

سورة الأحقاف

Súráh al-Aḥqāf
(the sandhills)

Súráh # 46

Verses # 35

Chapter 46 - Súrah al-Aḥqāf

The surah that mentions the fatal lesion of the ancient people of ‘Ād who dwelled in the dune valley of Aḥqāf, whose prophet warned them to give up idolatry and worship only God, but to no avail. It takes its name from , where Aḥqāf is mentioned. It reflects one of the major themes of this surah: the inescapable punishment that awaits those who deny the truth and the Resurrection. Emphasis is placed on the fact that communities more established than the Meccans” have been destroyed, and that even the jinn believe in the Quran before the disbelievers of Mecca do. Finally, the Prophet is encouraged to be steadfast and await God’s judgement on the disbelievers.

The surah is also known as:, The Dune Valleys of al-Aḥqaf, The Dunes, The Sand Dunes, The Sandy Plains, Winding Sand-tracts.

This is a ‘makki’ surah. Imam Ja’far as-Sadiq (A) said that a person who recites this surah daily, or at least every Friday, will remain safe from all the dangers of this world and the hereafter. It is narrated from the Holy Prophet (S) that the reward for reciting this surah is ten times the number of creatures that walk on this Earth and an equal number of sins will be forgiven. Keeping this surah as a talisman acts as a protection and means of averting all kinds of difficulties. If a person dissolved this surah in zamzam water and then drinks it, he will be greatly honoured by the people and what he says will never be rejected. He will also remember everything he hears. It acts as a cure for disease and a protection from the Jinn.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

**O Allah send Your blessings on Muhammad
and the family of Muhammad.**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**In the name of Allah
the All-beneficent, the All-merciful.**

هـ ميم

Hā, Mīm.

تَنْزِيلُ الْكِتَابِ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ ﴿٢﴾

**The [gradual] sending down of the Book is from Allah,
the All-mighty, the All-wise.**

مَا خَلَقْنَا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَأَجَلٍ
مُّسَمًّى ۚ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا عَمَّا أُنذِرُوا مُعْرِضُونَ ﴿٣﴾

We did not create the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them except with reason and for a specified term. Yet the faithless are disregarding of what they are warned.

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَرُونِي مَاذَا خَلَقُوا مِنَ
الْأَرْضِ أَمْ لَهُمْ شِرْكٌ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ ^ص أَتُنُونِي بِكِتَابٍ مِّنْ قَبْلِ هَذَا
أَوْ أَثَرَةٍ مِّنْ عِلْمٍ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٤﴾

Say, 'Tell me about what you invoke besides Allah. Show me what [part] of the earth have they created. Do they have any share in the heavens? Bring me a scripture [revealed] before this, or some vestige of [divine] knowledge, should you be truthful.'

وَمَنْ أَضَلُّ مِمَّن يَدْعُوا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَنْ لَا يَسْتَجِيبُ لَهُ إِلَى
يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ وَهُمْ عَنْ دُعَائِهِمْ غَفْلُونَ ﴿٥﴾

**Who is more astray than him who invokes besides Allah
as would not respond to him until the Day of Resurrection, and who
are oblivious of their invocation?**

وَإِذَا حُشِرَ النَّاسُ كَانُوا لَهُمْ أَعْدَاءً وَكَانُوا بِعِبَادَتِهِمْ كَافِرِينَ ﴿٦﴾

When mankind are mustered [on Judgement's Day] they will be their enemies, and they will disavow their worship.

وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ قَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلْحَقِّ لَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ
هَذَا سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٧﴾

When Our manifest signs are recited to them, the faithless say of the truth when it comes to them: 'This is plain magic.'

أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ ^{وَصَلِّ} قُلْ إِنْ افْتَرَيْتُهُ ^{وَصَلِّ} فَلَا تَمْلِكُونَ لِي مِنَ اللَّهِ
شَيْئًا ^{وَصَلِّ} هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا تُفِيضُونَ فِيهِ ^{وَصَلِّ} كَفَىٰ بِهِ شَهِيدًا بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكُمْ
وَهُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٨﴾

Do they say, 'He has fabricated it?' Say, 'Should I have fabricated it, you would not avail me anything against Allah. He best knows what you gossip concerning it. He suffices as a witness between me and you, and He is the All-forgiving, the All-merciful.'

قُلْ مَا كُنْتُ بِدْعًا مِّنَ الرُّسُلِ وَمَا أَدْرَىٰ مَا يُفْعَلُ بِي وَلَا بِكُمْ
إِن أَتَّبَعُ إِلَّا مَا يُوْحَىٰ إِلَيَّ وَمَا أَنَا إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٩﴾

Say, 'I am not a novelty among the apostles, nor do I know what will be done with me, or with you. I just follow whatever is revealed to me, and I am just a manifest warner.'

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ كَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ وَكَفَرْتُمْ بِهِ وَشَهِدَ شَاهِدٌ مِّنْ
بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ عَلَىٰ مِثْلِهِ فَأَمَنْ وَأَسْتَكْبِرْتُمْ ^{بِهِ} إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي

الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٠﴾

Say, 'Tell me, if it is from Allah and you disbelieve in it, and a witness from the Children of Israel has testified to its like and believed [in it], while you are disdainful [of it]?'
Indeed Allah does not guide the wrongdoing lot.

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَوْ كَانَ خَيْرًا مَّا سَبَقُونَا إِلَيْهِ
وَإِذْ لَمْ يَهْتَدُوا بِهِ فَيَقُولُونَ هَذَا إِفْكٌ قَدِيمٌ ﴿١١﴾

The faithless say about the faithful, 'Had it been [anything] good, they would not have taken the lead over us toward [accepting] it.' And since they could not find the way to it, they will say, 'It is an ancient lie.'

وَمِن قَبْلِهِ كِتَابُ مُوسَى إِمَامًا وَرَحْمَةً ۗ وَهَذَا كِتَابٌ مُّصَدِّقٌ
لِّسَانًا عَرَبِيًّا يُنذِرُ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا ۖ وَبُشْرَىٰ لِلْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٢﴾

Yet before it the Book of Moses was a guide and a mercy, and this is a Book which confirms it, in the Arabic language, to warn those who do wrong, and is a [bearer of] good news for the virtuous.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَمُوا فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ

يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿١٣﴾

Indeed those who say, 'Our Lord is Allah,' and then remain steadfast, they will have no fear, nor will they grieve.

أُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا جَزَاءً بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

﴿ ١٤ ﴾

**They shall be the inhabitants of paradise, remaining in it [forever]
—a reward for what they used to do.**

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ إِحْسَانًا ۚ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ كُرْهًا وَوَضَعَتْهُ
كُرْهًا ۚ وَحَمَلُهُ وَفِصَالُهُ ثَلَاثُونَ شَهْرًا ۚ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَبَلَغَ
أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً

We have enjoined man to be kind to his parents. His mother has carried him in travail, and bore him in travail, and his gestation and weaning take thirty months. When he comes of age and reaches forty years,

قَالَ رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ
 وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَّتِي صلى إِنِّي تبتُّ
 إِلَيْكَ وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿١٥﴾

he says, '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 invest my descendants with righteousness. Indeed I have turned to you in penitence, and I am one of the muslims.'

أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ نَقَبَلُ عَنْهُمْ أَحْسَنَ مَا عَمِلُوا وَتَتَجَاوَزُ عَنْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ
فِي أَصْحَابِ الْجَنَّةِ وَعَدَّ الصِّدْقِ الَّذِي كَانُوا يُوعَدُونَ ﴿١٦﴾

Such are the ones from whom We accept the best of what they do,
and overlook their misdeeds, [who will be] among the inhabitants of
paradise

—a true promise which they had been given.

وَالَّذِي قَالَ لِيَوْلَادِهِ أَفِ لَكُمْ أَنْ أُخْرَجَ وَقَدْ خَلَتِ
 الْقُرُونُ مِنْ قَبْلِي وَهُمَا يَسْتَكْفِرُونَ اللَّهَ وَيْلَكَ ءَأَمِنَ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ
 حَقٌّ فَيَقُولُ مَا هَذَا إِلَّا أَسْطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿١٧﴾

As for him who says to his parents, ‘Fie on you! Do you promise me that I shall be raised [from the dead] when generations have passed away before me?’ And they invoke Allah’s help [and say]: ‘Woe to you! Believe! Indeed Allah’s promise is true.’ But he says, ‘These are nothing but myths of the ancients.’

أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ حَقَّ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقَوْلُ فِي أُمَمٍ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِّنَ
الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنسِ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا خُسِرِينَ ﴿١٨﴾

Such are the ones against whom the word became due concerning the nations that have passed away before them of jinn and humans.

They were indeed the losers.

وَلِكُلِّ دَرَجَاتٍ مِّمَّا عَمِلُوا^{أَصْد} وَلِيُوفِيَهُمْ^{سَمِعُ} أَعْمَلَهُمْ^{أَعْمَلَهُمْ} وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ

﴿ ١٩ ﴾

For each [person] there will be degrees [of merit] pertaining to what he has done, that He may recompense them fully for their works, and they will not be wronged.

وَيَوْمَ يُعْرَضُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا عَلَى النَّارِ أَدْهَبْتُمْ طَيِّبَاتِكُمْ فِي حَيَاتِكُمُ
 الدُّنْيَا وَأَسْتَمْتَعْتُمْ بِهَا فَالْيَوْمَ تُجْزَوْنَ عَذَابَ الْهُونِ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ
 تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَبِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَفْسُقُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

The day when the faithless are exposed to the Fire, [they will be told,]
 ‘You have exhausted your good things in the life of the world and
 enjoyed them. So today you will be requited with a humiliating
 punishment for your acting arrogantly in the earth unduly, and
 because you used to transgress.’

وَأَذْكُرُ أَخَا عَادٍ إِذْ أَنْذَرَ قَوْمَهُ بِالْأَحْقَافِ وَقَدْ خَلَّتِ النُّذُرُ مِنْ
بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا اللَّهَ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ

يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿٢١﴾

And mention [Hūd] the brother of ‘Ād, when he warned his people at Aḥqāf —and warners have passed away before and after him— saying, ‘Do not worship anyone but Allah. Indeed I fear for you the punishment of a tremendous day.’

قَالُوا أَجِئْنَا لِتَفْكِنَا عَنْ ءَالِهَتِنَا فَإِنَّا بِمَا تَعِدُنَا إِن كُنْتَ مِنَ
الصّٰدِقِيْنَ ﴿٢٢﴾

**They said, ‘Have you come to turn us away from our gods?
Then bring us what you threaten us with, should you be truthful.**

قَالَ إِنَّمَا الْعِلْمُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَأُبَلِّغُكُمْ مَا أُرْسِلْتُ بِهِ وَلَكِنِّي أَرَأَيْتُمْ
قَوْمًا تَجْهَلُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾

He said, 'The knowledge is with Allah alone. I communicate to you what I have been sent with. But I see that you are a senseless lot.'

فَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ عَارِضًا مُسْتَقْبِلَ أَوْدِيَّتِهِمْ قَالُوا هَذَا عَارِضٌ مُّمَطِرُنَا ۚ
بَلْ هُوَ مَا اسْتَعْجَلْتُمْ بِهِ ۗ رِيحٌ فِيهَا عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٤﴾

When they saw it as a cloud advancing toward their valleys, they said, 'This cloud brings us rain.' 'Rather it is what you sought to hasten: a hurricane carrying a painful punishment,

تُدَمِّرُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِأَمْرِ رَبِّهَا فَأَصْبَحُوا لَا يُرَىٰ إِلَّا مَسَاكِينُهُمْ ۗ كَذَٰلِكَ
نَجْزِي الْقَوْمَ الْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾

destroying everything by its Lord's command.' So they became such that nothing could be seen except their dwellings.

Thus do We requite the guilty lot.

وَلَقَدْ مَكَّنَّهُمْ فِيمَا إِن مَّكَّنَّاكُمْ فِيهِ وَجَعَلْنَا لَهُمْ سَمْعًا وَأَبْصَرًا وَأَفْئِدَةً
 فَمَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنْهُمْ سَمْعُهُمْ وَلَا أَبْصَرُهُمْ وَلَا أَفْئِدَتُهُم مِّن شَيْءٍ إِذْ كَانُوا
 يَجْحَدُونَ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَحَاقَ بِهِم مَّا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

Certainly We had granted them power in respects that We have not granted you, and We had vested them with hearing and sight and hearts. But neither their hearing availed them nor did their sight, nor their hearts, in any way when they used to impugn the signs of Allah. they were besieged by what they used to deride.

وَلَقَدْ أَهْلَكْنَا مَا حَوْلَكُمْ مِّنَ الْقُرَىٰ وَصَرَّفْنَا الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ

يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

Certainly We destroyed towns that were around you, and We have paraphrased the signs so that they may come back.

فَلَوْلَا نَصَرَہُمْ الَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ قُرْبَانًا ءِالِهَةً بَلْ ضَلُّوا
عَنْہُمْ ۚ وَذَٰلِكَ إِفْکُهُمْ وَمَا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

So why did not those [false gods] help them whom they had taken, besides Allah, as gods, as means of nearness [to Him]? Rather they forsook them; and that was their lie and what they used to fabricate.

وَإِذْ صَرَفْنَا إِلَيْكَ نَفَرًا مِّنَ الْجِنِّ يَسْتَمِعُونَ الْقُرْآنَ فَلَمَّا حَضَرُوهُ
قَالُوا أَصِدُّوا فَلَمَّا قُضِيَ وَلَّوْا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِم مُّنذِرِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

When We dispatched toward you a team of jinn listening to the Qur'ān, when they were in its presence, they said, 'Be silent!' When it was finished, they went back to their people as warners.

قَالُوا يٰقَوْمَنَا اِنَّا سَمِعْنَا كِتٰبًا اُنزِلَ مِنْۢ مِّنۢ بَعْدِ مُوسٰى مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ
يَدَيْهِ يَهْدِيۤ اِلَى الْحَقِّ وَاِلَى طَرِيْقٍ مُّسْتَقِيْمٍ ﴿٣٠﴾

They said, ‘O our people! Indeed we have heard a Book which has been sent down after Moses, confirming what was before it. It guides to the truth and to a straight path.

يَقَوْمَنَا أَجِيبُوا دَاعِيَ اللَّهِ وَآمِنُوا بِهِ يَغْفِرَ لَكُمْ مِّنْ ذُنُوبِكُمْ
وَيُجِزِمَ مِّنْ عَذَابِ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٣١﴾

O our people! Respond to Allah's summoner and have faith in Him. He will forgive you some of your sins and shelter you from a painful punishment.'

وَمَنْ لَا يُجِِبْ دَاعِيَ اللَّهِ فَلَيْسَ بِمُعْجِزٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَيْسَ لَهُ
مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءُ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٣٢﴾

Those who do not respond to Allah's summoner cannot thwart [Allah] on the earth, and they will not find any protectors besides Him. They are in manifest error.

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَلَمْ يَعْ
بِخَلْقِهِنَّ بِقَدِيرٍ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يُحْيِيَ الْمَوْتَىٰ ۚ بَلَىٰ إِنَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

﴿ ۳۳ ﴾

Do they not see that Allah, who created the heavens and the earth and [who] was not exhausted by their creation, is able to revive the dead? Yes, indeed He has power over all things.

وَيَوْمَ يُعْرَضُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا عَلَى النَّارِ أَلَيْسَ هَذَا بِالْحَقِّ ۗ قَالُوا
بَلَىٰ وَرَبِّنَا ۗ قَالَ فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

The day when the faithless are exposed to the Fire, [He will say,] ‘Is this not a fact?’ They will say, ‘Yes, by our Lord!’ He will say, ‘So taste the punishment because of what you used to disbelieve.’

فَاصْبِرْ كَمَا صَبَرَ أُولُو الْعَزْمِ مِنَ الرُّسُلِ وَلَا تَسْتَعْجِلْ لَهُمْ كَانَهُمْ
يَوْمَ يَرَوْنَ مَا يُوعَدُونَ لَمْ يَلْبَثُوا إِلَّا سَاعَةً مِّنْ نَّهَارٍ بَلَّغَ فَهَلْ
يُهْلِكُ إِلَّا الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

So be patient just as the resolute among the apostles were patient, and do not seek to hasten [the punishment] for them. The day when they see what they are promised, [it will be] as though they had remained only an hour of a day. This is a proclamation. So shall anyone be destroyed except the transgressing lot?

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

**O Allah send Your blessings on Muhammad
and the family of Muhammad.**

**Please recite
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for
ALL MARHUMEEN**