

96. Surah Al Alaq (The Clot)

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

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ ﴿١﴾ خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ ﴿٢﴾ اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ ﴿٣﴾ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ﴿٤﴾ عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ ﴿٥﴾ كَلَّا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِرَبِّهِ لَكَنَ خَاسِرٌ ﴿٦﴾ أَنْ رَأَاهُ اسْتَقْبَىٰ ﴿٧﴾ إِنَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ الرُّجْعَىٰ ﴿٨﴾ أَرَأَيْتَ الَّذِي يَنْهَىٰ ﴿٩﴾ عَبْدًا إِذَا صَلَّىٰ ﴿١٠﴾ أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ كَانَ عَلَىٰ الْهُدَىٰ ﴿١١﴾ أَوْ أَمَرَ بِالتَّقْوَىٰ ﴿١٢﴾ أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ كَذَّبَ وَتَوَلَّىٰ ﴿١٣﴾ أَلَمْ يَعْلَم بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَرَىٰ ﴿١٤﴾ كَلَّا لَئِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهِ لَنَسْفَعًا بِالنَّاصِيَةِ ﴿١٥﴾ نَاصِيَةٍ كَاذِبَةٍ خَاطِئَةٍ ﴿١٦﴾ فَلْيَدْعُ نَادِيَهُ ﴿١٧﴾ سَنَدْعُ الزَّبَانِيَةَ ﴿١٨﴾ كَلَّا لَا تُطِغُهُ وَاسْجُدْ وَاقْتَرِبْ ﴿١٩﴾

The first 5 Ayahs of this Surah were the very first Ayahs of The Holy Qur'an that were revealed to Prophet (PBUH) through Angel Jibraeel (Alayhis Salam); the remaining Ayahs are about Abu Jahal's behavior towards the Prophet (PBUH); there is a clear warning for Abu Jahal.

Abu Jahal used to taunt the Prophet (PBUH) that he has many followers (the Quraysh tribe, who used to live in Makkah at that time) whereas the Prophet (PBUH) had only a handful of supporters. 'Almighty GOD' is commanding mankind never to follow Abu Jahal but to follow the Prophet (PBUH).

Abu Jahal tried to humiliate the Prophet (PBUH) when he was in 'Prostration' (Sajda) by trying to press the forehead of the Prophet (PBUH) with his foot, which he failed to do so, because he was stopped by a 'Supernatural Divine' force.

On the contrary, Almighty God has indicated what would happen to Abu Jahal; in fact his forehead (which was full of sinful thoughts) will be dragged as a punishment

This Ayah is pointing towards Abu Jahal again. When the Prophet PBUH started to pray (salah) in the courtyard of Kaaba, Abu Jahal stopped The Prophet PBUH from praying

Although The Prophet PBUH was on the right path and was conscious and aware of Almighty God (Taqla) Abu Jahal was still stopping

Abu Jahal was denying the truth and doing exactly the opposite of what The Prophet PBUH was preaching

فَلْيَدْعُ نَادِيَهُ ﴿١٧﴾ سَنَدْعُ الزَّبَانِيَةَ ﴿١٨﴾ كَلَّا لَا تُطِغُهُ وَاسْجُدْ وَاقْتَرِبْ ﴿١٩﴾

17 to 19: So let him call his band of supporters. "WE" too, shall call the Angles of torment, nay, never! do not obey him and prostrate (Sajda) and draw yourself and draw closer (to your Lord)

كَلَّا لَئِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهِ لَنَسْفَعًا بِالنَّاصِيَةِ ﴿١٥﴾ نَاصِيَةٍ كَاذِبَةٍ خَاطِئَةٍ ﴿١٦﴾

15 to 16: By no means! if he does not desist, we shall drag him by his forelock (lock of hair just above the forehead), The forehead that is lying and is utterly sinful

أَلَمْ يَعْلَم بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَرَىٰ ﴿١٤﴾

14: Does he (Abu Jahal) not know that Allah SWT is seeing?

أَرَأَيْتَ الَّذِي يَنْهَىٰ ﴿٩﴾ عَبْدًا إِذَا صَلَّىٰ ﴿١٠﴾ أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ كَانَ عَلَىٰ الْهُدَىٰ ﴿١١﴾ أَوْ أَمَرَ بِالتَّقْوَىٰ ﴿١٢﴾ أَرَأَيْتَ إِنْ كَذَّبَ وَتَوَلَّىٰ ﴿١٣﴾

9 to 13: Have you seen the one who forbids a servant when he prays? what do you think, if (the servant) is on the righteous path, Or is preaching piety (to be pious)? What do you think; if one is; forbidding belying (the truth) and turning away?

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1 to 5: Read (O Prophet PBUH) in the name of your Lord; "Who" created. Created mankind from a clot of congealed (semisolid) blood. Read: and your Lord is Most Generous. "Who" taught Knowledge with the pen. Taught what mankind did not know.

كَلَّا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِرَبِّهِ لَكَنَ خَاسِرٌ ﴿٦﴾ أَنْ رَأَاهُ اسْتَقْبَىٰ ﴿٧﴾

6 and 7: Indeed not! Man behaves rebelliously, for he deems himself to be self sufficient

إِنَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ الرُّجْعَىٰ ﴿٨﴾

8: (Although) towards your Lord indeed is the return

These first 5 Ayahs of this Sura were the very first Ayahs of The Quran that were revealed to Prophet (PBUH) through the Angel Jibraeel AS

Almighty God is so kind and generous that HE created the whole universe and created the Mankind from a very small drop; then taught Mankind to read (understand) and write; this provided mankind with knowledge and wisdom

This Ayah is pointing towards Abu Jahal (Prophet's PBUH uncle) who was a strong opponent of Prophet PBUH and who tried to ridicule the Prophet PBUH

When a person achieves all worldly, material things, they think that they achieved these things on their own and they are capable of achieving anything, They rebel and becomes arrogant instead of acknowledging the blessings of Almighty God and being grateful.

Mankind gets carried away in the world and forgets that they have to return to Almighty God for accountability one day.