



Tafseer – Week 6

Verse 41

وَأَصْحَابُ الشَّمَالِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الشَّمَالِ

“And those on the Left Hand Who will be those on the Left Hand?”

- This refers to the people of the left, who will get their book of deeds in their left hand.
- They will have wished that they never received their books.
- These are people who have led a life of complete negligence and heedlessness.

Verse 42

فِي سَمُومٍ وَحَمِيمٍ

“In fierce hot wind and boiling water,”

- Allah SWT wants to show that even such things as wind and water, which we seek comfort from, can be punishments if He wills.

- Fakhr Ar Raazi stated "If the thing which is meant to be cold will be hot for them, then imagine how hot the things which are meant to be hot will be".
- "Samm" means poison.
 - The air will be so polluted that it will be as if they are inhaling poison.

Verse 43

وَزِلَّةٌ مِّنْ يَّخْمُومٍ

"And shadow of black smoke,"

- "Yahmoom" can mean:
 - A mountain in Jahannam which the people of Jahannam will go to but it will be burning hot
 - A name of Jahannam
 - The smoke of Jahannam
 - The darkness of Jahanam

Verse 44

لَا بَارِدٍ وَلَا كَرِيمٍ

"Neither cool, nor (even) good,"

- They will have no form of coolness or comfort.
- "Baarid" can refer to any physical good.
- "Kareem" can refer to any psychological good.

Verse 45

إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ مُتْرَفِينَ

"Verily, before that, they indulged in luxury,"

- They were so oblivious in luxury, they didn't pay attention to their responsibilities.
- These are people that indulged in affluence, showed off extensively, and caused corruption with their wealth.
- We know that wealth is not always a bad thing. It has the power to raise our ranks if used properly.

Verse 46

وَكَانُوا يُصِرُّونَ عَلَى الْجِنِّ الْعَظِيمِ

"And were persisting in great violation"

- They were convinced that there is no resurrection or afterlife.

Verse 47

وَكَانُوا يَقُولُونَ أَيُّدَا مِثْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا وَعِظَامًا أَأَنَا لَمَبْعُوثُونَ

"And they used to say: "When we die and become dust and bones, shall we then indeed be resurrected?"

- These next ayahs are referring to those that refused to believe that they would be resurrected.

Verse 48

أَوَابَاؤُنَا الْأُولُونَ

"And also our forefathers?"

- They are even in disbelief that their forefathers would be resurrected.

Verse 49

قُلْ إِنَّ الْأُولِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ

"Say (O Muhammad): "(Yes) verily, those of old, and those of later times."

Verse 50

لَمَجْمُوعُونَ إِلَىٰ مِيقَاتِ يَوْمٍ مَّعْلُومٍ

"All will surely be gathered together for the appointed Meeting of a known Day."

- Nobody will be left out. Everyone will be summoned.
- Allah SWT refers to the Day of Judgment as the Known Day, meaning that it is not something new.

Verse 51

ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ أَيُّهَا الضَّالُّونَ الْمُكذِّبُونَ

"Then moreover, verily, you the erring-ones, the deniers (of Resurrection)"

Verse 52

لَاكُلُونَ مِنْ شَجَرٍ مِّنْ زَقُّومٍ

"You verily will eat of the trees of Zaqqum."

- This tree of Zaqqum is a tree in the depths of hell.
- The fruits on this tree resemble the heads of shaytaan, which will be one of the most terrifying sights.

Verse 53

فَمَالِئُونَ مِنْهَا الْبُطُونَ

"Then you will fill your bellies therewith,"

Verse 54

فَشَارِبُونَ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْحَمِيمِ

"And drink boiling water on top of it,"

- The water will be so hot that it will rip up their intestines.
- It's a mixture of the puss and blood of the people of Jahannam.
- The Prophet SAW stated that if a bucket of the puss in Jahannam were to be poured into this world, there would be nobody left alive.

Verse 55

فَشَارِبُونَ شُرْبَ الْهَيْمِ

“And will drink as the drinking of thirsty camels”

- “Heem” is a camel which keeps drinking and doesn’t stop until it dies.

Verse 56

هَذَا نُزُلُهُمْ يَوْمَ الدِّينِ

“That will be their accommodation on the Day of Recompense!”

- Allah SWT is informing us that everything that has been mentioned will just be their reception so imagine the rest.

Verse 57

نَحْنُ خَلَقْنَاكُمْ فَلَوْلَا تُصَدِّقُونَ

“We created you, then why do you not believe?”

- Allah SWT then starts engaging us intellectually in these next ayahs.

Verse 58

أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تُمْنُونَ

“Have you seen that which you emit?”

- Allah SWT reminds us in multiple places that we were nothing. We all came from a single drop of fluid.
- Today, embryologists see this miracle of life and how the smallest of details create all of humanity.

Verse 59

أَأَنْتُمْ تَخْلُقُونَهُ أَمْ نَحْنُ الْخَالِقُونَ

“Is it you who created it, or are We the Creator?”

Verse 60

نَحْنُ قَدَّرْنَا بَيْنَكُمُ الْمَوْتَ وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمَسْبُوقِينَ

“We have decreed death to you all, and We are not to be outdone,”

- Allah SWT is reminding us that death is inevitable; it is a decree from Allah.

Verse 61

عَلَىٰ أَنْ نُبَدِّلَ أَمْثَالَكُمْ وَنُنشِئَكُمْ فِي مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

“To transfigure you and create you in (forms) that you know not.”

- This can mean that Allah SWT can take you away and switch you out with someone else.

Verse 62

وَلَقَدْ عَلِمْتُمُ النَّشْأَةَ الْأُولَىٰ فَلَوْلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ

“And indeed, you have already known the first form of creation (i.e. the creation of Adam), why then do you not take heed?”

Verse 63

أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تَحْرُثُونَ

"And have you seen that [seed] which you sow?"

- Allah SWT brings different concepts of growth in this surah.
 - He SWT begins with speaking about the birth of humans.
 - Now He SWT discusses the life of a seed/plant.

Verse 64

أَأَنْتُمْ تَزْرَعُونَهُ أَمْ نَحْنُ الزَّارِعُونَ

"Is it you who makes it grow, or are We the grower?"

Verse 65

لَوْ نَشَاءُ لَجَعَلْنَاهُ حُطَامًا فَظَلْتُمْ تَفَكَّهُونَ

"If We willed, We could make it [dry] debris, and you would remain in wonder,"

Verse 66

إِنَّا لَمُغْرَمُونَ

"[Saying], "Indeed, we are [now] in debt;"

Verse 67

بَلْ نَحْنُ مَحْرُومُونَ

"Rather, we have been deprived."