

SURATULBAIYINA (98)

The *Suratulbaiyina* succeeds the *Suratulqadr* quite logically for it amplifies and expands on the latter. Besides, the Surah fixes the purpose of the *Quraan* and the Messenger in clear terms. The first three verses specify the *baiyina* __ Allah's messenger reciting holy scriptures containing true scripts and enjoinsments __ the Messenger and the *Quraan* existing in an indivisible unity, the purpose being to meet the persistent demand of the polytheists and the disbelievers among the people of the Book. But, when he came with the *Quraan*, he was rejected by both. The fourth verse specifies the conduct of the people of the Book __ they had fallen into discord only after their messengers and books had come to them enjoining, as the fifth verse specifies, to serve Allah, purifying their obedience for Him, wholly dedicated to Him, and perform the obligatory prayer, and pay *zakaat* __ the quintessence of Islam.

The Surah, therefore, divides them into two __ the worst creatures portrayed in the sixth verse and the best creatures portrayed in the seventh and eighth verses.

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

1. (Those people) who disbelieved in (the *Quraan*) from (belonging to) the people of the Book and the polytheists, were not going to be dissociated (from their disbelief in Islam) till clear evidence reached them,
2. (That is) a messenger from Allah, reciting/reading out holy scriptures,
3. (Containing), in them, straight scripts, distinguishing the truth from falsehood.
4. And (the people) who had been given the Book did not fall into discord except after clear evidence reached them,
5. Though they were not commanded but to serve (render exclusive obedience to) Allah, purifying (their) obedience for Him, wholly dedicated (to Him), and perform the obligatory prayer and pay *zakaat*; and such is the way of life of the straight community (regulated with justice and equity).
6. Indeed, (those people) who disbelieve in (the *Quraan*) from the people of the Book and the polytheists shall be in the Hellfire, abiding in it eternally — such (people) are the worst creatures.
7. Indeed, (those people) who believe and do good deeds are such (people as) are the best creatures.

سُورَةُ الْبَيِّنَةِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

رَسُولٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ يَتْلُو صُحُفًا مُطَهَّرَةً ﴿٢﴾

فِيهَا كُتِبَ قِيمَةٌ ﴿٣﴾

وَمَا نَفَرَقَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْبَيِّنَةُ ﴿٤﴾

وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ خُنْفَاءً وَيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَذَلِكَ دِينُ الْقِيَمَةِ ﴿٥﴾

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أُولَئِكَ هُمْ شَرُّ الْبَرِيَّةِ ﴿٦﴾

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أُولَئِكَ هُمْ خَيْرُ الْبَرِيَّةِ ﴿٧﴾

8. Their reward is (assured) with their *Rabb* — eternal gardens under which rivers will be flowing: they shall abide among them eternally, Allah, pleased with them and they, pleased with Allah — such (a reward) belongs to whoever fears his *Rabb*.

جَزَاءُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتُ عَدْنٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا
الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ
ذَٰلِكَ لِمَنْ خَشِيَ رَبَّهُ ﴿٨﴾