

Sûrat Luqmân (Luqmân) XXXI

*In the Name of Allâh,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

1. Alif-Lâm-Mîm.

[These letters are one of the miracles of the Qur'ân, and none but Allâh (Alone) knows their meanings].

2. These are Verses of the Wise Book (the Qur'ân).

3. A guide and a mercy for the *Muhsinûn* (good-doers).^[1]

4. Those who perform *As-Salât (Iqamat-as-Salât)* and give *Zakât* and they have faith in the Hereafter with certainty.

5. Such are on guidance from their Lord, and such are the successful.

6. And of mankind is he who purchases idle talks (i.e. music, singing, etc.) to mislead (men) from the Path of Allâh without knowledge, and takes it (the Path of Allâh, or the Verses of the Qur'ân) by way of mockery. For such there will be a humiliating torment (in the Hell-fire).^[2]

7. And when Our Verses (of the Qur'ân) are recited to such a one, he turns away in pride,^[3] as if he heard them not — as if there were deafness in his ear. So announce to him a painful torment.

8. Verily, those who believe (in Islâmic Monotheism) and do righteous good deeds, for them are Gardens of Delight (Paradise).

9. To abide therein. It is a Promise of Allâh in truth. And He

^[1] (V.31:3) See the footnote of (V.9:120).

^[2] (V.31:6) What is said regarding the one who regards an alcoholic drink lawful to drink, and calls it by another name.

Narrated Abu 'Âmir or Abu Malik Al-Ash'ari that he heard the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم saying: "From among my followers there will be some people who will consider illegal sexual intercourse, the wearing of silk, the drinking of alcoholic drinks, and the use of musical instruments as lawful. And (from them), there will be some who will stay near the side of a mountain, and in the evening their shepherd will come to them with their sheep and ask them for something, but they will say to him: 'Return to us tomorrow.' Allah will destroy them during the night and will let the mountain fall on them, and He will transform the rest of them into monkeys and pigs; and they will remain so till the Day of Resurrection." (*Sahîh Al-Bukhârî*, Vol. 7, *Hadîth* No. 494B)

^[3] (V.31:7): See the footnote of (V.22:9).

is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

10. He has created the heavens without any pillars that you see, and has set on the earth firm mountains lest it should shake with you. And He has scattered therein moving (living) creatures of all kinds. And We send down water (rain) from the sky, and We cause (plants) of every goodly kind to grow therein.

11. This is the creation of Allâh. So show Me that which those (whom you worship) besides Him have created. Nay, the *Zâlimûn* (polytheists, wrong-doers and those who do not believe in the Oneness of Allâh) are in plain error.

12. And indeed We bestowed upon Luqmân *Al-Hikmah* (wisdom and religious understanding saying): “Give thanks to Allâh.” And whoever gives thanks, he gives thanks for (the good of) his ownself. And whoever is unthankful, then verily, Allâh is All-Rich (Free of all needs), Worthy of all praise.

13. And (remember) when Luqmân said to his son when he was advising him: “O my son! Join not in worship others with Allâh. Verily, joining others in worship with Allâh is a great *Zûlm* (wrong) indeed.”^[1]

14. And We have enjoined on man (to be dutiful and good) to his parents. His mother bore him in weakness and hardship upon weakness and hardship, and his weaning is in two years — give thanks to Me and to your parents. To Me is the final destination.^[2]

15. But if they (both) strive with you to make you join in worship with Me others that of which you have no knowledge, then obey them not; but behave with them in the world kindly, and follow the path of him who turns to Me in repentance and in obedience. Then to Me will be your return, and I shall tell you what you used to do.

^[1] (V.31:13) a) See the footnote (C) of (V.27:59).

b) See the footnote of (V.2:22).

^[2] (V.31:14).

a) See the footnote of (V.17:13).

b) Narrated ‘Āishah رضى الله عنها : (that she said), “O Allah’s Messenger! We consider *Jihâd* as the best deed. Should we not fight in Allah’s Cause?” He said, “The best *Jihâd* (for women) is *Hajj-Mabrur* [i.e. *Hajj* (pilgrimage to Makkah) which is performed according to the Prophet’s *Sunnah* (legal ways), and is accepted by Allah].” (See *Sahîh Al-Bukhârî*, Vol.3, *Hadîth* No.84.” and *Sahîh Al-Bukhârî*, Vol.4, *Hadîth* No.43).

16. “O my son! If it be (anything) equal to the weight of a grain of mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens or in the earth, Allâh will bring it forth. Verily, Allâh is Subtle (in bringing out that grain), Well-Acquainted (with its place).

17. “O my son! *Aqim-As-Salât* (perform *As-Salât*), enjoin (on people) *Al-Ma‘rûf*— (Islâmic Monotheism and all that is good), and forbid (people) from *Al-Munkar* (i.e. disbelief in the Oneness of Allâh, polytheism of all kinds and all that is evil and bad), and bear with patience whatever befalls you. Verily, these are some of the important commandments (ordered by Allâh with no exemption).

18. “And turn not your face away from men with pride, nor walk in insolence through the earth. Verily, Allâh likes not any arrogant boaster.”^[1]

19. “And be moderate (or show no insolence) in your walking, and lower your voice. Verily, the harshest of all voices is the braying of the asses.”

20. See you not (O men) that Allâh has subjected for you whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth, and has completed and perfected His Graces upon you, (both) apparent (i.e. Islâmic Monotheism, and the lawful pleasures of this world, including health, good looks, etc.) and hidden [i.e. One’s Faith in Allâh (of Islâmic Monotheism) knowledge, wisdom, guidance for doing righteous deeds, and also the pleasures and delights of the Hereafter in Paradise]? Yet of mankind is he who disputes about Allâh without knowledge or guidance or a Book giving light!

21. And when it is said to them: “Follow that which Allâh has sent down”, they say: “Nay, we shall follow that which we found our fathers (following).” (Would they do so) even if *Shaitân* (Satan) invites them to the torment of the Fire?

22. And whosoever submits his face (himself) to Allâh,^[2] while he is a *Muhsin* (good-doer i.e. performs good deeds totally for Allâh’s sake without any show off or to gain praise or fame and does them in accordance with the *Sunnah* of

^[1] (V. 31: 18): See the footnote of (V.22:9).

^[2] (V. 31: 22) “... his face to Allâh” ... means to follow Allâh’s religion of Islâmic Monotheism, worship Allâh (Alone) with sincere Faith in the (1) Oneness of His Lordship, (2) Oneness of His worship, and (3) Oneness of His Names and Qualities.

Allâh's Messenger Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم), then he has grasped the most trustworthy hand-hold [*Lâ ilâha illallâh* (none has the right to be worshipped but Allâh)]. And to Allâh return all matters for decision.

23. And whoever disbelieves, let not his disbelief grieve you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم). To Us is their return, and We shall inform them what they have done. Verily, Allâh is All-Knower of what is in the breasts (of men).

24. We let them enjoy for a little while, then in the end We shall oblige them to (enter) a great torment.

25. And if you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) ask them: "Who has created the heavens and the earth," they will certainly say: "Allâh." Say: "All praise and thanks are Allâh's!" But most of them know not.

26. To Allâh belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth. Verily, Allâh, He is *Al-Ghanî* (the Rich, Free of all needs), the Worthy of all praise.

27. And if all the trees on the earth were pens and the sea (were ink wherewith to write), with seven seas behind it to add to its (supply), yet the Words of Allâh would not be exhausted. Verily, Allâh is All-Mighty, All-Wise.

28. The creation of you all and the resurrection of you all are only as (the creation and resurrection of) a single person. Verily, Allâh is All-Hearer, All-Seer.

29. See you not (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) that Allâh merges the night into the day (i.e. the decrease in the hours of the night is added to the hours of the day), and merges the day into the night (i.e. the decrease in the hours of the day is added to the hours of the night), and has subjected the sun and the moon, each running its course for a term appointed; and that Allâh is Well-Acquainted with what you do.

30. That is because Allâh, He is the Truth, and that which they invoke besides Him^[1] is *Al-Bâtil* (falsehood, Satan and all other false deities); and that Allâh, He is the Most High, the Most Great.

31. See you not that the ships sail through the sea by Allâh's Grace that He may show you of His Signs? Verily, in this are signs for every patient, grateful (person).

^[1] (V.31:30) See the footnote of (V.2:165).

32. And when waves cover them like shades (i.e. like clouds or the mountains of sea-water), they invoke Allâh, making their invocations for Him only. But when He brings them safe to land, there are among them those that stop in between (Belief and disbelief). But none denies Our Signs except every perfidious ingrate.^[1]

33. O mankind! Be afraid of your Lord (by keeping your duty to Him and avoiding all evil), and fear a Day when no father can avail aught for his son, nor a son avail aught for his father. Verily, the Promise of Allâh is true: let not then this (worldly) present life deceive you, nor let the chief deceiver (Satan) deceive you about Allâh.

34. Verily, Allâh, with Him (Alone) is the knowledge of the Hour, He sends down the rain, and knows that which is in the wombs. No person knows what he will earn tomorrow, and no person knows in what land he will die. Verily, Allâh is All-Knower, Well-Acquainted (with things).^[2]

Sûrat As-Sajdah (The Prostration) XXXII

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the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

1. *Alif-Lâm-Mîm.*

[These letters are one of the miracles of the Qur'ân, and none but Allâh (Alone) knows their meanings].

2. The revelation of the Book (this Qur'ân) in which there is no doubt is from the Lord of the 'Âlamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists)!

3. Or say they: "He (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) has fabricated it?" Nay, it is the truth from your Lord, so that you may warn a people to whom no warner has come before you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): in order that they may be guided.

4. Allâh it is He Who has created the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them in six Days. Then He rose over (*Istawâ*) the Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty). You

^[1] (V.31:32) See the footnote of (V.17:67).

^[2] (V.31:34) See the footnote of (V.7:187).