

سورة الواقعة

Súráh al-Wāqi‘ah
(the imminent)

Súráh # 56

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Chapter 56 - Súrah al-Wāqi‘ah

The surah that opens by naming the occurrence of the end of time with the title, The Imminent; for all who deny that it is coming will never believe it when finally it happens. It takes its name from , which mentions “the Imminent Hour” (al-wāqi‘ah) i.e., the Day of Resurrection. The surah whose central message is stated in its opening verses: the Day of Judgement is inevitable and it will sort people into the humiliated and the richly rewarded. As in the previous surah, people are divided into three classes: those brought near to God (the best of the believers), those on the right (the ordinary believers), and those on the left (the disbelievers). Ample proof is given of God’s power and consequently His ability to bring about the Resurrection.

The surah is also known as: That Which is Coming, The Indisputable Event, The Inevitable, The Inevitable Event, The Occurrence, The Terror.

This surah was revealed in Makkah. The Holy Prophet (S) has said that a person who recites this surah will not be from among the absent-minded ones. Poverty does not come near this person.

Chapter 56 - Súrah al-Wāqi'ah

Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (A) said that the one who recites surah al-Waqi'ah will have a shining face of the Day of Reckoning. It is narrated from Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (A) that whoever recites this surah on every Friday, will be from those whom Allah (s.w.t.) loves and he will be loved by people also. He will be free from troubles and poverty and will be counted from the loyal companions of Imam Ali (A). Reciting this surah on a dead person leads to all his sins being forgiven and if the person is on his deathbed then he will die with ease.

Keeping this surah in one's possession is a means of increase in sustenance. Imam Ali Zainul Abideen (A) has narrated that if a person recites this surah (at night) on the first night of the lunar month and then continues to recite the same surah, increasing the number of times to coincide with the date, such that on the tenth night he recites it ten times, until the fourteenth night, then his sustenance will increase greatly.

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.**

إِذَا وَقَعَتِ الْوَاقِعَةُ ﴿١﴾

When the Imminent [Hour] befalls

لَيْسَ لَوْفَعَتَهَا كَاذِبَةٌ ﴿٢﴾

—there is no denying that it will befall—

خَافِضَةٌ رَّافِعَةٌ ﴿٣﴾

[it will be] lowering, exalting.

إِذَا رُجَّتِ الْأَرْضُ رَجًا ﴿٤﴾

When the earth is shaken violently,

وَبُتَّتِ الْجِبَالُ بَسًّا ﴿٥﴾

and the mountains are shattered into bits

فَكَانَتْ هَبَاءً مُنْبَثًا ﴿٦﴾

and become scattered dust,

وَكُنْتُمْ أَزْوَاجًا ثَلَاثَةً ﴿٧﴾

you will be three groups:

فَأَصْحَابُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ ﴿٨﴾

**The People of the Right Hand
—and what are the People of the Right Hand?**

﴿ ٩ ﴾ وَأَصْحَابُ الْمَشْأَمَةِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الْمَشْأَمَةِ

**And the People of the Left Hand
—and what are the People of the Left Hand?**

وَالسَّابِقُونَ السَّابِقُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

And the Foremost Ones are the foremost ones:

أُولَئِكَ الْمُقَرَّبُونَ ﴿١١﴾

they are the ones brought near [to Allah],

فِي جَنَّاتٍ النَّعِيمِ ﴿١٢﴾ ﴿١١﴾

[who will reside] in the gardens of bliss.

ثَلَاثَةٌ مِّنَ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿١٣﴾

A multitude from the former [generations]

وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنَ الْآخِرِينَ ﴿١٤﴾

and a few from the latter ones.

عَلَىٰ سُرُرٍ مَّوْضُونَةٍ ﴿١٥﴾

On brocaded couches

﴿ ١٦ ﴾ مُتَّكِنِينَ عَلَيْهَا مُتَّقِبِينَ

reclining on them, face to face.

يَطُوفُ عَلَيْهِمْ وِلْدَانٌ مُّخَلَّدُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

They will be waited upon by immortal youths,

بِأَكْوَابٍ وَأَبَارِيقَ وَكَأْسٍ مِّن مَّعِينٍ ﴿١٨﴾

with goblets and ewers
and a cup of a clear wine,

لَا يُصَدُّعُونَ عَنْهَا وَلَا يُنزِفُونَ ﴿١٩﴾

**which neither causes them headache
nor stupefaction,**

﴿ ٢٠ ﴾ وَفَكِيهَةٍ مِّمَّا يَتَخَيَّرُونَ

and such fruits as they prefer

وَلَحْمِ طَيْرٍ مِّمَّا يَشْتَهُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

and such flesh of fowls as they desire,

﴿ ٢٢ ﴾ وَحُورٌ عَيْنٌ

and big-eyed houris

كَأَمْثَلِ اللُّؤْلُؤِ الْمَكْنُونِ ﴿٢٣﴾

like guarded pearls,

﴿ ٢٤ ﴾ جَزَاءٌ بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

a reward for what they used to do.

لَا يَسْمَعُونَ فِيهَا لَغْوًا وَلَا تَأْتِيهَا ﴿٢٥﴾

**They will not hear therein
any vain talk or sinful speech,**

إِلَّا قِيلًا سَلَامًا سَلَامًا ﴿٢٦﴾

but only the watchword, 'Peace!' 'Peace!'

﴿ ٢٧ ﴾ وَأَصْحَابُ الْيَمِينِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الْيَمِينِ

**And the People of the Right Hand
—what are the People of the Right Hand?**

فِي سِدْرٍ مَّخْضُودٍ ﴿٢٨﴾

Amid thornless lote trees

﴿ ٢٩ ﴾ وَطَلْحٍ مَّنْضُودٍ

and clustered spathes

وَضَلِّ مَمْدُودٍ ﴿٣٠﴾

and extended shade,

﴿ ٣١ ﴾ وَمَاءٍ مَّسْكُوبٍ

and ever-flowing water

وَفَاكِهَةٍ كَثِيرَةٍ ﴿٣٢﴾

and abundant fruits,

لَا مَقْطُوعَةٍ وَلَا مَمْنُوعَةٍ ﴿٣٣﴾

neither inaccessible, nor forbidden,

وَفُرُشٍ مَّرْفُوعَةٍ ﴿٣٤﴾

and noble spouses.

إِنَّا أَنشَأْنَهُنَّ إِنشَاءً ﴿٣٥﴾

We have created them with a special creation,

فَجَعَلْنَهُنَّ أَبْكَارًا ﴿٣٦﴾

and made them virgins,

عُرْبًا أُنْرَابًا ﴿٣٧﴾

loving, of a like age,

لَا ضَرْبَ الْيَمِينِ ﴿٣٨﴾

for the People of the Right Hand.

ثَلَاثَةٌ مِّنَ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾

A multitude from the former [generations]

وَأَمَّا مِّنَ الْآخِرِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾

and a multitude from the latter [ones].

وَأَصْحَابُ الشِّمَالِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الشِّمَالِ ﴿٤١﴾

**And the People of the Left Hand
—what are the People of the Left Hand?**

فِي سَمُومٍ وَأَهْمِيمٍ ﴿٤٢﴾

Amid infernal miasma and boiling water

وَضَلِيلٍ مِّنْ يَّجْمُومِ ﴿٤٣﴾

and the shadow of a dense black smoke,

لَا بَارِدٌ وَلَا كَرِيمٌ ﴿٤٤﴾

neither cool nor beneficial.

إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ مُتْرَفِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾

Indeed they had been affluent before this,

وَكَانُوا يُصِرُّونَ عَلَى الْحِنثِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٤٦﴾

and they used to persist in the great sin.

وَكَانُوا يَقُولُونَ أَإِذَا مِتْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا وَعِظْمًا أَأَنْنَا لَمَبْعُوثُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾

And they used to say, 'What! When we are dead and become dust and bones, shall we be resurrected?'

أَوْءَابَاؤُنَا الْأَوَّلُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾

And our forefathers too?'

قُلْ إِنَّ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾

Say, 'Indeed the former and latter generations

لَمَجْمُوعُونَ إِلَىٰ مِيقَاتِ يَوْمٍ مَّعْلُومٍ ﴿٥٠﴾

**will all be gathered
for the tryst of a known day.**

سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ
إِنَّا لِلَّهِ
وَأَنَّا إِلَيْهِ
رَاغِبُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

**Then indeed,
you, astray deniers,**

لَأَكْلُونَ مِنْ شَجَرٍ مِّنْ زُقُومٍ ﴿٥٢﴾

will surely eat from the Zaqqūm tree

﴿ ٥٣ ﴾ فَمَالِئُونَ مِنْهَا الْبُطُونَ

and stuff your bellies with it,

فَشْرَبُوا عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْحَمِيمِ ﴿٥٤﴾

and drink boiling water on top of it,

فَشَرِبُونَ شُرْبَ الْهَيْمِ ﴿٥٥﴾

drinking like thirsty camels.'

هَذَا نُزُلُهُمْ يَوْمَ الدِّينِ ﴿٥٦﴾

**Such will be the hospitality they receive
on the Day of Retribution.**

نَحْنُ خَلَقْنَاكُمْ فَلَوْلَا تُصَدِّقُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

**We created you.
Then why do you not acknowledge it?**

أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تُمْنُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

Have you considered the sperm that you emit?

﴿٥٩﴾ ءَأَنْتُمْ تَخْلُقُونَهُ أَمْ نَحْنُ الْخَالِقُونَ

**Is it you who create it,
or are We the creator?**

نَحْنُ قَدَرْنَا بَيْنَكُمْ الْمَوْتَ وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمَسْبُوقِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾

**We have ordained death among you,
and We are not to be outmaneuvered**

عَلَىٰ أَنْ يُبَدَّلَ أَمْثَلَكُمْ وَنُشِئَكُمْ فِي مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

**from replacing you with your likes
and recreating you in [a realm] you do not know.**

وَلَقَدْ عَلِمْتُمُ النَّشْأَةَ الْأُولَىٰ فَلَوْلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

**Certainly you have known the first genesis,
then why do you not take admonition?**

أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تَحْرُثُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

Have you considered what you sow?

﴿ ٦٤ ﴾ **أَأَنْتُمْ تَرْزُقُونَهُمْ أَمْ نَحْنُ الرَّزَّاقُونَ**

**Is it you who make it grow,
or are We the grower?**

لَوْ نَشَاءُ لَجَعَلْنَاهُ حُطَامًا فَظَلْتُمْ تَفَكُّهُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

**If We wish, We surely turn it into chaff,
whereat you are left stunned [saying to yourselves,]**

إِنَّا لَمُغْرَمُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾

'Indeed we have suffered loss!

بَلْ نَحْنُ مَحْرُومُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾

Rather we are deprived!

أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ الْمَاءَ الَّذِي تَشْرَبُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

Have you considered the water that you drink?

﴿ ٦٩ ﴾ **أَأَنْتُمْ أَنْزَلْتُمُوهُ مِنَ الْمُزْنِ أَمْ نَحْنُ الْمُنزِلُونَ**

**Is it you who bring it down from the rain cloud,
or is it We who bring [it] down?**

﴿ ٧٠ ﴾ لَوْ نَشَاءُ جَعَلْنَاهُ أُجَاجًا فَلَوْلَا تَشْكُرُونَ

**If We wish We can make it bitter.
Then why do you not give thanks?**

﴿ ٧١ ﴾ أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ النَّارَ الَّتِي تُورُونَ

Have you considered the fire that you kindle?

﴿ ٧٢ ﴾ **أَأَنْتُمْ أَنْشَأْتُمُ شَجَرَتَهَا أَمْ نَحْنُ الْمُنشِئُونَ**

**Was it you who caused its tree to grow,
or were We the grower?**

نَحْنُ جَعَلْنَاهَا تَذْكَرًا وَرَحْمَةً لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٧٣﴾

**It was We who made it a reminder
and a boon for the desert-dwellers.**

فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٧٤﴾

So celebrate the Name of your Lord, the All-supreme.

فَلَا أُقْسِمُ بِمَوَاقِعِ النُّجُومِ ﴿٧٥﴾

**So I swear
by the places where the stars set!**

وَإِنَّهُ لَقَسَمٌ لِّو تَعْلَمُونَ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٧٦﴾

And indeed it is a great oath, should you know.

إِنَّهُ لَقُرْآنٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٧٧﴾

This is indeed a noble Qur'ān,

فِي كِتَابٍ مَّكْنُونٍ ﴿٧٨﴾

in a guarded Book,

لَا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ ﴿٧٩﴾

—no one touches it except the pure ones—

تَنْزِيلٌ مِّنْ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٨٠﴾

gradually sent down from the Lord of all the worlds.

أَفَبِعَذَابِنَا أَتُمْ مَذْهَبُونَ ﴿٨١﴾

What! Do you take lightly this discourse?

﴿ ٨٢ ﴾ وَتَجْعَلُونَ رِزْقَكُمْ أَنَّكُمْ تُكَذِّبُونَ

And make your denial of it your vocation?

فَلَوْلَا إِذَا بَلَغَتِ الْحُلُقُومَ ﴿٨٣﴾

So when it reaches the throat [of the dying person]

وَأَنْتُمْ حِينِيذٍ تَنْظُرُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾

and at that moment you are looking on

وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْكُمْ وَلَكِنْ لَا تُبْصِرُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

—and We are nearer to him than you are,
though you do not perceive—

فَلَوْلَا إِن كُنْتُمْ غَيْرَ مَدِينِينَ ﴿١٦﴾

then why do you not, if you are not subject

تَرْجِعُونَهَا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾

**[to the Divine dispensation], restore it,
should you be truthful?**

فَأَمَّا إِنْ كَانَ مِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ ﴿٨٨﴾

Then, if he be of those brought near,

﴿ ١٩ ﴾ فَرُوحٌ وَرَيْحَانٌ وَجَنَّتُ نَعِيمٍ

then ease, abundance, and a garden of bliss.

﴿ ٩٠ ﴾ وَأَمَّا إِنْ كَانَ مِنَ أَصْحَابِ الْيَمِينِ

And if he be of the People of the Right Hand,

﴿ ٩١ ﴾ فَسَلَامٌ لَّكَ مِنَ أَصْحَابِ الْيَمِينِ

then 'Peace be on you,'
[a greeting] from the People of the Right Hand!

﴿ ٩٢ ﴾ وَأَمَّا إِنْ كَانَ مِنَ الْمُكْذِبِينَ الضَّالِّينَ

**But if he be of the impugners,
the astray ones,**

فَنُزِّلُ مِنْ سَمِيمٍ ﴿٩٣﴾

then a treat of boiling water

وَتَضَلِّيَهُ جَحِيمٍ ﴿٩٤﴾

and entry into hell.

إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ الْحَقُّ الْيَقِينُ ﴿٩٥﴾

Indeed this is certain truth.

﴿ ٩٦ ﴾ فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ

So celebrate the Name of your Lord, the All-supreme!

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

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

**Please recite
Surat al-Fatihah
for
ALL MARHUMEEN**