

Sûrat Al-Ma'ârij
(The Ways of Ascent) LXX

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

1. A questioner asked concerning a torment about to befall
2. Upon the disbelievers, which none can avert,
3. From Allâh, the Lord of the ways of ascent.
4. The angels and the *Rûh* [Jibrîl (Gabriel)] ascend to Him in a Day the measure whereof is fifty thousand years.
5. So be patient (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم), with a good patience.
6. Verily, they see it (the torment) afar off.
7. But We see it (quite) near.
8. The Day that the sky will be like the boiling filth of oil, (or molten copper or silver or lead).
9. And the mountains will be like flakes of wool.
10. And no friend will ask a friend (about his condition),
11. Though they shall be made to see one another [(i.e. on the Day of Resurrection), there will be none but see his father, children and relatives, but he will neither speak to them nor will ask them for any help]. The *Mujrim*, (criminal, sinner, disbeliever) would desire to ransom himself from the punishment of that Day by his children,
12. And his wife and his brother,
13. And his kindred who sheltered him,
14. And all that are in the earth, so that it might save him.^[1]
15. By no means! Verily, it will be the Fire of Hell,
16. Taking away (burning completely) the head skin!
17. Calling^[2] (all) such as turn their backs and turn away their faces (from Faith) [picking and swallowing them up from that great gathering of mankind on the Day of Resurrection just as a bird picks up a food-grain from the earth with its beak and swallows it up] (*Tafsîr Al-Qurtubî*)

^[1] (V.70:14) See the footnote (B) of (V.51:60).

^[2] (V.70:17) (i.e. the Hell will call out): "[O *Kafir* (O disbeliever in Allâh, His angels, His Books, His Messengers, Day of Resurrection and in *Al-Qadar* (Divine Preordainments), O *Mushrik* (O polytheist, disbeliever in the Oneness of Allâh)

18. And collect (wealth) and hide it (from spending it in the Cause of Allâh).

19. Verily, man was created very impatient;

20. Irritable (discontented) when evil touches him;

21. And niggardly when good touches him.

22. Except those who are devoted to *Salât* (prayers).^[1]

23. Those who remain constant in their *Salât* (prayers);

24. And those in whose wealth there is a recognised right

25. For the beggar who asks, and for the unlucky who has lost his property and wealth, (and his means of living has been straitened).

26. And those who believe in the Day of Recompense.

27. And those who fear the torment of their Lord.

28. Verily, the torment of their Lord is that before which none can feel secure. —

29. And those who guard their chastity (i.e. private parts from illegal sexual acts).^[2]

30. Except from their wives or the (women slaves) whom their right hands possess — for (then) they are not blameworthy.

31. But whosoever seeks beyond that, then it is those who are trespassers.^[3]

32. And those who keep their trusts and covenants.

33. And those who stand firm in their testimonies.

34. And those who guard their *Salât* (prayers) well.^[4]

^[1] (V.70:22) See the footnote of (V.9:91).

^[2] (V.70:29) Narrated Sahl bin Sa'd رضى الله عنه: Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whoever can guarantee (the chastity of) what is between his two jaw-bones and what is between his two legs (i.e. his mouth, tongue and his private parts),* I guarantee Paradise for him." (*Sahîh Al-Bukhârî*, Vol. 8, *Hadîth* No. 481).

* i.e., whoever protects his tongue from illegal talk like telling lies, or backbiting, etc., and his mouth from eating and drinking of forbidden illegal things, etc., and his private parts from illegal sexual acts.

^[3] (V.70:31) Narrated Anas رضى الله عنه: I will narrate to you a *Hadîth* I heard from Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم and none other than I will tell of it. I heard Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم saying, "From among the portents of the Hour are the following: Religious knowledge will be taken away; General ignorance (in religious matters) will increase; Illegal sexual intercourse will prevail; Drinking of alcoholic drinks will be very common; Men will decrease in number, and women will increase in number, so much so that fifty women will be looked after by one man." (*Sahîh Al-Bukhârî*, Vol.7, *Hadîth* No.158).

^[4] (V.70:34) See (V.2:238) and its footnote.

35. Such shall dwell in the Gardens (i.e. Paradise), honoured.

36. So what is the matter with those who disbelieve that they hasten to listen from you [O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم], in order to deny you and to mock at you, and at Allâh's Book (this Qur'ân)],

37. (Sitting) in groups on the right and on the left (of you, O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم)?

38. Does every man of them hope to enter the Paradise of Delight?

39. No, that is not like that! Verily, We have created them out of that which they know!

40. So I swear by the Lord of all the [three hundred and sixty-five (365)] points of sunrise and sunset in the east and the west that surely We are Able

41. To replace them by (others) better than them; and We are not to be outrun.

42. So leave them to plunge in vain talk^[1] and play about, until they meet their Day which they are promised —

43. The Day when they will come out of the graves quickly as racing to a goal,

44. With their eyes lowered in fear and humility, ignominy covering them (all over)! That is the Day which they were promised!

Sûrat Nûh (Noah) LXXI

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

1. Verily, We sent Nûh (Noah) to his people (saying): "Warn your people before there comes to them a painful torment."

2. He said: "O my people! Verily, I am a plain warner to you,

3. "That you should worship Allâh (Alone), fear (be dutiful to) Him, and obey me,

4. "He (Allâh) will forgive you of your sins and respite you to an appointed term. Verily, the term of Allâh when it comes, cannot be delayed, if you but knew."

^[1] (V.70:42) See the footnote of (V.4:5).