

103. Surah Al-As'r (The Declining Day)

In the name of **ALLAH**, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful!

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1:3 By the time, man is surely in loss except those who believed and did good work advised and encouraged one another to truth and advised and encouraged one other to patience

As'r means time; a period or an era

The only people who can be saved from the deficit (loss) are: 1. Those with Eman: Who accept the truth 2. Those who practice good deeds 3. Those who Practice and Preach one another the truth 4. Those who practice and preach one another to be patient

History tells us that those who did not have these four (4) qualities were at a huge loss or deficit

We need to realize that the time is unstoppable and what ever we do now will become past, only those people who have these qualities are spending their time correctly (appropriately), while all other are not

Life given to mankind is limited time asset; it is like the melting of ice, as time passes the ice melts and only those people who have invested their time in the above 4 qualities are the ones who are using their life's time correctly (appropriately)

Belief and good deeds go hand-in-hand; it is the two rails of the railway track one is useless or incomplete without the other

We need to get rid of the misconception that Eman (Belief) is enough for getting in Jannah (Heaven) even without good deeds

The example of Belief and Good Deeds are together just like a house where Belief is the foundation laid to build the house; even a small structure needs four pillars and they are (1) Salah (Prayers); (2). Saum (Fasting); (3) Zakah (Obligatory Annual Charity) and (4) Hajj (Once in a lifetime Pilgrimage) and good deeds are the rest of the house like walls, windows, roof, doors, and decoration.

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