

SURATULHUMAZA (104)

The *Suratulhumaza* carries on the theme of warning the people indulging in the accumulation of wealth. Vying for the excess of wealth and numbers, regardless of accountability, has been dealt with in the *Suratuttakaathur*. *Takaathur* means vying for wealth or numbers i.e. numerical preponderance, to impose the upper hand of the few over the many. Wealth and numerical preponderance, without obeying the moral law, turn exploitative. Hence, the *Suratul'asr* quotes human history as the witness to the operation of the moral law. The societies that do not obey the moral law are wiped out. Accumulation or concentration of wealth in a few hands is, entirely, repugnant to Islam. The *Suratulhashr*, in its seventh verse, rules that wealth must be, equitably, distributed "so that it (the circulation of wealth) must not remain, exclusively, confined among the rich of you" (your society). The *Quraan* shows in the *Suratulhumaza* that the accumulation of wealth, accompanied with social evils like slandering and backbiting as it is, leads to Allah's fire. In an acquisitive society where money counts, selfishness reigns supreme and, naturally, it gives rise to self-seeking which results in hating others and promoting oneself at the cost of others. Sympathy vanishes from such a society and money grabbing becomes the order of the day. Hence, the Surah threatens such acquisitive people in the very first verse for their self-deception mentioned in the third verse. The fourth verse actualizes the threat and the fifth verse intensifies it. The Surah, from the sixth verse to the ninth verse, shows the result of the greed which leads them to accumulate wealth regardless of moral considerations __ Allah's fire shall reach their hearts where greed flourishes and close in on them among columns outspread.

SURATULHUMAZA

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

1. Woe to every backbiter and one who speaks ill of anyone in the face!
2. Who makes a fortune (greedily) and keeps it counting.
3. He thinks that his fortune will eternize him.
4. Not at all, he shall be hurled into the crushing vehement fire.
5. And what do you know what the crushing vehement fire is?
6. (It is) Allah's fire, kindled (into blazing),
7. Which will get to the hearts and possess them.
8. It will be closed in on them from all sides
9. Among columns outspread.

سُورَةُ الْحُمَزَةِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَيْلٌ لِّكُلِّ هُمَزَةٍ لُّمَزَةٍ ﴿١﴾

الَّذِي جَمَعَ مَالًا وَعَدَّدَهُ ﴿٢﴾

يَحْسَبُ أَنَّ مَالَهُ أَخْلَدَهُ ﴿٣﴾

كَلَّا لَيُبَدِّلَنَّا فِي الْخُطْمَةِ ﴿٤﴾

وَمَا أَذْرَنَّا مَا الْخُطْمَةُ ﴿٥﴾

نَارُ اللَّهِ الْمَوْقُودَةُ ﴿٦﴾

الَّتِي تَطْلُعُ عَلَى الْأَفْقَةِ ﴿٧﴾

إِنِّهَا عَلَيْهِمْ مُّوَصَّدَةٌ ﴿٨﴾

فِي عَمَدٍ مُمَدَّدَةٍ ﴿٩﴾