سورة النمل

Súráh al-Naml (the ants) Súráh # 27 Verses # 93

The Holy Quran: Surah al-Naml

Chapter 27 - Súrah al-Naml

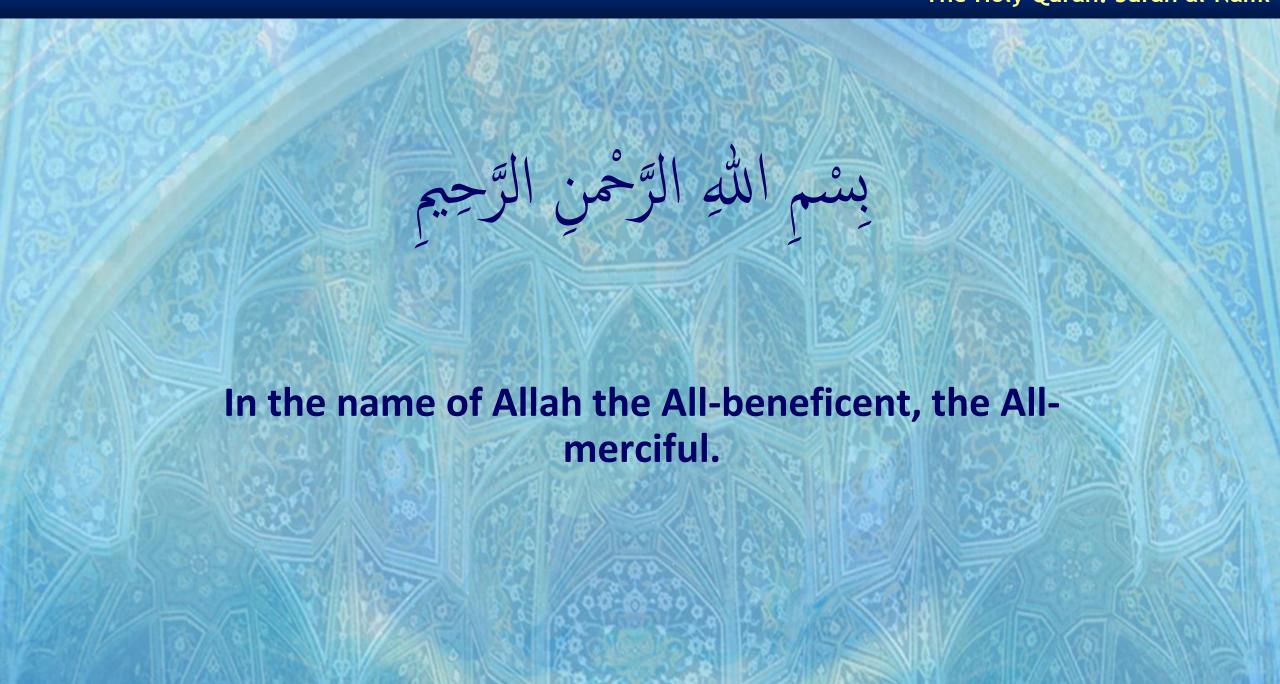
The surah that speaks of the Valley of The Ants, through which the hosts of the prophet Solomon were once marching, wherein God miraculously enabled Solomon to hear one of them as she warned the other to flee into their homes before being crushed—a miracle of audition and understanding for which Solomon thanked God profusely. It takes its name from the story of Solomon and the ant (naml), mentioned in ff. The surah both opens and closes by describing the Quran as joyful news for the believers and a warning for others. It gives stories of past prophets and the destruction of the communities that disbelieved in them. Illustrations are given of the nature of God's power, contrasted with the total lack of power of the "partners" they worship beside Him, and descriptions are given of the Day of Judgement for those who deny it.

This is a 'makki' surah. In the commentary of Majma'ul Bayan, it is written that the reward for reciting this surah is compared to ten times the number of people alive during the time of Prophet Suleiman (A), Hud (A), Shu'aib (A), Saalih (A) and Ibrahim (A).

In the commentary of Burhan it is written that if this surah is written on deerskin and kept in the house, then no dangerous creature (e.g. snake) will come near the house.

This has been narrated by Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (A).











—those who maintain the prayer and pay the zakāt, and who are certain of the Hereafter.



As for those who do not believe in the Hereafter, We have made their deeds seem decorous to them, and so they are bewildered.



They are the ones for whom there is a terrible punishment, and they are the ones who will be the biggest losers in the Hereafter.

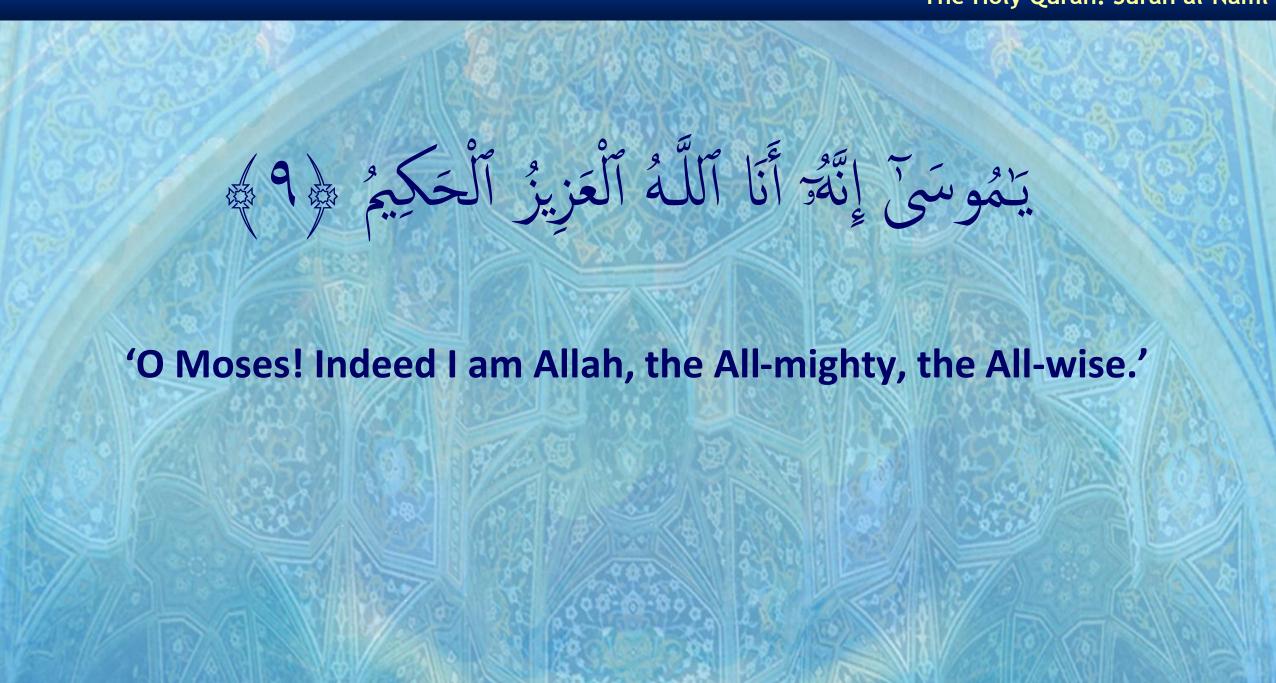




When Moses said to his family, 'Indeed I descry a fire! I will bring you some news from it, or bring you a firebrand so that you may warm yourselves.'

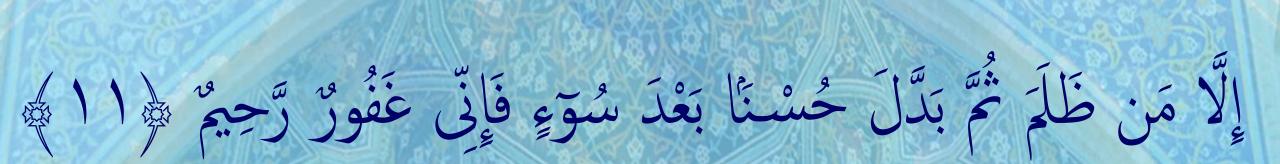


So when he came to it, he was called: 'Blessed is He who is in the fire and who is [as well] around it, and immaculate is Allah, the Lord of all the worlds!'





'Throw down your staff!' And when he saw it wriggling, as if it were a snake, he turned his back [to flee], without looking back. 'O Moses! 'Do not be afraid. Indeed the apostles are not afraid before Me,



barring someone who does wrong and then makes up with goodness for [his] fault, for indeed I am all-forgiving, all-merciful.'



'Insert your hand into your bosom. It will emerge white, without any fault, —among nine signs for Pharaoh and his people. Indeed they are a transgressing lot.'



But when Our signs came to them, as eye-openers, they said, 'This is plain magic.'



They impugned them —though they were convinced in their hearts—wrongfully and defiantly. So observe how was the fate of the agents of corruption!



Certainly We gave David and Solomon knowledge, and they said, 'All praise belongs to Allah, who granted us an advantage over many of His faithful servants.'



Solomon inherited from David, and he said, 'O people! We have been taught the speech of the birds, and we have been given out of everything. Indeed this is a manifest advantage.'



[Once] Solomon's hosts were marched out for him, comprising jinn, humans, and birds, and they were held in check.



When they came to the Valley of Ants, an ant said, 'O ants! Enter your dwellings, lest Solomon and his hosts should trample on you while they are unaware.'

Whereat he smiled, amused at its words, and he said, 'My Lord! Inspire me to give thanks for Your blessing with which You have blessed me and my parents, and that I may do righteous deeds which may please You, and admit me, by Your mercy, among Your righteous servants.'



[One day] he reviewed the birds, and said, 'Why do I not see the hoopoe? Or is he absent?'



'I will surely punish him with a severe punishment, or I will surely behead him, unless he brings a clear-cut excuse.'



He did not stay for long [before he turned up] and said, 'I have alighted on something which you have not alighted on, and I have brought you from Sheba a definite report.



I found a woman ruling over them, and she has been given everything, and she has a great throne.



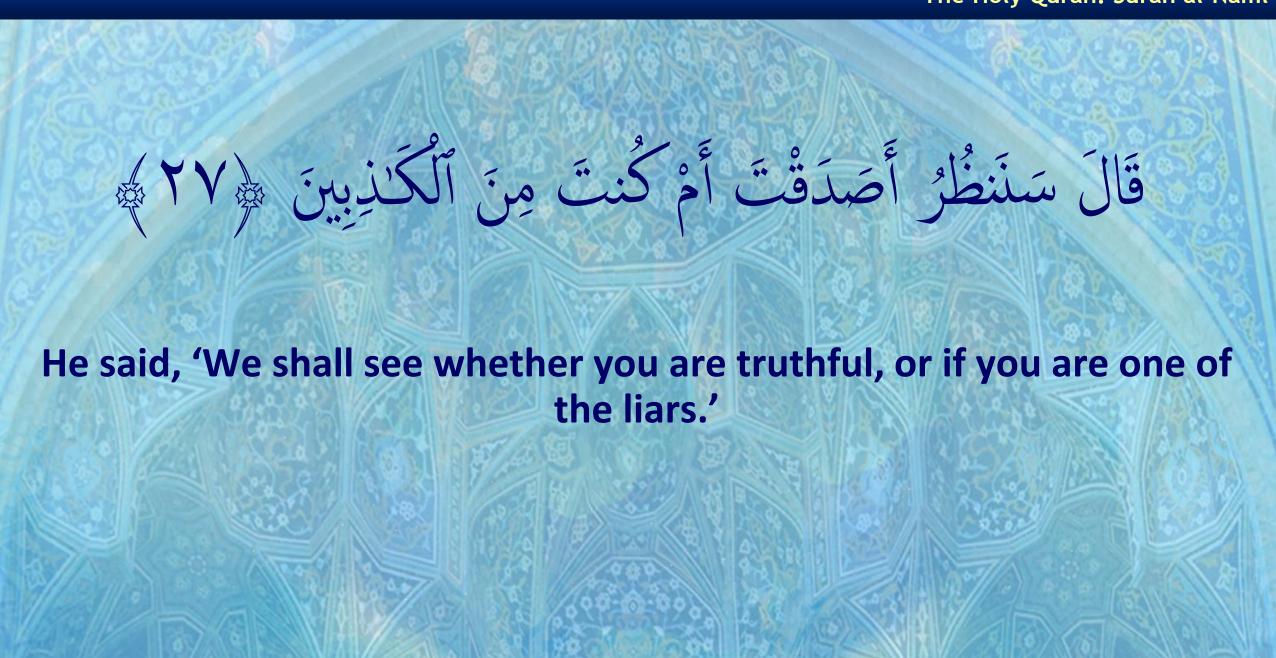
I found her and her people prostrating to the sun instead of Allah, and Satan has made their deeds seem decorous to them —thus he has barred them from the way [of Allah], so they are not guided—



so that they do not prostrate themselves to Allah, who brings out the hidden in the heavens and the earth, and He knows whatever you hide and whatever you disclose.



Allah—there is no god except Him— is the Lord of the Great Throne.'





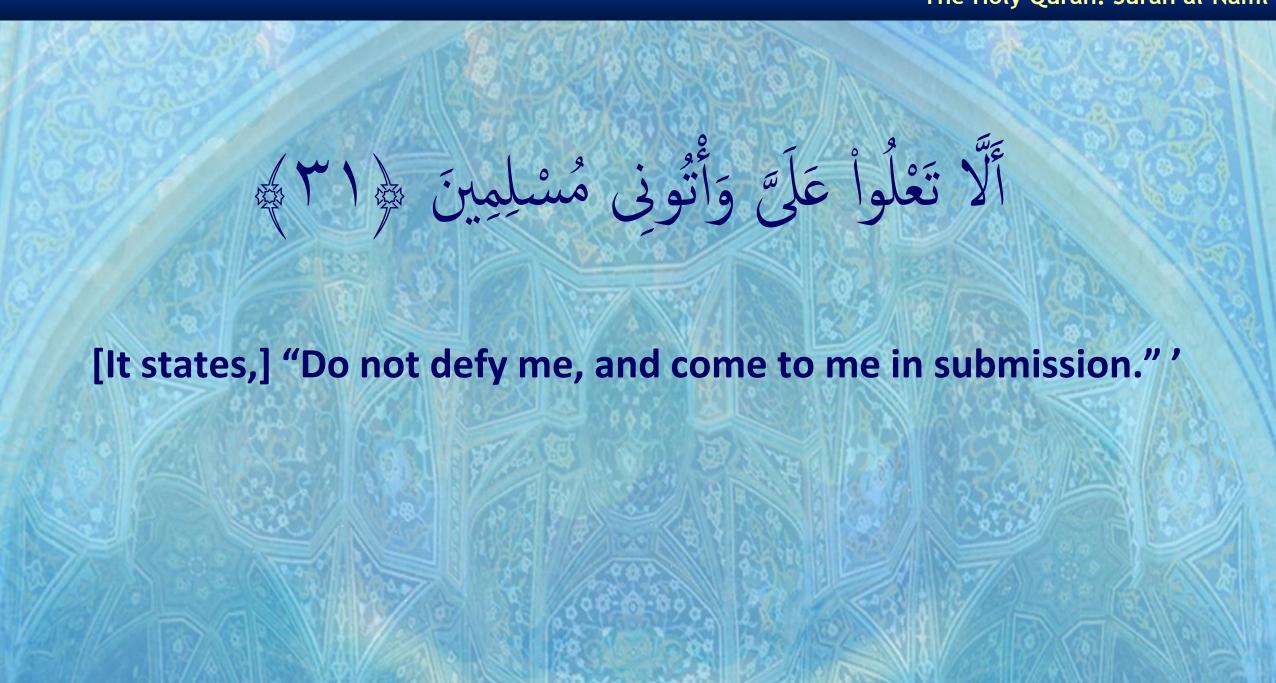
Take this letter of mine and deliver it to them. Then draw away from them and observe what [response] they return.'



She said, 'O [members of the] elite! Indeed a noble letter has been delivered to me.



It is from Solomon, and it begins in the name of Allah, the Allbert beneficent, the All-merciful.





She said, 'O [members of the] elite! Give me your opinion concerning my matter. I do not decide any matter until you are present.'



They said, 'We are powerful and possess a great might. But it is up to you to command. So see what you will command.'



She said, 'Indeed when kings enter a town, they devastate it, and reduce the mightiest of its people to the most abased. That is how they act.



I will send them a gift, and I shall see what the envoys bring back.'



So when he came to Solomon, he said, 'Are you aiding me with wealth? What Allah has given me is better than what He has given you. Rather you are exultant over your gift!



Go back to them, for we will come at them with hosts which they cannot face, and we will expel them from it, abased, and they shall be degraded.'



He said, 'O [members of the] elite! Which of you will bring me her throne before they come to me in submission?'



An afreet from among the jinn said, 'I will bring it to you before you rise from your place. Indeed I have the power for it and am trustworthy.'

قَالَ ٱلَّذِي عِندَهُ عِلْمُ مِنَ ٱلْكِتَابِ أَنَا ءَاتِيكَ بِهِ قَبْلَ أَن يَرْتَدَّ إِلَيْكَ طَرْفُكَ ۚ فَلَمَّا رَءَاهُ مُسْتَقِرًّا عِندَهُ قَالَ هَاذَا مِن فَضْلِ رَبِّي إِلَيْكَ طَرْفُكَ ۚ فَلَمَّا رَءَاهُ مُسْتَقِرًّا عِندَهُ قَالَ هَاذَا مِن فَضْلِ رَبِّي إِلَيْكَ طَرْفُكَ ۚ فَلَمَ الْمُؤْتُ وَ اللَّهُ وَيَ ءَأَشْكُرُ أَمْ أَكُفُرُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَلَا عَلَيْلُونِي ءَأَشْكُرُ أَمْ أَكُفُرُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَلَا عَلَيْلُونِي ءَأَشْكُرُ أَمْ أَكُفُرُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَلَا عَلَيْلُونِي ءَأَشْكُرُ أَمْ أَكُفُرُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَلَا عَلَيْلُونِي ءَأَشْكُرُ أَمْ أَكُفُرُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَلَا عَلَيْلُونِي ءَأَشْكُرُ أَمْ أَكُفُرُ اللَّهُ وَلِي اللَّهُ وَلَا عَلَيْلُونِي عَلَيْلُونِي عَلَيْلُونِي اللَّهُ وَلَيْلُونِي اللَّهُ وَلَيْلُونِي اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّلَّ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ ا

The one who had knowledge of the Book said, 'I will bring it to you in the twinkling of an eye.' So when he saw it set near him, he said, 'This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me if I will give thanks or be ungrateful.



And whoever gives thanks, gives thanks only for his own sake. And whoever is ungrateful [should know that] my Lord is indeed all-sufficient, all-generous.'



He said, 'Disguise her throne for her, so that we may see whether she is discerning or if she is one of the undiscerning ones.'



So when she came, it was said [to her], 'Is your throne like this one?'
She said, 'It seems to be the same, and we were informed before it,
and we had submitted.'



She had been barred [from the way of Allah] by what she used to worship besides Allah, for she belonged to a faithless people.

قِيلَ لَهَا ٱدْخُلِى ٱلصَّرْحَ ۖ فَلَمَّا رَأَتُهُ حَسِبَتُهُ لُجَّةً وَكُشَفَتْ عَن سَاقَيْهَا ۚ قَالَ اللهُ وَحَرْحُ مُّمَرَّدٌ مِّن قَوَارِيرَ ۗ قَالَتْ رَبِّ إِنِّى ظَلَمْتُ سَاقَيْهَا ۚ قَالَ إِنَّهُ وَحَرْحُ مُّمَرَّدٌ مِّن قَوَارِيرَ ۗ قَالَتْ رَبِّ إِنِّى ظَلَمْتُ مَعَ سُلَيْمَانَ لِلّهِ رَبِّ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿ ٤٤ ﴾ فَضيى وَأَسْلَمْتُ مَعَ سُلَيْمَانَ لِلّهِ رَبِّ ٱلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿ ٤٤ ﴾

It was said to her, 'Enter the palace.' So when she saw it, she supposed it to be a pool of water, and she bared her shanks. He said, 'It is a palace paved with crystal.' She said, 'My Lord! Indeed I have wronged myself, and I submit with Solomon to Allah, the Lord of all the worlds.'



Certainly We sent to Thamūd Ṣāliḥ, their brother, [with the summons:] 'Worship Allah!' But thereat they became two groups contending with each other.



He said, 'O My people! Why do you press for evil sooner than for good? Why do you not plead to Allah for forgiveness so that you may receive His mercy?'



They said, 'We take for a bad omen you and those who are with you.'
He said, 'Your bad omens are with Allah. Rather you are a people
being tested.'



There were nine persons in the city who caused corruption in the land, and did not bring about any reform.



They said, '[Let us] swear together by Allah that we will attack him and his family by night. Then we will surely tell his heir that we were not present at the murder of his family and we indeed speak the truth.'



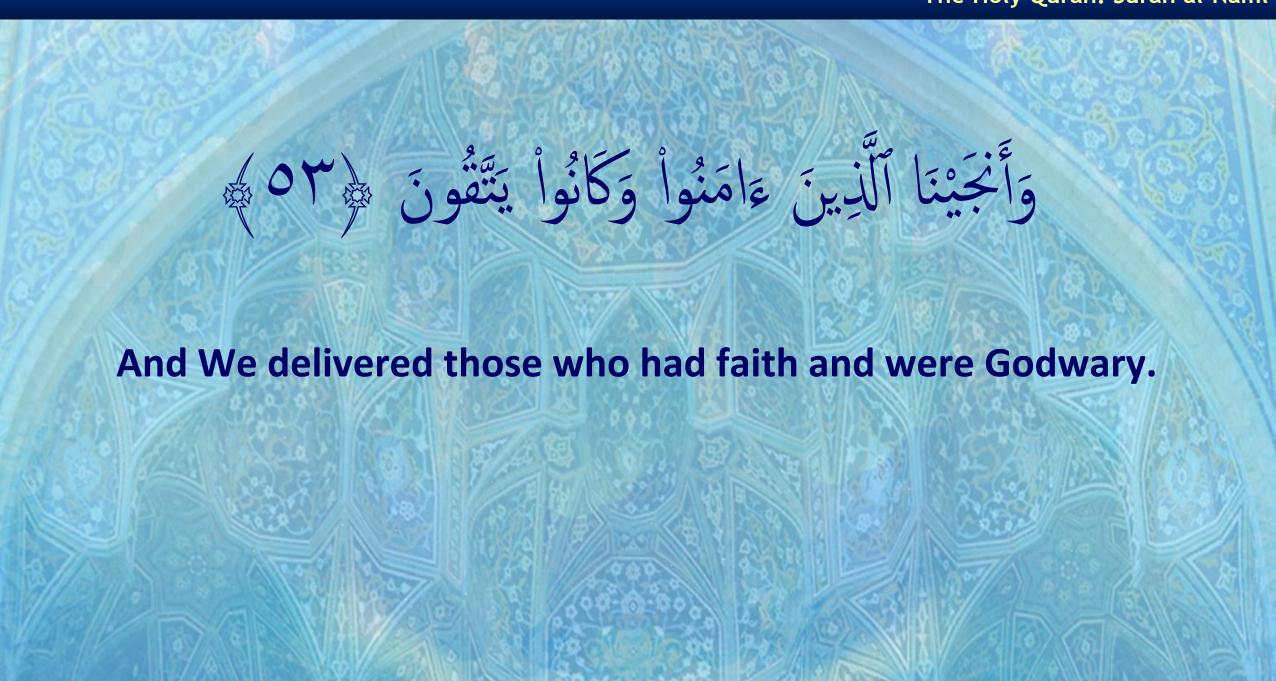
They devised a plot, and We [too] devised a plan, but they were not aware.



So observe how was the outcome of their plotting, as We destroyed them and all their people.



So there lay their houses, fallen in ruin, because of their wrongdoing. There is indeed a sign in that for a people who have knowledge.





And Lot, when he said to his people, 'What! Do you commit this indecency while you see [with your own eyes]?



Do you approach men with [sexual] desire instead of women?! Rather you are a senseless lot!'



But the only answer of his people was that they said, 'Expel Lot's family from your town! They are indeed a puritanical lot.'



So We delivered him and his family, except his wife. We ordained her to be among those who remained behind.



Then We poured down upon them a rain [of stones]. So evil was the rain of those who were warned!



Say, 'All praise belongs to Allah, and Peace be to His servants whom He has chosen.' Is Allah better, or the partners they ascribe [to Him]?



Is He who created the heavens and the earth, and sends down for you water from the sky, whereby We grow delightful gardens, whose trees you could never cause to grow...? What! Is there a god besides Allah? Rather they are a lot who equate [others with Allah].



Is He who made the earth an abode [for you], and made rivers [flowing] through it, and set firm mountains for it, and set a barrier between the two seas...? What! Is there a god besides Allah? Rather most of them do not know.



Is He who answers the call of the distressed [person] when he invokes Him and removes his distress, and makes you the earth's successors...? What! Is there a god besides Allah? Little is the admonition that you take.



Is He who guides you in the darkness of land and sea and who sends the winds as harbingers of His mercy...? What! Is there a god besides Allah? Exalted is Allah above [having] any partners they ascribe [to Him].



Is He who originates the creation, then He will bring it back, and who provides for you from the sky and the earth...? What! Is there a god besides Allah? Say, 'Produce your evidence, should you be truthful.'



Say, 'No one in the heavens or the earth knows the Unseen except Allah, and they are not aware when they will be resurrected.'



Do they comprehend the knowledge of the Hereafter? No, they are in doubt about it. Rather they are blind to it.



The faithless say, 'What! When we and our fathers have become dust shall we indeed be raised [from the dead]?



Certainly we and our fathers were promised this before. [But] these are just myths of the ancients.'



Say, 'Travel over the land and then observe how was the fate of the guilty.'



Do not grieve for them, and do not be upset by their guile.





Say, 'Perhaps right behind you there is some of what you seek to hasten.'



Indeed your Lord is gracious to mankind, but most of them do not give thanks.



Your Lord indeed knows whatever their breasts conceal, and whatever they disclose.



There is no invisible thing in the heaven and the earth but it is in a manifest Book.



Indeed this Qur'an recounts to the Children of Israel most of what they differ about,





Indeed your Lord will decide between them by His judgement, and He is the All-mighty, the All-knowing.





Indeed you cannot make the dead hear, nor can you make the deaf hear the call when they turn their backs [upon you],



nor can you lead the blind out of their error. You can make only those hear who believe in Our signs and who have submitted.



And when the word [of judgement] falls upon them, We shall bring out for them an Animal from the earth who shall speak to them that the people had no faith in Our signs.



The day We shall resurrect from every nation a group of those who denied Our signs, and they shall be held in check.



When they come, He will say, 'Did you deny My signs without comprehending them in knowledge? What was it that you used to do?'



And the word [of judgement] shall fall upon them for their wrongdoing, and they will not speak.



Do they not see that We made the night that they may rest in it, and the day to provide visibility. There are indeed signs in that for a people who have faith.



The day when the trumpet will be blown, whoever is in the heavens will be terrified and whoever is on the earth, except whomever Allah may wish, and all will come to Him in utter humility.



And you see the mountains, which you suppose to be stationary, while they drift like passing clouds—the handiwork of Allah who has made everything faultless. He is indeed well aware of what you do.



Whoever brings virtue shall receive [a reward] better than it; and they shall be secure from terror on that day.



And whoever brings vice —they shall be cast on their faces into the Fire [and told:] 'Shall you be requited except with what you used to do?'



'Indeed I have been commanded to worship the Lord of this city who has made it inviolable and to whom all things belong, and I have been commanded to be among those who submit [to Allah],



and to recite the Qur'ān.' So whoever is guided is guided only for his own sake, and as for him who goes astray, say, 'I am just one of the warners.'



And say, 'All praise belongs to Allah. Soon He will show you His signs, and you will recognize them.' And your Lord is not oblivious of what you do.



Please recite Surat al-Fatihah for ALL MARHUMEEN