

# Ramadan Immersion

## The Dominion: Tafsir of Surah Al-Mulk

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تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ (1)

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ

الْغَفُورُ (2)

Verse #1 - 2

Blessed is the One in Whose Hands rests all authority. And He is Most Capable of everything. (1)

‘He is the One’ Who created death and life in order to test which of you is best in deeds. And He is the Almighty, All-Forgiving. (2)

الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا ۗ مَا تَرَىٰ فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ مِن تَفَوتٍ ۗ فَارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ هَلْ تَرَىٰ مِن فُطُورٍ (3)

ثُمَّ ارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ كَرَّتَيْنِ يَنْقَلِبْ إِلَيْكَ الْبَصَرُ خَاسِئًا وَهُوَ حَسِيرٌ (4)

‘He is the One’ Who created seven heavens, one above the other. You will never see any imperfection in the creation of the Most Compassionate.<sup>1</sup> So look again: do you see any flaws? (3)

Then look again and again—your sight will return frustrated and weary. (4)

Verse #3 - 4

وَلَقَدْ زَيَّنَّا السَّمَاءَ الدُّنْيَا بِمَصَابِيحَ وَجَعَلْنَاهَا رُجُومًا لِلشَّيَاطِينِ ۗ  
وَأَعْتَدْنَا لَهُمْ عَذَابَ السَّعِيرِ (5)

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ ۗ وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ (6)

And indeed, We adorned the lowest heaven with 'stars like'  
lamps, and made them 'as missiles' for stoning  
'eavesdropping' devils, for whom We have also prepared the  
torment of the Blaze. (5)

Those who disbelieve in their Lord will suffer the punishment  
of Hell. What an evil destination! (6)

Verse #5 - 6

وَإِذَا أُلْقُوا فِيهَا سَمِعُوا لَهَا شَهِيقًا وَهِيَ تَفُورُ (7)

تَكَادُ تَمَيِّزُ مِنَ الْغَيْظِ ۖ كُلَّمَا أُلْقِيَ فِيهَا فَوْجٌ سَأَلَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ

نَذِيرٌ (8)

When they are tossed into it, they will hear its roaring as it boils over (7)

almost bursting in fury. Every time a group is cast into it, its keepers will ask them, “Did a warner not come to you?” (8)

Verse #7 - 8

قَالُوا بَلَىٰ قَدْ جَاءَنَا نَذِيرٌ فَكَذَّبْنَا وَقُلْنَا مَا نَزَّلَ اللَّهُ مِن شَيْءٍ إِنْ أَنْتُمْ

إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ كَبِيرٍ (9)

Verse #9 - 10

وَقَالُوا لَوْ كُنَّا نَسْمَعُ أَوْ نَعْقِلُ مَا كُنَّا فِي أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ (10)

They will reply, “Yes, a warner did come to us, but we denied and said, ‘Allah has revealed nothing. You are extremely astray.’” (9)

And they will lament, “If only we had listened and reasoned, we would not be among the residents of the Blaze!” (10)

فَاعْتَرَفُوا بِذَنبِهِمْ فَسُحْقًا لِأَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ (11)

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَخْشَوْنَ رَبَّهُم بِالْغَيْبِ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ (12)

## Verse #11 - 12

And so they will confess their sins. So away with the residents  
of the Blaze! (11)

Indeed, those in awe of their Lord without seeing Him<sup>1</sup> will  
have forgiveness and a mighty reward. (12)

وَأَسْرُوا قَوْلَكُمْ أَوِ اجْهَرُوا بِهِ ۗ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ (13)

أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ (14)

## Verse #13 - 14

Whether you speak secretly or openly—He surely knows best what is 'hidden' in the heart (13)

How could He not know His Own creation? For He 'alone' is the Most Subtle, All-Aware (14)



هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمْ الْأَرْضَ ذُلُولًا فَامْشُوا فِي مَنَاكِبِهَا وَكُلُوا مِنْ رِزْقِهِ  
وَالِيهِ النُّشُورُ (15)

## Verse #15 - 16

أَمِنْتُمْ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ أَنْ يَخْسِفَ بِكُمْ الْأَرْضَ فَإِذَا هِيَ تَمُورُ (16)

He is the One Who smoothed out the earth for you, so move about in its regions and eat from His provisions. And to Him is the resurrection 'of all'(15)

Do you feel secure that the One Who is in heaven will not cause the earth to swallow you up as it quakes violently?(16)

أَمْ أَمِنْتُمْ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ أَنْ يُرْسِلَ عَلَيْكُمْ حَاصِبًا ۖ فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ

نَذِيرٍ (17)

Verse #17 - 18

وَلَقَدْ كَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ (18)

Or do you feel secure that the One Who is in heaven will not unleash upon you a storm of stones. Only then would you know how 'serious' My warning was! (17)

And certainly those before them denied 'as well', then how severe was My response! (18)

## Verse #19 - 20

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى الطَّيْرِ فَوْقَهُمْ صَافَاتٍ وَيَقْبِضْنَ ۗ مَا يُمَسِّكُهُنَّ إِلَّا الرَّحْمَنُ ۗ  
إِنَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ بَصِيرٌ (19)

أَمَّنْ هَذَا الَّذِي هُوَ جُنْدٌ لَكُمْ يَنْصُرُكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ الرَّحْمَنِ ۗ إِنَّ الْكَافِرِينَ إِلَّا  
فِي غُرُورٍ (20)

Have they not seen the birds above them, spreading and folding their wings? None holds them up except the Most Compassionate. Indeed,

He is All-Seeing of everything. (19)

Also, which 'powerless' force will come to your help instead of the Most Compassionate? Indeed, the disbelievers are only 'lost' in delusion (20)

أَمَّنْ هَذَا الَّذِي يَرْزُقُكُمْ إِنْ أَمْسَكَ رِزْقَهُ ۗ بَلْ لَجُّوا فِي عُتُوٍّ وَنُفُورٍ (21)

أَفَمَنْ يَمْشِي مُكِبًّا عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِ أَهْدَىٰ أَمَّنْ يَمْشِي سَوِيًّا عَلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ

مُسْتَقِيمٍ (22)

## Verse #21 - 22

Or who is it that will provide for you if He withholds His provision? In fact, they persist in arrogance and aversion 'to the truth' (21)

Who is 'rightly' guided: the one who crawls facedown or the one who walks upright on the Straight Path? (22)

قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْشَأَكُمْ وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ ۗ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ (23)

Verse #23 - 24

قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي ذَرَأَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَإِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ (24)

Say, 'O Prophet,' "He is the One Who brought you into being and gave you hearing, sight, and intellect. 'Yet' you hardly give any thanks." (23)

'Also' say, "He is the One Who has dispersed you 'all' over the earth, and to Him you will 'all' be gathered."(24)

## Verse #25 - 26

وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هَذَا الْوَعْدُ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ (25)

قُلْ إِنَّمَا الْعِلْمُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ (26)

‘Still’ they ask ‘the believers’, “When will this threat come to pass, if what you say is true?”(25)

Say, ‘O Prophet,’ “That knowledge is with Allah alone, and I am only sent with a clear warning.” (26)

## Verse #27 - 28

فَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ زُلْفَةً سِيئَتْ وُجُوهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَقِيلَ هَذَا الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ

تَدْعُونَ (27)

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَهْلَكَنِي اللَّهُ وَمَنْ مَعِيَ أَوْ رَحِمَنَا فَمَنْ يُجِيرُ الْكَافِرِينَ مِنْ

عَذَابِ أَلِيمٍ (28)

Then when they see the torment drawing near, the faces of the disbelievers will become gloomy, and it will be said 'to them', "This is what you claimed would never come." (27)

Say, 'O Prophet,' "Consider this: whether Allah causes me and those with me to die or shows us mercy, who will save the disbelievers from a painful punishment?" (28)

قُلْ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ أَمَّنَّا بِهِ وَعَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا ۖ فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ مَنْ هُوَ فِي ضَلَالٍ

مُبِينٍ (29)

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ مَاؤُكُمْ غَوْرًا فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِمَاءٍ مَعِينٍ (30)

Say, “He is the Most Compassionate—in Him ‘alone’ we believe, and in Him ‘alone’ we trust. You will soon know who is clearly astray.”(29)

Say, “Consider this: if your water were to sink ‘into the earth’, then who ‘else’ could bring you flowing water?” (30)

Verse #29 - 30