

SURATULJINN (72)

In the preceding surah the Makkan polytheists have been likened to Noah's people in their arrogance and repudiation of the *Quraan*. The *Suratuljinn* gives them the message that even the jinn who are not directly concerned with the Messenger, when they come to listen to the *Quraan*, even casually, believe in it, give up associating anyone with Allah, and start fearing the Resurrection for accountability. But the Makkan polytheists are so callous, so hardened in polytheism, and so swayed by vested interest that they do not listen to reason and respond to the Messenger favourably. The speech of the jinn continues from the first verse to the fifteenth verse.

The next four verses of the Surah are a warning to the Makkan polytheists against their deviation from the straight path shown to them by Abraham who had raised up the Ka'ba for Allah and their repudiation of the *Quraan*. If they had followed the straight path, Allah would have given them abundant water. But, since they have turned away from it and repudiated the *Quraan*, He shall thrust them into a painful punishment. The Ka'ba and mosques are for Allah, but, when His Messenger stands in prayer in it, they, unlike the jinn, press closely on him only to hinder him. Hence, the Surah, from the twentieth verse to the twenty-fourth verse, in the words of the Messenger, tells them plainly that he shall not associate anyone with Him and continue communicating the *Quraan* till they confront the Judgement and then, they shall know how strong they are. In the next two verses the Messenger has been told to tell the polytheists plainly that he is the warner of the Day threatened, not the bringer. Allah does not disclose His secret plan to anyone. The messengers who are singled out for the communication of His messages, says the twenty-seventh verse, are guarded by angels to ensure that they communicate His messages in letter and spirit as the last verse clarifies and He keeps a strict watch over them and encompasses and counts everything around them lest they should err.

SURATULJINN

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

1. Say (that) it has been revealed to me that a party of jinn listened (to the *Quraan*) and then, they said, "Indeed, we have heard a marvellous recitation.
2. It guides (all) to righteousness and hence, we have come to believe in it and we will never attribute any associate to our *Rabb*.
3. And that sublime is the majesty of our *Rabb* Who has neither a wife nor children.
4. And that our ignorant (chief) has been uttering, what is beyond the truth, against Allah.
5. And that we thought that human beings and jinn would never utter a (single) lie against Allah.
6. And that there are many persons among the human beings who seek the protection of some persons among the jinn and hence, they, add to (increase) their promptness to evil.
7. And that they think, as you think, that Allah will never raise anyone (from the dead for accountability).
8. And that we came in contact with the heaven, we found it was filled with close watch and flaming meteors.

سُورَةُ الْجِنِّ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ أَوْحِيَ إِلَىٰ أَنَّهُ اسْتَمَعَ نَفَرٌ مِّنَ الْجِنِّ فَقَالُوا
إِنَّا سَمِعْنَا قُرْآنًا عَجَبًا ﴿١﴾

يَهْدِي إِلَى الرُّشْدِ فَآمَنَّا بِهِ وَلَمْ نُشْرِكْ بِرَبِّنَا أَحَدًا ﴿٢﴾

وَأَنَّهُ تَعَالَىٰ جَدُّ رَبِّنَا مَا اتَّخَذَ صَاحِبَةً وَلَا وَلَدًا ﴿٣﴾

وَأَنَّهُ كَانَ يَفُولُ سَفِيهًا عَلَى اللَّهِ سَطَطًا ﴿٤﴾

وَأَنَّا ظَنَنَّا أَن لَّنْ نَقُولَ الْإِنسُ وَالْجِنُّ عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا ﴿٥﴾

وَأَنَّهُ كَانَ رِجَالٌ مِّنَ الْإِنسِ يَعُوذُونَ بِرِجَالٍ
مِّنَ الْجِنِّ فَزَادُوهُمْ رَهَقًا ﴿٦﴾

وَأَنَّهُمْ ظَنُّوا كَمَا ظَنَنْتُمْ أَن لَّنْ يَبْعَثَ اللَّهُ أَحَدًا ﴿٧﴾

وَأَنَّا لَمَسْنَا السَّمَاءَ فَوَجَدْنَهَا مِثْلَ ثِفْثٍ حَرَسًا
شَدِيدًا وَشُهَبًا ﴿٨﴾

9. And that we used to sit at certain sitting places of it to gain information: but, now, whoever (tries) to listen, finds a flaming meteor lying in wait (ambush) for him.
10. And that we do not, in fact, know whether punishment is willed for (the human beings) who are throughout the Earth or their *Rabb* wills guidance (to guide them aright).
11. And that, among us, there are the righteous and, there are, among us, others without such (an attribute): we follow diverse ways.
12. And that we believe that we can neither frustrate Allah throughout the Earth nor can we defeat Him by fleeing (throughout the heaven).
13. And that when we heard the guidance, we came to believe in it because whoever believes in his *Rabb* will neither fear any wrong nor iniquity.
14. And that, in fact, among us, there are those who submit themselves (to Allah) and, among us, there are those who deviate from the truth: but (those people) who submit themselves (to Allah) are (the people who) choose the guidance freely.
15. And as for those deviating from the truth, they shall be the fuel for the Hell."
16. And (it has, further, been revealed to me, [the Messenger] by Allah) that, if they (the *Quraysh*) had adhered to the (straight) path, We would, certainly, have given them water to drink abundantly

وَأَنَّا كُنَّا نَقْعُدُ مِنْهَا مَقْعَدًا لِّلسَّمْعِ فَمَنْ يَسْمَعِ
 آلَآنَ يَجِدُ لَهُ شِهَابًا رَّصَدًا ﴿٩﴾

وَأَنَّا لَا نَدْرِي أَشَرُّ أَوِ يَدِي مِّنَ الْأَرْضِ
 أَمَّا رَادِّيهِمْ مِنْهُمْ رَشْدًا ﴿١٠﴾

وَأَنَّا مِنَّا الصَّالِحُونَ وَمِنَّا دُونَ ذَلِكَ كُنَّا طَرَائِقَ
 قَدِّدًا ﴿١١﴾

وَأَنَّا ظَنَنَّا أَن لَّن نَّعْجِزَ اللَّهَ فِي الْأَرْضِ
 وَلَن نَّعْجِزَهُ هَرَبًا ﴿١٢﴾

وَأَنَّا لَمَّا سَمِعْنَا الْهُدَىٰ ءَامَنَّا بِهِ ؕ فَمَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِرَبِّهِ
 فَلَا يَخَافُ بَحْصَ وَلَا رَهَقًا ﴿١٣﴾

وَأَنَّا مِنَّا الْمُسْلِمُونَ وَمِنَّا الْقَاسِطُونَ فَمَنْ أَسْلَمَ
 فَأُولَٰئِكَ تَحَرَّوْا رَشَدًا ﴿١٤﴾

وَأَمَّا الْقَاسِطُونَ فَكَانُوا لِجَهَنَّمَ حَطَبًا ﴿١٥﴾

وَأَلَّوْا أَسْتَقِمُّوا عَلَى الطَّرِيقَةِ لَأَسْقَيْنَهُمْ
 مَّاءً عَذَقًا ﴿١٦﴾

17. In order to test them through it; and He shall thrust, whoever turns away from his *Rabb's* book (the *Quraan*), into a painful punishment.

لَنَفْتِنَهُمْ فِيهِ وَمَنْ يُعْرِضْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ رَبِّهِ يَسْلُكْهُ
عَذَابًا صَعَدًا ﴿٧٧﴾

18. And, indeed, the mosques are for (the sake of) Allah (alone) and hence, you must not pray to anyone else along with Allah.

وَأَنَّ الْمَسَاجِدَ لِلَّهِ فَلَا تَدْعُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا ﴿٧٨﴾

19. And that when Allah's servant (the Messenger of Islam) stood praying to Him, they (the jinn), almost, pressed round closely on him.

وَأَنَّهُ لَمَّا قَامَ عَبْدُ اللَّهِ يَدْعُوهُ كَادُوا يَكُونُونَ
عَلَيْهِ لَبَدًا ﴿٧٩﴾

SECTION 2

20. Say, "I pray, only, to my *Rabb* and do not attribute any associate to Him."

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَدْعُوا رَبِّي وَلَا أَشْرِكُ بِهِ أَحَدًا ﴿٨٠﴾

21. Say, "I do not possess any power, to cause you any harm (or gain) and (similarly, I do not possess any power of) guidance" (or misguidance).

قُلْ إِنِّي لَا أَمْلِكُ لَكُمْ ضَرًّا وَلَا رَشَدًا ﴿٨١﴾

22. Say, "No one can protect me against Allah and I cannot find any shelter against Him," (if I disobey Him)

قُلْ إِنِّي لَنْ يَجِيرَنِي مِنَ اللَّهِ أَحَدٌ وَلَنْ أَجِدَ
مِنْ دُونِهِ مُلْتَحَدًا ﴿٨٢﴾

23. "Except that (I must) communicate (what reaches me) from Allah and His messages." And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger, shall have (to go into) the fire of the Hell in which he shall abide eternally.

إِلَّا لِبَلَاغٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرِسَالَاتِهِ وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ
فَإِنَّ لَهُ نَارَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدًا فِيهَا أَبَدًا ﴿٨٣﴾

24. Till, when they see (are confronted with) what they are being threatened with, they shall, then, know who is the weakest in helpers and the fewest in numbers.

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا رَأَوْا مَا يُوعَدُونَ فَسَيَعْلَمُونَ
مَنْ أَضْعَفُ نَاصِرًا وَأَقَلُّ عَدَدًا ﴿٨٤﴾

25. Say, "I do not know whether (the punishment) which you are being threatened with is (drawing) near or my *Rabb* will appoint a distant time for it.
26. He knows the unseen and does not disclose His unseen to anyone,
27. Except (the man) whom He chooses as a messenger (to deliver His messages) and then, He sets (angels on guard) in front of him and behind him to keep watch (over him),
28. So that He should know that they (messengers) have, really, communicated their *Rabb's* messages and He encompasses what is with them (the conditions they are in) and counts and records everything numerically."

قُلْ إِن أَدْرِيٓ مَا تُوْعَدُونَ أَمْرٌ يُجْعَلُ
لَهُ رَبِّي أَمَدًا ﴿٢٥﴾

عَلَيْهِمُ الْغَيْبِ فَلَا يُظْهِرُ عَلَىٰ غَيْبِهِ أَحَدًا ﴿٢٦﴾

إِلَّا مَن أَرَادَ مِن رَّسُولٍ فَإِنَّهُ
يَسْأَلُكَ مِن بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِ رَصَدًا ﴿٢٧﴾

لِّيَعْلَمَٓ أَن قَدْ أَبْلَغُوا رِسَالَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ وَأَحَاطَ
بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ وَأَخَصَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عَدَدًا ﴿٢٨﴾