

## SURATUTTAKAATHUR (102)

The *Suratuttakaathur* warns all money and power grabbers of the blazing fire. The Surah is the hardest indictment on monstrous vying for excess with one another whether it takes the form of striving to accumulate wealth ending in a capitalistic society dominated by ruthless competition or struggling to gain power through numbers i.e. numerical preponderance, leading to the concentration of power, curbing liberties. In both the cases man is exploited by man. Hence, the Surah, in its first two verses, sums up (states succinctly) the brevity of their happiness in accumulating wealth and power in sheer disregard of the accountability of their actions. They do so only to confront fire as the third and fourth verses threaten them into realization in this very world. The fifth verse, against all their denials, impresses the realization on them. The sixth verse thrusts the realization on them only to jolt them into being chastened. The seventh verse presents it as an established fact. And then, comes the final threat \_\_ all the grabbers of money and power in this world may do what they like, exploit as they like, and violate their moral sense and moral law as they like because they have a short duration of freedom of choice. Its brevity has, already, been pointed out. When this period ends, they shall be questioned why they had disregarded the moral law, exploited human beings by wealth and power, and exceeded all the proper bounds in perpetrating wrong and perpetuating themselves arrogantly for their selfish ends.

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

1. (Monstrous) vying for excess (striving for superiority in wealth and numbers) draws your attention away from (being held accountable to Allah).
2. Till you visit (go into your) graves/ graveyards (for a short stay).
3. Not at all, you shall, soon, know.
4. Again, not at all, you shall, soon, know.
5. Not at all, if only you knew, with certain knowledge, (that)
6. You shall, certainly, confront the blazing fire (the Hell),
7. \*Thereupon, you shall, undoubtedly, see it with the eye of certainty,
8. And then, you shall, on that Day, be certainly, questioned about the blessings (things promoting happiness or welfare in this world, you would be wary).

*\* It means 'in consequence of that' or 'immediately after that.'*

## سُورَةُ التَّكْوِيْنِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ الْكُفْرُ

حَتَّى زُرْتُمُ الْمَقَابِرَ

كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ

ثُمَّ كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ

كَلَّا لَوْ تَعْلَمُونَ عِلْمَ الْيَقِينِ

لَتَرَوُنَّ الْجَحِيمَ

ثُمَّ لَتَرَوُنَّهَا عَيْنَ الْيَقِينِ

ثُمَّ لَتَسْأَلُنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ