

## SURATULMASAD (111)

The *Suratulmasad* succeeds the *Suratunnaşr* logically. When the latter announces Allah's help and victory, the former must follow to foretell the doom of the Messenger's enemies as, already, mentioned in the last verse of the *Suratulkauthar*. This surah pinpoints *Aboo Lahab* for being the fiercest enemy of Islam and the Messenger. Hence, the Surah foredooms him and his wife to eternal punishment. The first verse prophesies his death and destruction. The second verse points out that his wealth and what he has been earning \_\_ mad hostility to the Messenger, niggardliness, exploitation of the poor as the finance manager of the Holy House \_\_ shall not stand him in good stead and ignominious death awaits him. The third verse foredooms him to the Hell. The fourth and fifth verses of the Surah picture his wife, *Umm-i-Jameel*, her dishonour in the Hell where she will be fuelling her own fire with a well twisted cord of fibres round her neck instead of a chain or string of precious stones that she used to wear as a mark of honour and opulence.

*Aboo Lahab*, an unimaginative materialist, believing in the power of men and money, failed to rise above his vested interest and appreciate the true sublimity of the Messenger and His message. History bears witness to the truth of the Surah, *Aboo Lahab* and his likes perished and Islam and the Last Messenger of Islam flourished beyond their expectations.

## SURATULMASAD

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

1. *Aboo Lahab* shall lose both hands (his possessions and power) and perish (miserably).
- 2.. His wealth and what he commits shall not stand him in good stead.
3. He shall, soon, fall into a fire flaming (fiercely),
4. And, (also), his wife, the carrier of firewood (to fuel it),
5. With a cord of fibres well twisted, (being the band of a bondwoman), round her neck.

## سُورَةُ الْمَسَدِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

تَبَّتْ يَدَا أَبِي لَهَبٍ وَتَبَّ ۝١

مَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنْهُ مَالُهُ وَمَا كَسَبَ ۝٢

سَيَصِلَىٰ نَارًا ذَاتَ لَهَبٍ ۝٣

وَأَمْرَأَتُهُ حَمَّالَةَ الْحَطَبِ ۝٤

فِي جِيدِهَا حَبْلٌ مِّن مَّسَدٍ ۝٥