

IN THE LIGHT OF SURAH AL-HAJJ

The Day of Judgment

O mankind! Fear your Lord and be dutiful to Him! Verily, the earthquake of the Hour (of Judgement) is a terrible thing{1}. The Day you shall see it, every nursing mother will forget her nursling, and every pregnant one will drop her load, and you shall see mankind as in a drunken state, yet they will not be drunken, but severe will be the Torment of Allâh{2}.

Ignorance

And among mankind is he who disputes concerning Allâh, without knowledge, and follows every rebellious (disobedient to Allâh) *Shaitân* (devil) (devoid of each and every kind of good){3}. For him (the devil) it is decreed that whosoever follows him, he will mislead him, and will drive him to the torment of the Fire. [*Tafsir At-Tabarî*]{4}.

And among men is he who disputes about Allâh, without knowledge or guidance, or a Book giving light (from Allâh){8}. Bending his neck in pride[□] (far astray from the Path of Allâh), and leading (others) too (far) astray from the Path of Allâh. For him there is disgrace in this worldly life, and on the Day of Resurrection We shall make him taste the torment of burning (Fire){9}. That is because of what your hands have sent forth, and verily, Allâh is not unjust to (His) slaves{10}.

Different Situation in Life

O mankind! If you are in doubt about the Resurrection, then verily! We have created you (i.e. Adam) from dust, then from a *Nutfah* (mixed drops of male and female sexual

discharge i.e. offspring of Adam), then from a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood) then from a little lump of flesh, some formed and some unformed (miscarriage), that We may make (it) clear to you (i.e. to show you Our Power and Ability to do what We will). And We cause whom We will to remain in the wombs for an appointed term, then We bring you out as infants,[□] then (give you growth) that you may reach your age of full strength. And among you there is he who dies (young), and among you there is he who is brought back to the miserable old age, so that he knows nothing after having known. And you see the earth barren, but when We send down water (rain) on it, it is stirred (to life), it swells and puts forth every lovely kind (of growth){5}. That is because Allâh, He is the Truth, and it is He Who gives life to the dead, and it is He Who is Able to do all things{6}. And surely, the Hour is coming, there is no doubt about it, and certainly, Allâh will resurrect those who are in the graves{7}.

In Search of Both Worlds

And among mankind is he who worships Allâh as it were, upon the very edge (i.e. in doubt); if good befalls him, he is content therewith; but if a trial befalls him, he turns back on his face (i.e. reverts back to disbelief after embracing Islâm). He loses both this world and the Hereafter. That is the evident loss{11}. He calls besides Allâh unto that which hurts him not, nor profits him. That is a straying far away{12}. He calls unto him whose harm is nearer than his profit; certainly, and evil *Maula* (patron) and certainly an evil friend!{13}.

For the Pious and Faithful

Truly, Allâh will admit those who believe (in Islâmic Monotheism) and do righteous good deeds

(according to the Qur'ân and the *Sunnah*) to Gardens underneath which rivers flow (in Paradise). Verily, Allâh does what He wills{14}. Truly, Allâh will admit those who believe (in the Oneness of Allâh Islâmic Monotheism) and do righteous good deeds, to Gardens underneath which rivers flow (in Paradise), wherein they will be adorned with bracelets of gold and pearls and their garments therein will be of silk{23}. And they are guided (in this world) unto goodly speech (i.e. *Lâ ilâha ill-Allâh, Alhamdu lillâh*, recitation of the Qur'ân, etc.) and they are guided to the Path of Him (i.e. Allâh's Religion of Islâmic Monotheism), Who is Worthy of all praises{24}.

Announcement of Hajj

And (remember) when We showed Ibrâhim (Abraham) the site of the (Sacred) House (the Ka'bah at Makkah) (saying): "Associate not anything (in worship) with Me, [*Lâ ilâha ill-Allâh* (none has the right to be worshipped but Allâh Islâmic Monotheism)], and sanctify My House for those who circumambulate it, and those who stand up for prayer, and those who bow (submit themselves with humility and obedience to Allâh), and make prostration (in prayer, etc.);"{26}. And proclaim to mankind the *Hajj* (pilgrimage). They will come to you on foot and on every lean camel, they will come from every deep and distant (wide) mountain highway (to perform *Hajj*).¹{27}. That they may witness things that are of benefit to them (i.e. reward of *Hajj* in the Hereafter, and also some worldly gain from trade, etc.), and mention the Name of Allâh on appointed days (i.e. 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th day of Dhul-Hijjâh), over the beast of cattle that He has provided for them (for sacrifice) (at the time of their slaughtering by saying: *Bismillah, Wallâhu-Akbar, Allâhumma Minka wa Ilaik*). Then eat thereof and feed therewith the poor who have a very hard time{28}.

Then let them complete the prescribed duties (*Manâsik of Hajj*) for them, and perform their vows, and circumambulate the Ancient House (the Ka'bah at Makkah)¹{29}.

Sharing The Beliefs of Allah

Hunafâ' Lillâh (i.e. to worship none but Allâh), not associating partners (in worship, etc.) unto Him and whoever assigns partners to Allâh, it is as if he had fallen from the sky, and the birds had snatched him, or the wind had thrown him to a far off place{31}.

Respecting the Command and Symbols of Allah

Thus it is [what has been mentioned in the above said Verses (27, 28, 29, 30, 31) is an obligation that mankind owes to Allâh]. And whosoever honours the Symbols of Allâh, then it is truly from the piety of the heart{32}.

Sacrifice

In them (cattle offered for sacrifice) are benefits for you for an appointed term, and afterwards they are brought for sacrifice unto the ancient House (the *Haram* - sacred territory of Makkah city){33}. And for every nation We have appointed religious ceremonies, that they may mention the Name of Allâh over the beast of cattle that He has given them for food. And your *Ilâh* (God) is One *Ilâh* (God Allâh), so you must submit to Him Alone (in Islâm). And (O Muhammad SAW) give glad tidings to the *Mukhbitin* [those who obey Allâh with humility and are humble from among the true believers of Islâmic Monotheism],{34}. Whose hearts are filled with fear when Allâh is mentioned; who patiently bear whatever may befall

them (of calamities); and who perform *AsSalât (Iqâmat-as-Salât)*, and who spend (in Allâh's Cause) out of what We have provided them{35}.

Procedure for Sacrifice of Camels

And the *Budn* (cows, oxen, or camels driven to be offered as sacrifices by the pilgrims at the sanctuary of Makkah.) We have made for you as among the Symbols of Allâh, therein you have much good. So mention the Name of Allâh over them when they are drawn up in lines (for sacrifice). Then, when they are down on their sides (after slaughter), eat thereof, and feed the beggar who does not ask (men), and the beggar who asks (men). Thus have We made them subject to you that you may be grateful{36}. It is neither their meat nor their blood that reaches Allâh, but it is piety from you that reaches Him. Thus have We made them subject to you that you may magnify Allâh for His Guidance to you. And give glad tidings (O Muhammad SAW) to the *Muhsinûn*[□] (doers of good){37}.

Permission to Fight for Allah's Cause

Truly, Allâh defends those who believe. Verily! Allâh likes not any treacherous ingrate to Allâh [those who disobey Allâh but obey *Shaitân* (Satan)]{38}. Permission to fight is given to those (i.e. believers against disbelievers), who are fighting them, (and) because they (believers) have been wronged, and surely, Allâh is Able to give them (believers) victory{39}. Those who have been expelled from their homes unjustly only because they said: "Our Lord is Allâh." - For had it not been that Allâh checks one set of people by means of another, monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, wherein the Name of Allâh is mentioned much would surely have been pulled down. Verily, Allâh will help those who help His (Cause). Truly,

Allâh is All-Strong, All-Mighty{40}. Those (Muslim rulers) who, if We give them power in the land, (they) order for *Iqamat-as-Salât*.[□] [i.e. to perform the five compulsory congregational *Salât* (prayers) (the males in mosques)], to pay the *Zakât* and they enjoin *Al-Ma'rûf* (i.e. Islâmîc Monotheism and all that Islâm orders one to do), and forbid *Al-Munkar* (i.e. disbelief, polytheism and all that Islâm has forbidden) [i.e. they make the Qur'ân as the law of their country in all the spheres of life]. And with Allâh rests the end of (all) matters (of creatures){41}.

That is because Allâh He is the Truth (the only True God of all that exists, Who has no partners or rivals with Him), and what they (the polytheists) invoke besides Him, it is *Bâtîl* (falsehood) And verily, Allâh He is the Most High, the Most Great{62}.

Punishment for Lying

And the dwellers of Madyan (Midian); and belied was Mûsa (Moses), but I granted respite to the disbelievers for a while, then I seized them, and how (terrible) was My Punishment (against their wrong-doing){44}.

Ruined Nations : A Lesson to Learn

And many a township have We destroyed while it was given to wrong-doing, so that it lies in ruins (up to this day), and (many) a deserted well and lofty castles!{45}. Have they not travelled through the land, and have they hearts wherewith to understand and ears wherewith to hear? Verily, it is not the eyes that grow blind, but it is the hearts which are in the breasts that grow blind{46}.

And they ask you to hasten on the torment! And Allâh fails not His Promise. And verily, a day with your Lord is as a thousand years of what you reckon{47}.

And many a township did I give respite while it was given to wrong-doing. Then (in the end) I seized it (with punishment). And to Me is the (final) return (of all){48}. Say (O Muhammad SAW): "O mankind! I am (sent) to you only as a plain warner."{49}. So those who believe (in the Oneness of Allâh Islâmîc Monotheism) and do righteous good deeds, for them is forgiveness and *Rizqûn Karîm* (generous provision, i.e. Paradise){50}. But those who strive against Our *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.), to frustrate and obstruct them, they will be dwellers of the Hell-fire{51}.

And those who disbelieved and belied Our Verses (of this Qur'ân), for them will be a humiliating torment (in Hell){57}.

Migration

Those who emigrated in the Cause of Allâh and after that were killed or died, surely, Allâh will provide a good provision for them. And verily, it is Allâh Who indeed is the Best of those who make provision{58}. Truly, He will make them enter an entrance with which they shall be well-pleased, and verily, Allâh indeed is All-Knowing, Most Forbearing{59}.

Don't Exceed your Limits for Retaliation

That is so. And whoever has retaliated with the like of that which he was made to suffer, and then has again been wronged, Allâh will surely help him. Verily! Allâh indeed is Oft-Pardoning, Oft-Forgiving{60}.

A Procedure for Every Nation

For every nation We have ordained religious ceremonies [e.g. slaughtering of the beast of cattle during the three days of stay at Mīna (Makkah) during the *Hajj* (pilgrimage)] which they must follow; so let them (pagans) not dispute with you on the matter (i.e. to eat of the cattle which you slaughter, and not to eat of cattle which Allâh kills by its natural death), but invite them to your Lord. Verily! You (O Muhammad SAW) indeed are on the (true) straight guidance. (i.e. the true religion of Islâmic Monotheism){67}. And if they argue with you (as regards the slaughtering of the sacrifices), say; "Allâh knows best of what you do{68}. "Allâh will judge between you on the Day of Resurrection about that wherein you used to differ."{69}. Know you not that Allâh knows all that is in heaven and on earth? Verily, it is (all) in the Book (*Al-Lauh Al-Mahfûz*). Verily! That is easy for Allâh{70}.

Example of a Bee

O mankind! A similitude has been coined, so listen to it (carefully): Verily! Those on whom you call besides Allâh, cannot create (even) a fly, even though they combine together for the purpose. And if the fly snatched away a thing from them, they would have no power to release it from the fly. So weak are (both) the seeker and the sought{73}. They have not estimated Allâh His Rightful Estimate; Verily, Allâh is All-Strong, All-Mighty{74}. Allâh chooses Messengers from angels and from men. Verily, Allâh is All-Hearer, All-Seer{75}.

Endeavor in the Path of Allah

O you who believe! Bow down, and prostrate yourselves, and worship your Lord and do good that you

may be successful{77}. And strive hard in Allâh's Cause as you ought to strive (with sincerity and with all your efforts that His Name should be superior). He has chosen you (to convey His Message of Islâmic Monotheism to mankind by inviting them to His religion, Islâm), and has not laid upon you in religion any hardship,[□] it is the religion of your father Ibrahim (Abraham) (Islâmic Monotheism). It is He (Allâh) Who has named you Muslims both before and in this (the Qur'ân), that the Messenger (Muhammad SAW) may be a witness over you and you be witnesses over mankind![□] So perform *AsSalât* (*Iqamat-as-Salât*), give *Zakât* and hold fast to Allâh [i.e. have confidence in Allâh, and depend upon Him in all your affairs] He is your *Maula* (Patron, Lord, etc.), what an Excellent *Maula* (Patron, Lord, etc.) and what an Excellent Helper!{78}.

IN THE LIGHT OF SURAH BAQRA

Enter the House By the Front-Door

They ask you (O Muhammad SAW) about the new moons. Say: These are signs to mark fixed periods of time for mankind and for the pilgrimage. It is not *Al-Birr* (piety, righteousness, etc.) that you enter the houses from the back but *Al-Birr* (is the quality of the one) who fears Allâh. So enter houses through their proper doors, and fear Allâh that you may be successful{189}.

Going to Hajj and Umra Only for Allah

And perform properly (i.e. all the ceremonies according to the ways of Prophet Muhammad SAW), the *Hajj* and '*Umrah* (i.e. the pilgrimage to Makkah) for Allâh. But if you are prevented (from completing them), sacrifice a *Hady* (animal, i.e. a sheep, a cow, or a camel, etc.) such as you can afford, and do not shave your heads until the *Hady* reaches the place of sacrifice. And whosoever of you is ill or has an ailment in his scalp (necessitating shaving), he must pay a *Fidyah* (ransom) of either observing *Saum* (fasts) (three days) or giving *Sadaqah* (charity - feeding six poor persons) or offering sacrifice (one sheep). Then if you are in safety and whosoever performs the '*Umrah* in the months of *Hajj*, before (performing) the *Hajj*, (i.e. *Hajj-at-Tamattu'* and *Al-Qirân*), he must slaughter a *Hady* such as he can afford, but if he cannot afford it, he should observe *Saum* (fasts) three days during the *Hajj* and seven days after his return (to his home), making ten days in all. This is for him whose family is not present at A{196}.

The *Hajj* (pilgrimage) is (in) the well-known (lunar year) months (i.e. the 10th month, the 11th month and the first ten days of the 12th month of the Islâmic calendar, i.e. two

months and ten days). So whosoever intends to perform *Hajj* [] therein by assuming *Ihrâm*), then he should not have sexual relations (with his wife), nor commit sin, nor dispute unjustly during the *Hajj*. And whatever good you do, (be sure) Allâh knows it. And take a provision (with you) for the journey, but the best provision is *At-Taqwa* (piety, righteousness, etc.). So fear Me, O men of understanding!{197}.

There is no sin on you if you seek the Bounty of your Lord (during pilgrimage by trading, etc.). Then when you leave 'Arafât [], remember Allâh (by glorifying His Praises, i.e. prayers and invocations, etc.) at the *Mash'ar-il-Harâm*. [] And remember Him (by invoking Allâh for all good, etc.) as He has guided you, and verily, you were, before, of those who were astray{198}. Then depart from the place whence all the people depart and ask Allâh for His Forgiveness. Truly, Allâh is Oft-Forgiving, Most-Merciful{199}.

So when you have accomplished your *Manasik* [(i.e. *Ihrâm*, *Tawâf* of the Ka'bah and *As-Safâ* and *Al-Marwah*), stay at 'Arafât, Muzdalifah and Mina, *Ramy* of *Jamarât*, (stoning of the specified pillars in *Mina*) slaughtering of *Hady* (animal, etc.)]. Remember Allâh as you remember your forefathers or with a far more remembrance. But of mankind there are some who say: "Our Lord! Give us (Your Bounties) in this world!" and for such there will be no portion in the Hereafter{200}.

And of them there are some who say: "Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire!"{201}.

For them there will be allotted a share for what they have earned. And Allâh is Swift at reckoning{202}. And remember Allâh during the appointed Days. [] But

whosoever hastens to leave in two days, there is no sin on him and whosoever stays on, there is no sin on him, if his aim is to do good and obey Allâh (fear Him), and know that you will surely be gathered unto Him{203}.

Khana Kaba as a Place of Gathering and Peace

And (remember) when We made the House (the Ka'bah at Makkah) a place of resort for mankind and a place of safety. And take you (people) the *Maqâm* (place) of Ibrâhim (Abraham) [or the stone on which Ibrâhim (Abraham) < > stood while he was building the Ka'bah] as a place of prayer (for some of your prayers, e.g. two *Rak'at* after the *Tawâf* of the Ka'bah at Makkah), and We commanded Ibrâhim (Abraham) and Ismâ'il (Ishmael) that they should purify My House (the Ka'bah at Makkah) for those who are circumambulating it, or staying (*I'tikâf*), or bowing or prostrating themselves (there, in prayer){125}.

Prayers of Hazrat Ibrahim (E.S.)

Those to whom We gave the Scripture (Jews and Christians) recognise him (Muhammad SAW or the Ka'bah at Makkah) as they recognise their sons. But verily, a party of them conceal the truth while they know it - [i.e. the qualities of Muhammad SAW which are written in the Taurât (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)]{146}.

"Our Lord! And make us submissive unto You and of our offspring a nation submissive unto You, and show us our *Manâsik* [] (all the ceremonies of pilgrimage - *Hajj* and *'Umrah*, etc.), and accept our repentance. Truly, You are the One Who accepts repentance, the Most Merciful{128}.

"Our Lord! Send amongst them a Messenger of their own (and indeed Allâh answered their invocation by

sending Muhammad Peace be upon him), who shall recite unto them Your Verses and instruct them in the Book (this Qur'ân) and *Al-Hikmah* (full knowledge of the Islâmîc laws and jurisprudence or wisdom or Prophethood, etc.), and sanctify them. Verily! You are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise."{129}.

Procedure for the Hajj Rital of "Sae'e"

Verily! *As-Safâ* and *Al-Marwah* (two mountains in Makkah) are of the Symbols of Allâh. So it is not a sin on him who perform *Hajj* or '*Umrah* (pilgrimage) of the House (the *Ka'bah* at Makkah) to perform the going (*Tawâf*) between them (*As-Safâ* and *Al-Marwah*).[] And whoever does good voluntarily, then verily, Allâh is All-Recogniser, All-Knower{158}.

IN THE LIGHT OF SURAH ALEM-RAN

Sacred Places of Allah

Verily, the first House (of worship) appointed for mankind was that at *Bakkah* (Makkah), full of blessing, and a guidance for *Al-'Alamîn* (the mankind and jinns){96}. In it are manifest signs (for example), the *Maqâm* (place) of *Ibrâhim* (Abraham); whosoever enters it, he attains security. And *Hajj* (pilgrimage to Makkah) to the House (*Ka'bah*) is a duty that mankind owes to Allâh, those who can afford the expenses (for one's conveyance, provision and residence); and whoever disbelieves [i.e. denies *Hajj* (pilgrimage to Makkah)], then he is a disbeliever of Allâh, then Allâh stands not in need of any of the '*Alamîn* (mankind and jinns){97}.

Verily, those who disbelieved, and died while they were disbelievers, the (whole) earth full of gold will not be

accepted from anyone of them even if they offered it as a ransom.[] For them is a painful torment and they will have no helpers{91}.

IN THE LIGHT OF SURAH AL-MAIDA

Gaming While Dressed in Pilgrim's Robes

O you who believe! Kill not game while you are in a state of *Ihrâm* for *Hajj* or '*Umrah* (pilgrimage), and whosoever of you kills it intentionally, the penalty is an offering, brought to the Ka'bah, of an eatable animal (i.e. sheep, goat, cow, etc.) equivalent to the one he killed, as adjudged by two just men among you; or, for expiation, he should feed *Masâkin* (poor persons), or its equivalent in *Saum* (fasting), that he may taste the heaviness (punishment) of his deed. Allâh has forgiven what is past, but whosoever commits it again, Allâh will take retribution from him. And Allâh is AllMighty, All-Able of Retribution{95}.

Lawful to you is (the pursuit of) watergame and its use for food - for the benefit of yourselves and those who travel, but forbidden is (the pursuit of) landgame as long as you are in a state of *Ihrâm* (for *Hajj* or '*Umrah*). And fear Allâh to Whom you shall be gathered back{96}. Allâh has made the Ka'bah, the Sacred House, an asylum of security and *Hajj* and '*Umrah* (pilgrimage) for mankind, and also the Sacred Month and the animals of offerings and the garlanded (people or animals, etc. marked with the garlands on their necks made from the outer part of the stem of the Makkah trees for their security), that you may know that Allâh has knowledge of all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth, and that Allâh is the AllKnower of each and everything{97}.