

MIFTAAH ONLINE



QURAN EXEGESIS

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SESSION 1

Tafseer – Week 1

عن علي بن أبي طالب رضي الله عنه قال: أما إني سمعت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يقول: ((ألا إنها ستكون فتنة، فقلت: ما المخرج منها يا رسول الله؟ قال: كتاب الله، فيه نبأ ما كان قبلكم، وخبر ما بعدكم، وحكم ما بينكم، وهو الفصل ليس بالهزل، من تركه من جبار قصمه الله، ومن ابتغى الهدى في غيره أضله الله، وهو حبل الله المتين، وهو الذكر الحكيم، وهو الصراط المستقيم، هو الذي لا تزيغ به الأهواء، ولا تلتبس به الألسنة، ولا يشبع منه العلماء، ولا يخلق على كثرة الرد، ولا تنقضي عجائبه، هو الذي لم تنته الجن إذا سمعته حتى قالوا: إِنَّا سَمِعْنَا قُرْآنًا عَجَبًا يَهْدِي إِلَى الرُّشْدِ [الجن: 1-2]، من قال به صدق، ومن عمل به أجر، ومن حكم به عدل، ومن دعا إليه هدي إلى صراط مستقيم)) رواه الترمذي (2906)

Background:

- The Qur'an gives us stories of the people that came before us to help contextualize our lives. There is relevancy to what is happening in our day and age. More importantly, the Qur'an also depicts what happens in the next world. This Qur'an is a guidance and the path to Allah SWT. It has been preserved by Allah SWT by divine decree. It needs no reform, but the people need a reformation of the hearts.

EDUCATION | PRESERVATION | APPLICATION

- The Qur'an is the only way to true guidance
- Umar (RA) once asked the Prophet (SAW) if he may present some scripts of the Torah to him. The Prophet (SAW) became very upset and said: "Even if Musa (AS) were to be among you today and you left me to follow him, you would all go astray."

Surah Al Waqiah

- Located in the 27th Juz' of the Qur'an
- It is a Makki Surah
- Preceding Surah: Surah Rahman
- Surah Rahman:
 - Begins with praising Allah (SWT)
 - Expresses the mercy of Allah (SWT)
 - Mentions Jahannam then Jannah
- Surah Waqiah:
 - Ends with praising Allah (SWT)
 - Expresses the justice of Allah (SWT)
 - Mentions Jannah then Jahannam

First verse

- The verse depicts when the reality happens.
- There are different ways Allah SWT depicts the Day of Judgment, including this.
 - One of the names is Al-Waqiah, which is the reality.
 - It is not a matter of if, it is a matter of when it will happen.

- When this belief in the Day of Judgment is solidified, it gives one the ability to reconcile injustice or death, knowing Allah SWT is the Most Just.
- On his deathbed, Abdullah ibn Masood RA, who was a great scholar of Qur'an, was asked about his daughters and if they would be provided for. He said that he was not worried about any poverty afflicting them because he taught them to recite Surah Al-Waqiah, and whoever recites this surah every night, poverty will not afflict them.

The Reality

- Yawm al-Qiyamah is the Day of Qiyam, which is standing.
- Qiyam is the standing position within salaah and in this context it is when everyone stands up from their graves.
- Waqia is when the reality takes place.
- The main theme is the reality of the Day of Judgment taking place.
- When the Day of Judgment becomes real for us, so will Heaven and Hell.

Names of the Day of Judgment

- Yawm Al Hasarah – Day of regret (a depressive feeling, could have done more)
- Yawm Al Nidama – simple regret
- Yawm Al Muhaseba – day of account
- Yawm Al Zalzala – when the earth will shake
- Yawm al Qaria – the calamity

- Yawm al Ghashiya – when the faces are covered (by joy or misery)
- Yawm al Haqqa – the reality, the truth
- Yawm al-Tanad – the announcement (of the successful or exposed)
- Yawm al-Hisab – day of reckoning
- Yawm al-Hashr - when everything is gathered
- Yawm al-Fasl – distinguishing (the right and wrong)
- Yawm al Wazn – good and bad deeds weighed
- Yawm al Jaza – day of compensation
- Yawm al Farar – day of running from each other
- Yawm al Jamaa – when everyone is gathering
- Yawm al Liqa – when the meeting takes place with Allah SWT

The Hope

- For believers, the Day of Judgment is as fast as the two rakat before Fajr salaah.
- 'Aisha RA stated that the Prophet SAW used to pray those rakat so fast that he did not know whether or not he said Fatiha.
- This is a heavy surah, but it can make us stronger if we carry it.