إِلَّا أَمْرَأَتَكَ
كَانَتْ مِنَ الْغَائِبِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾

إِنَّا مُنْزِلُونَكَ عَلَى أَهْلِ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ رِجْزًا
مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْسُقُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

وَلَقَدْ تَرَكْنَا مِّنْهَا آيَةً بِّنَةً لِّقَوْمٍ
يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

وَإِلَى مَدْيَنَ أَخَاهُمْ شُعَيْبًا فَقَالَ يٰقَوْمِ
اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَارْجُوا الْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا
فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾

فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الرَّحْفَةُ
فَاصْبَحُوا فِي دَارِهِمْ جَثِيمِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾

38. And (We, also, wiped out the peoples of) the *'Aad* and the *Thamood* and it is clear to you from their dwelling places (in ruins) and the Devil had adorned their actions (wrongdoings) for them and hence, prevented them from the (right) path though they were endowed with reason and insight.

وَعَادًا وَثَمُودًا وَقَدْ تَبَيَّنَ لَكُمْ
مِّن مَّسْكِنِهِمْ وَزَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ
أَعْمَالَهُمْ فَصَدَّهُمْ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ
وَكَانُوا مُسْتَبْصِرِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾

39. And (We wiped out) *Qaaroon* and Pharaoh and *Haamaan* though Moses had brought them clear evidences. But they displayed arrogance in the land though they could not go beyond Us.

وَقَارُونَ وَفِرْعَوْنَ وَهَامَانَ وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ
مُّوسَىٰ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ
وَمَا كَانُوا اسْمِقِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

40. Hence, We punished each (of them) for his sin and hence, among them, there were (those people) on whom We sent a strong wind scattering pebbles and, among them, there were (those people) whom a blast seized and, among them, there were (those people) whom We buried in the earth and, among them, there were (those people) whom We drowned; and Allah was not such as to wrong them, but they themselves used to wrong themselves.

فَكُلًّا أَخَذْنَا بِذُنُوبِهِ فَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِ
حَاصِبًا وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ أَخَذَتْهُ الصَّيْحَةُ
وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ خَسَفْنَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ
وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ أَعْرَقْنَا وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُظْلِمَهُمْ
وَلَكِن كَانُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

41. The image of (those people) who take protectors besides Allah is like that of the spider (which) makes a house (web) and indeed, the weakest of the houses is the spider's house (web) if they only knew!

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ
كَمَثَلِ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ اتَّخَذَتْ بَيْتًا
وَأَن أَوْهَنَ الْبُيُوتِ لَبِيتُ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ
لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣١﴾

42. Indeed, Allah knows which (deity) they pray to besides Him; and He is the Almighty, the Sole Source of wisdom.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا يُدْعُونَ مِن دُونِهِ مِن شَوْءٍ
وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٣٢﴾

43. And We give these (instructive) examples (of ruined peoples) for (to the benefit of) human beings and nobody, but the learned, comprehends them.

وَتِلْكَ الْأَمْثَلُ نُضَرِّبُهَا لِلنَّاسِ
وَمَا يَفْقَهُهَا إِلَّا الْعَالِمُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾

44. Allah has created the heavens and Earth with an end (a sublime purpose and a limit); indeed, in such (a creation) there is a (great) lesson for the believers.

خَلَقَ اللَّهُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِالْحَقِّ
إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٤٤﴾

SECTION 5

45. You must peruse the Book (the *Quraan*) which is being revealed to you and perform the obligatory prayer: indeed, (the performance of) the obligatory prayer restrains (the performers) from obscenities and what is universally known to be evil: and remembering Allah is, certainly, the greatest (of all acts) and Allah knows what all of you do.

أَتْلُ مَا أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ
إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ
بِعَلْمِهِ مَانِصُّونَ ﴿٤٥﴾

46. And you must not dispute with the people of the Book but in a manner that is the best except (those people) who, among them, do wrong and you must say, "We believe in what has been revealed to us and had been revealed to you and our God and your God is one and we submit ourselves to Him."

وَلَا تُجَادِلُوا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا بِالَّتِي
هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْهُمْ وَقُولُوا آمَنَّا
بِالَّذِي أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَأُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ
وَاللَّهُ وَآلَهُ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾

47. And, similarly, We have revealed the Book (*Quraan*) to you; hence, (those people) whom We had given the Book will believe in it and among them, there are (those people) who do believe in it; and nobody repudiates Our verses but the disbelievers.

وَكَذَلِكَ أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابُ فَالَّذِينَ
ءَاتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ وَمِنْ هَؤُلَاءِ
مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ وَمَا يَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا
إِلَّا الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾

48. And you could neither, before it (the *Quraan*), read any book nor write it (with a pen) in your right hand: had it been so, the upholders of falsehood would have been sceptical (about it).

وَمَا كُنْتُمْ تَسْمَعُونَ قَبْلَهُ مِنْ كِتَابٍ وَلَا تَخُطُّهُ
بِإَمْرٍ إِذَا أَلْزَمْنَا الْمُبْطِلُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾

49. On the contrary, it (the *Quraan* comprises) clear arguments (existing) in the hearts of (those people) who have been given knowledge; and nobody repudiates Our verses except the wrongdoers.

بَلْ هُوَ آيَاتٌ بَيِّنَاتٌ فِي صُدُورِ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا
الْعِلْمَ وَمَا يُجْحَدُونَ آيَاتِنَا
إِلَّا الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

50. And they say, "Why have miracles not been bestowed on him from his *Rabb*?" Say, "In fact, miracles are, only, with Allah and I am, in fact, only, a clear warner."

وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا أُنْزِلَ عَلَيْهِ آيَاتٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِ
قُلْ إِنَّمَا الْآيَاتُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ
مُبِينٌ ﴿٥٠﴾

51. Does it not suffice for them that We have revealed, to you, the Book that is being recited before them? Indeed, in such (a revelation), there is mercy and admonition for the people who believe.

أَوَلَمْ يَكْفِهِمْ أَنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ
يَتْلَى عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُ فِي ذَلِكَ لَرَحْمَةٌ
وَذِكْرَى لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

SECTION 6

52. Say, "Allah suffices to be a witness between me and you: He knows what is throughout the heavens and the Earth and (those people) who believe in falsehood and disbelieve in Allah are (the people) who are the losers (misled and ruined)."

قُلْ كَفَى بِاللَّهِ بَيِّنًا وَبَيْنَكُمْ شَهِيدًا يَعْلَمُ
مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَالَّذِينَ
آمَنُوا بِالْبَاطِلِ وَكَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ أُولَئِكَ
هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾

53. And they are pressing for punishment to you; and if there had not been an appointed term, the punishment would, certainly, have visited upon them and it shall visit upon them suddenly and they shall not be conscious of it.

وَسَتَعْلَمُونَكَ بِالْعَذَابِ وَلَوْلَا أَجَلٌ مُسَمًّى
لِجَاءِ عَذَابِ وَلِيَأْتِيَنَّهُمْ بَغْتَةً وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾

54. They are pressing for punishment to you, while the Hell has, already, encompassed the disbelievers.

يَسْتَعْجِلُونَكَ بِالْعَذَابِ
وَلِإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ لَمُحِيطَةٌ بِالْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٥٤﴾

55. The Day when the punishment overcomes them from above them and from below their feet, (they shall realize and then, Allah) will say, "Taste what you used to do."

يَوْمَ يَغْشَاهُمْ الْعَذَابُ مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَمِنْ تَحْتِ
أَرْجُلِهِمْ وَيَقُولُ ذُوقُوا مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

56. O My servants who believe! Indeed, My Earth is vast and hence, to Me, alone, you must serve (render exclusive obedience).

يَا بَعَادَى الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنَّ أَرْضِي وَسِعَةٌ
فَإِنِّي فَأَعْبُدُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

57. Everybody is going to taste death, and then, to Us all of you shall be returned.

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ ثُمَّ إِلَيْنَا تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

58. And We will lodge (those people) who believe and do good deeds in the upper chambers __ under which rivers will be flowing __ of the Paradise in which they shall abide eternally; what an excellent reward for the doers (of good) __

وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَسَوْفَ نُنْتِهِم
مِّنَ الْجَنَّةِ غُرَفًا تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ
فِيهَا نِعْمَ أَجْرُ الْعَامِلِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾

59. (The people) who are patient and trust in their *Rabb*!

الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾

60. And there is many an animal that does not bear its sustenance: Allah gives them sustenance and you, also, (your sustenance); and He is the Hearer, the Omniscient.

وَكَايْنٍ مِّنْ دَابَّةٍ لَا تَحْمِلُ رِزْقَهَا اللَّهُ يَرْزُقُهَا
وَإِيَّاكُمْ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٦٠﴾

61. And if you ask them who has created the heavens and the Earth and subjected the Sun and the Moon to a law, serviceably, they shall say "Allah." Where, are, then, they, weak-mindedly, being deterred (from the guidance)?

وَلَيْن سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَسَخَّرَ
الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ فَأَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

62. Allah, (alone), expands sustenance for whichever of His Own created human beings He wills and straitens (it for whom He wills); indeed, Allah has the knowledge of everything.

اللَّهُ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَن يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرُ لَهُ
إِنَّا لِلَّهِ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٦٢﴾

63. And if you ask them who sends water from the clouds and then, vivifies the land by it after its death, they shall say "Allah." Say, "Glory to Allah." But most of them do not exercise their reason.

وَلَمَّا سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ نَزَّلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَحْيَا
بِهِ الْأَرْضَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَوْتِهَا يَقُولُونَ اللَّهُ
قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

SECTION 7

64. This life of the world is nothing but sport and amusement; and the home of the afterworld is, indeed, (the place) of eternal life; if only they knew (it)!

وَمَا هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَهُوٌّ وَلَعِبٌ وَإِنَّ الدَّارَ
الْآخِرَةَ لَهِىَ الْحَيَاةِ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾

65. Hence, when they go on board a felucca (a sailing vessel), they pray to Allah dedicating (their) obedience (exclusively) to Him: but, when He rescues them (safe from dangers) to the land, soon after that, they start attributing associates (to Him)

فَإِذَا رَكِبُوا فِي الْفُلِ دَعَوْا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ
فَلَمَّا نَجَّاهُمْ إِلَى الْبَرِ إِذَا هُمْ يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

66. So that they may be thankful for what We have given them and so that they may enjoy themselves: they shall, soon, know (the consequence).

لِيَكْفُرُوا بِمَا آتَيْنَاهُمْ وَلِيَتَمَنَّوْا أَفْسَوْفَ
يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾

67. Do they not consider that We have made (Makka) a secure holy place (for them) while people are snatched around them? Do they, even then, believe in falsehood and disbelieve in Allah's grace?

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّا جَعَلْنَا حَرَمًا آمِنًا وَيُخَفِّطُ
النَّاسُ مِنْ حَوْلِهِمْ أَفَبِالْبَاطِلِ يُؤْمِنُونَ
وَبِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ يَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾

68. And who is the worst wrongdoer than he who forges falsehood against Allah or belies and denies the truth (*Quraan*) when it comes to him? Is not, in the Hell, the abode of such disbelievers?
69. And We will guide Our ways to those people who struggle for Us; and Allah is, indeed, with the beneficent (doers of good).

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ افْتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَوْ كَذَّبَ
بِالْحَقِّ لَمَّا جَاءَهُ ۚ أَلَيْسَ فِي جَهَنَّمَ مَثْوًى
لِّلْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٦٨﴾

وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا
وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمَعَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٦٩﴾