

STUDY GUIDE



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The Guidance for Humanity

Based on the Glorious Qur'an and Authentic Hadith

TAFSEER OF QUR'AN

PART 2

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From the series: Tafseer of Qur'an

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To read Surah An Naba' and An Nazi'aat
2. To be able to identify the Makki Surahs from the Madani Surahs
3. To enumerate the incidences on the Day of Judgement
4. To reply the sceptical questions regarding the Day of Judgement

COURSE OUTLINE

QUESTION & ANSWER BUCKET

TRANSCRIPTS

ASSESSMENT

Multiple Choice Questions

Match the Columns

True or False

COURSE DURATION

Video – 2 hours 20 min

Study Guide – 45 min

Assessment – 10 min

Total Duration – 3 hours 15 min

LESSON 1

Surah An Naba' - Chapter 78, Verses 21-30





1

Hell awaiting the transgressors and disbelievers – Suratun Naba' (Verses 21-28)

Allah says in Surat An Naba', verse 21 onwards that Hell is a place of ambush waiting for those who are 'Taghnoon' the transgressors, whether disbelievers or believers.

They will abide therein for ages. Nothing cool shall they taste therein, nor any drink, except boiling water, and dirty wound discharges.





So, the stars are an Aayah (sign) of His magnificence; the sun is an Aayah, and all other signs that point to Allah's magnificence, which the transgressors disbelieved, and also did not hope for the Hereafter, meaning did not believe in its occurrence.





2

Deeds' Record – Suratun Naba' (Verses 29-30)

Every single thing a person does is recorded in a book. And this is the scariest part. If you forget, Allah never forgets. When you neglect things, you will find it on the Day of Judgement recorded.

Every glance you made, everything you listened to with your ears, every single letter that came out of your mouth, and everything is recorded, and you will be held accountable for it. If it is good, you will be rewarded, and if it is evil, you will be punished.





While in punishment, every time one thinks he got the maximum punishment, it is intensified endlessly further.

There they will be told, "So taste you; no increase shall We give you, except in torment." And this depresses them more and more.



Yet it is fair since they had been informed and warned.

People's deeds will be presented to them, and the punishable ones will be questioned and held responsible for their misdeeds.

LESSON 2

Surah An Naba' - Chapter 78, Verses 31-36





3 Winning Paradise is the ultimate success – Suratun Naba' (Verses 31-36)

Moving on to the final phase of the Surah. Now, from verse 31 onwards, Allah talks about the reward of the people of Paradise.

Allah tells us in the Qur'an:



"Verily, for the Muttaqoon, there will be a success, that is Paradise."

People who are described as Al Muttaqeen, are called as such because they set up a barrier between them and Allah's torment by fulfilling Allah's commandments.





i

The gardens in Paradise

Allah tells us that part of Paradise that they are rewarded would be gardens with all kinds of fruit with no limit as regards the quality and quantity.



The Prophet (pbuh) says,

“In Paradise, there are things that had never crossed a person's heart or mind, nor an eye has seen, and nor an ear has heard of.”





ii The Souk in Paradise

Men go to the Souk to have fun. And when they go back to their families and wives, Allah sends the northern wind that increases their beauty and charm. So, when they reach their mansions, they look at their wives and say, "By Allah, you are more beautiful than we had left you." And the wives look at the men and say, "By Allah, you are more handsome than when you had left." And this happens every single week, till eternity.





iii The fair maidens in Paradise

Allah says in the following verse, Ayaah 33, "Wa Kaawa'iba Atraaba" two words, young, full breasted mature maidens of equal age (33 years).





iv Drinks in Paradise

Allah says that among the things that would be in Paradise, "Wa Ka'san Dihaaqa." And this translates to 'And a full cup of wine'. Your cup is always full, no matter how many times you drink of it, it's always full.

There are four great rivers in Paradise: A river of wine, a river of milk, a river of honey, and a river of water, with characteristics that are beyond our imagination.





V No vain talks in Paradise

“They would not hear any Laghw”, two things that they will not hear: Laghw and lying. What is Laghw? Laghw is saying anything other than the truth.

Dirty, false, evil talk would be considered part of Laghw. Slandering, swearing, shouting, saying bad words, is all Laghw.

Although a believer will drink wine in Paradise, there will no Laghw. The wine is sweet and has no hangovers.

Allah says that this is a generous gift from Allah and recompense. The size of a gift depends on the giver. When the giver is great the gift is also great. Now this is a gift from the possessor of the heavens and the earth.

LESSON 3

Surah An Naba' - Chapter 78, Verses 37-40





4 None speaks except with Allah's permission – Suratun Naba' (Verses 37-38)

On the Day when the Rooh (the Spirit, the Archangel, Gabriel) and the angels will stand in lines, none shall speak unless:

- i He is granted permission to speak
- ii and he says what is right.

The Day of Judgement is also called the True Day. It is inevitable, real and will truly come to pass.





5

The issue of freewill – Suratun Naba' (Verse 39)

The issue of freewill is an issue of confusion among a lot of the folks and the people. As Believers and Muslims, we believe that there are six pillars of Eemaan. And the last one is to believe in destiny, to believe in the preordainment, whether it's good or bad.



In an authentic Hadith, the Prophet (pbuh) tells us that when Allah created the Pen, Allah told the Pen to write. So, the Pen said, what shall I write, my Lord? And Allah told the Pen to write everything that is going to happen until the Day of Judgment.



So, if you lift your hand, it is written. Even if you put it down, it is written; if you look at your laptop, it is written. Everything you will do is written down.





6

Hell awaits determined sinners – Suratun Naba' (Verse 40)



Allah says in the following Ayah:

“Verily, We have warned you of a near torment, the Day when man will see that which his hands have sent forth, and the disbelievers will say, I wish I were dust.”





i The least punishment in Hell

The least to be punished in Hell is a charcoal, a stone of fire that would be put in one's sandals. From the heat generated by it, his brain will boil. This is the least to be tormented. So, if you smoke and Allah wanted to punish you for smoking though you pray five times a day and you fast Ramadhān, etc. This is your punishment. What if Allah wants to punish you for taking interest, buying your home on mortgage, fornicating, consuming intoxicants, being unfair to your wife, your neighbours, your parents, disrespectful to the elders, etc. Well, you do the math.





ii The disbelievers wish they were dust

This can mean either of two meanings:

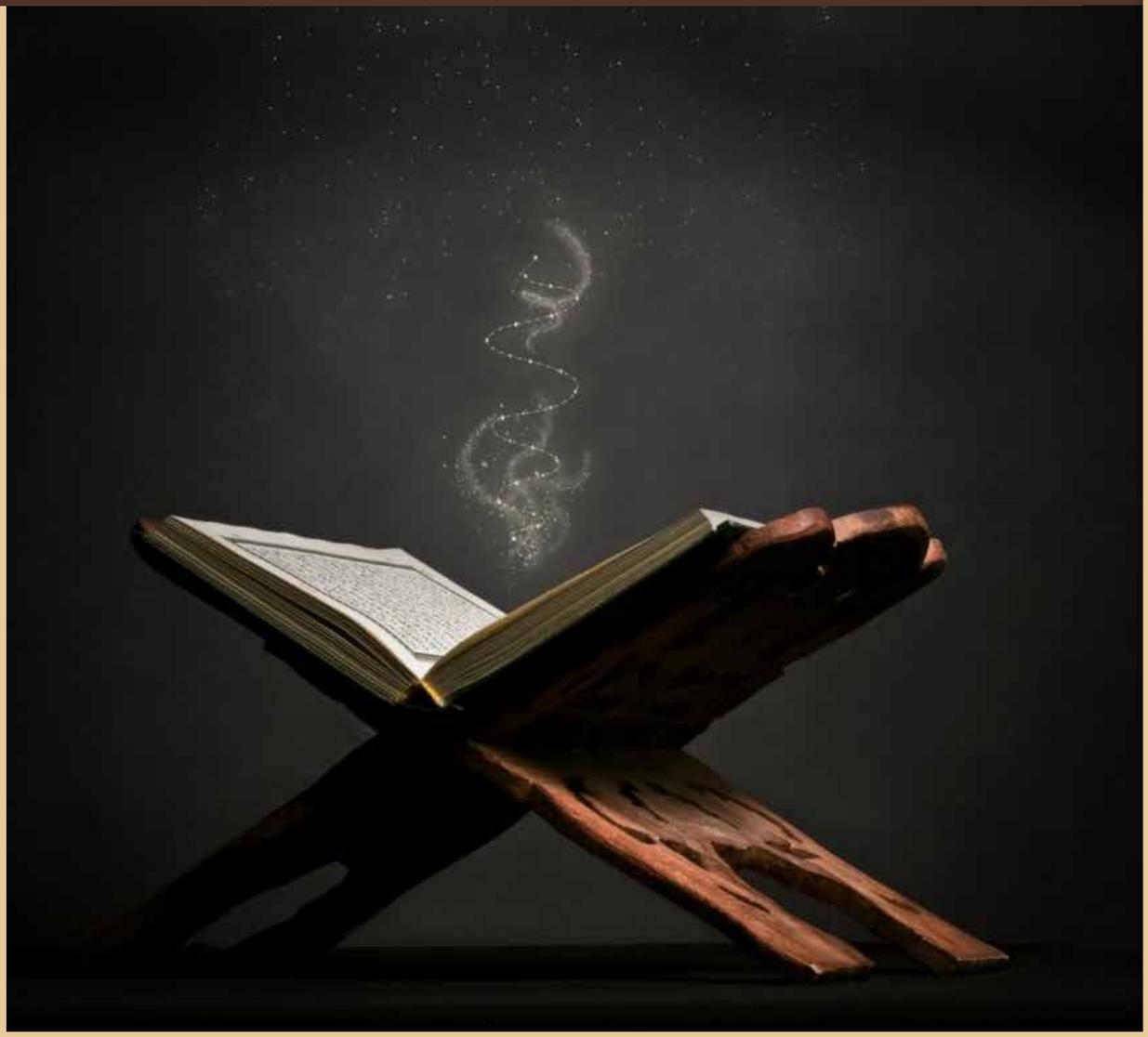
- a** They would wish they were not created
- b** They would wish they were dust or soil

Both meanings lead to the fact that they would wish they were not resurrected.



LESSON 4

Surah An Naazi'aat - Chapter 79, Verses 1-5





7 Surat An-Naziat – a Purview

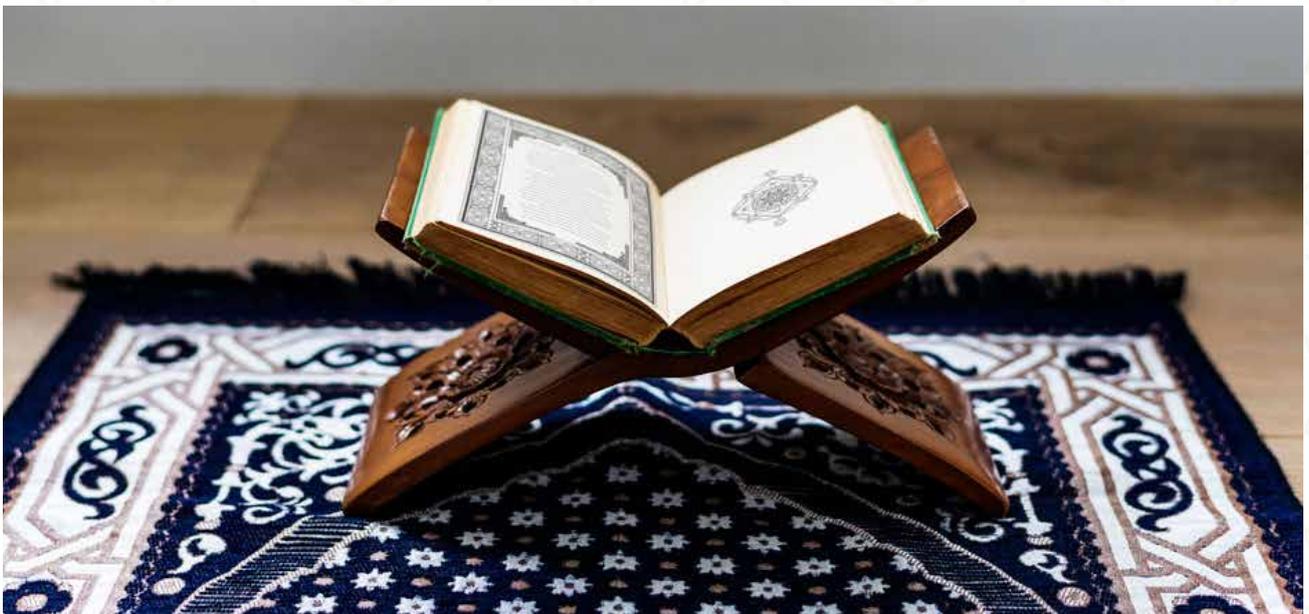
Points dealt with in the Surah:

- i The angels having different tasks.
- ii The two blows of the Trumpet where people are annihilated and then resurrected.
- iii The fates of the previous nations.
- iv A reminder of Allah's favours and blessings and of the inevitable destination to be either Heaven or Hell.
- v How people wonder when the Day of Judgment comes, and reflect on the previous life, estimating it to be few minutes rather than hundreds of years.



8 Characteristics of Makki Surahs

- i Focus on Tawheed
- ii They talk about the Day of Judgment, about angels, the messengers, the books, the destiny and the preordainment.
- iii Makki Surahs established as a system of morality and they focus on the general concept of forms of worship but in general terms.
- iv Makki Surahs focus on the previous nations that the Arabs had glimpses of.
- v Makki Surahs have short verses, unlike the Madani Surahs, where you have long verses with lots of rulings and verdicts.





9

The oaths at the beginning of the Surah

In Arabic, oaths are used for emphasis. As Muslims, we are not allowed to take or make an oath, except by Allah's names and attributes. If someone makes an oath with a name other than that of Allah, this is a form of associating others with Allah.



Now, when it comes to the Qur'an, Allah the Creator of all Creations, the Owner of what you see and what you do not see, has the right to make an oath with whatever He wants, and no one could object to that because He is the Owner. He is the Legislator.

Also when Allah swears by something, it is an indication to the honour and the status of such a thing.



10 Angels of Death – Suratul Nazi'aat (Verses 1-5)

We have two types of angels, angels that take the souls out of the disbelievers violently and those who take out the souls of the believers gently. In these two verses, Allah is swearing by two types of angels, one that takes out the souls of the disbelievers violently, while the other takes the souls of the believers gently.

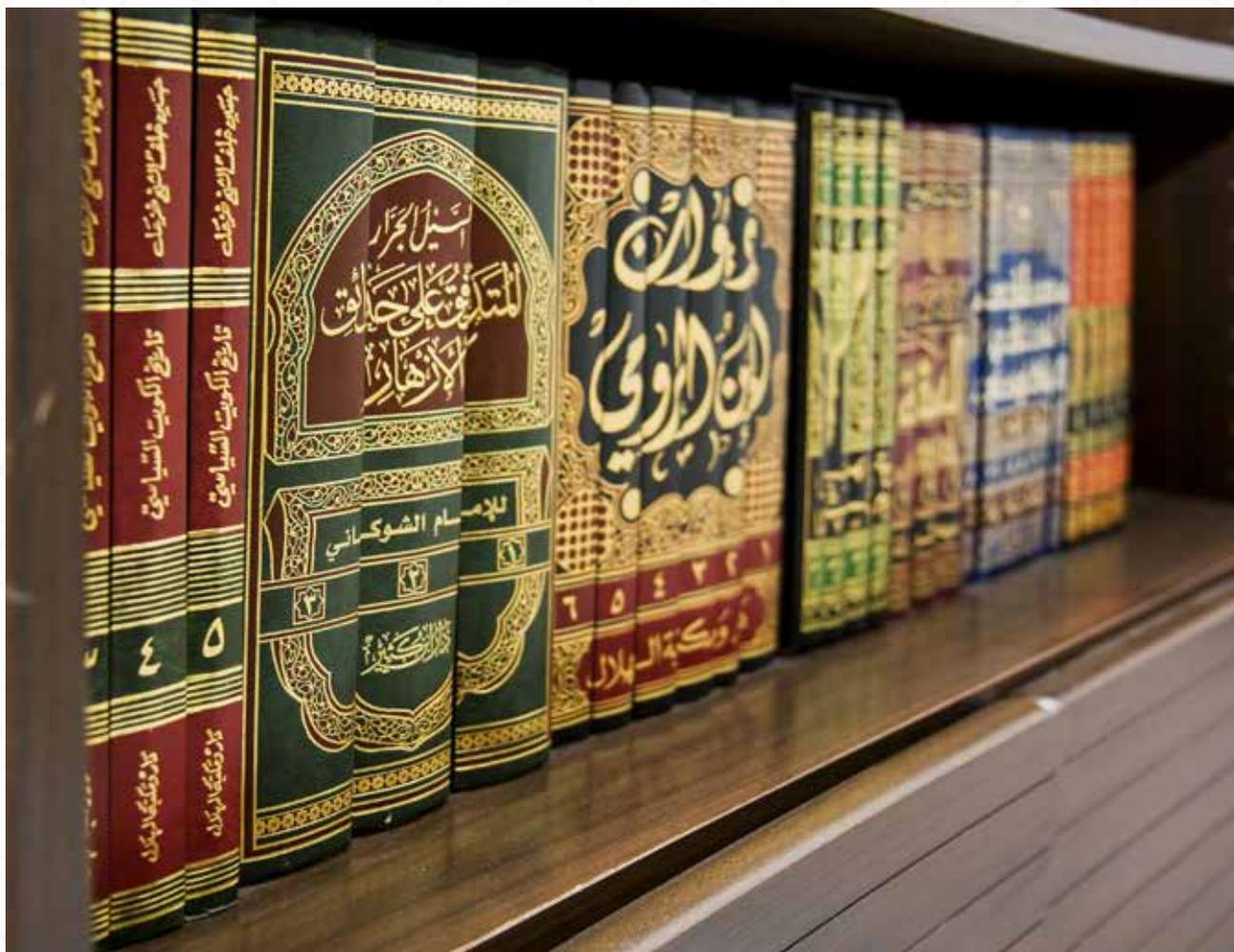




A long Hadith contains the Prophet's (pbuh) description of how the angels of death take the soul of a disbeliever where he likens it to a rod of iron with different thorns being pulled through wet wool, whereas the soul of a believer comes out in a gentle way as if it is a drop coming out of a water pot.



On death, Muslims very often see their dying people suffer a lot of pain. This also happened to the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) himself. These pains purge them in their last moments and add up to their rewards. However, the two verses speak about finally taking out the souls, not the pre-death sufferings.



"And by those who arrange to do the Commands of their Lord". The angels do what Allah tells them to do to the letter with no freedom of choice. And these angels do not help Allah.



11 Angel's jobs

- i Jibreel is appointed to carry revelation
- ii Israfil is appointed to blow the Trumpet, where he would resurrect with the grace of Allah, the people from their death.
- iii And Mikael is the one appointed to make the rain fall and to cause the plants to grow.
- iv There is an angel of death. People call him Azrael, but this is not his name. His name is the angel of death.





- v There is the angel of Hell appointed for Hell, the Hell keeper, whose name is Malik.
- vi There are angels for protecting the individuals.
- vii There are angels on your side writing the good deeds and the bad deeds. There are angels of different types and forms. It's a Pillar of Eemaan to believe in their existence.
- viii There are those who carry the Throne of Allah, the distance between the earlobe of anyone of them and his shoulder is such that is traversed only in 700 years' time.



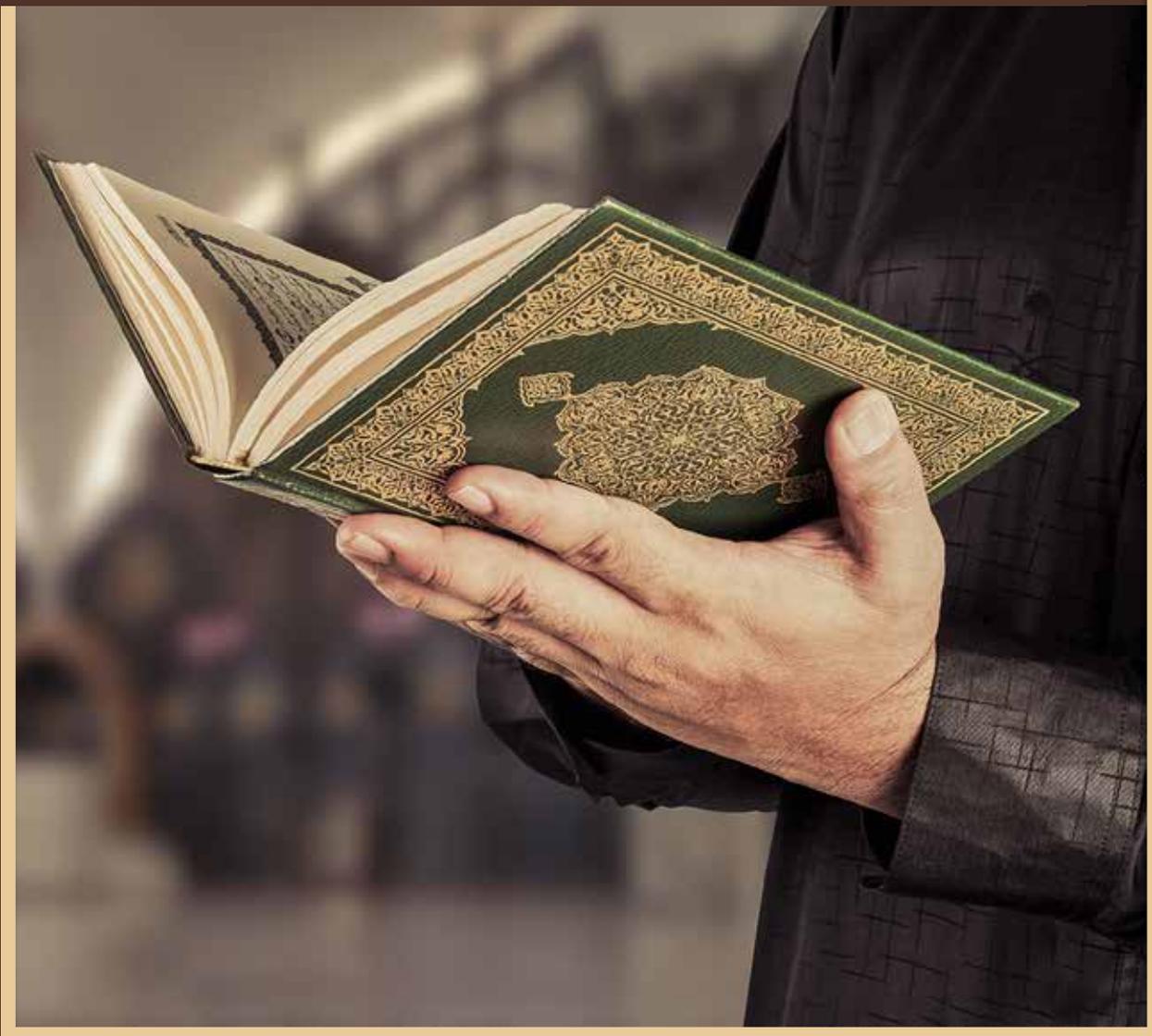


- ix** There are those who pray for the believers wherever they are.
- x** There are those who write the livelihood, the life-time. They write all of their good deeds and bad deeds. They are away from bad things and they're always in your house, protecting you supplicating to Allah and asking Allah for Mercy for you. And that is why Allah loves His angels and that is why Allah honours them.



LESSON 5

Surah An Naazi'aat - Chapter 79, Verses 6-14





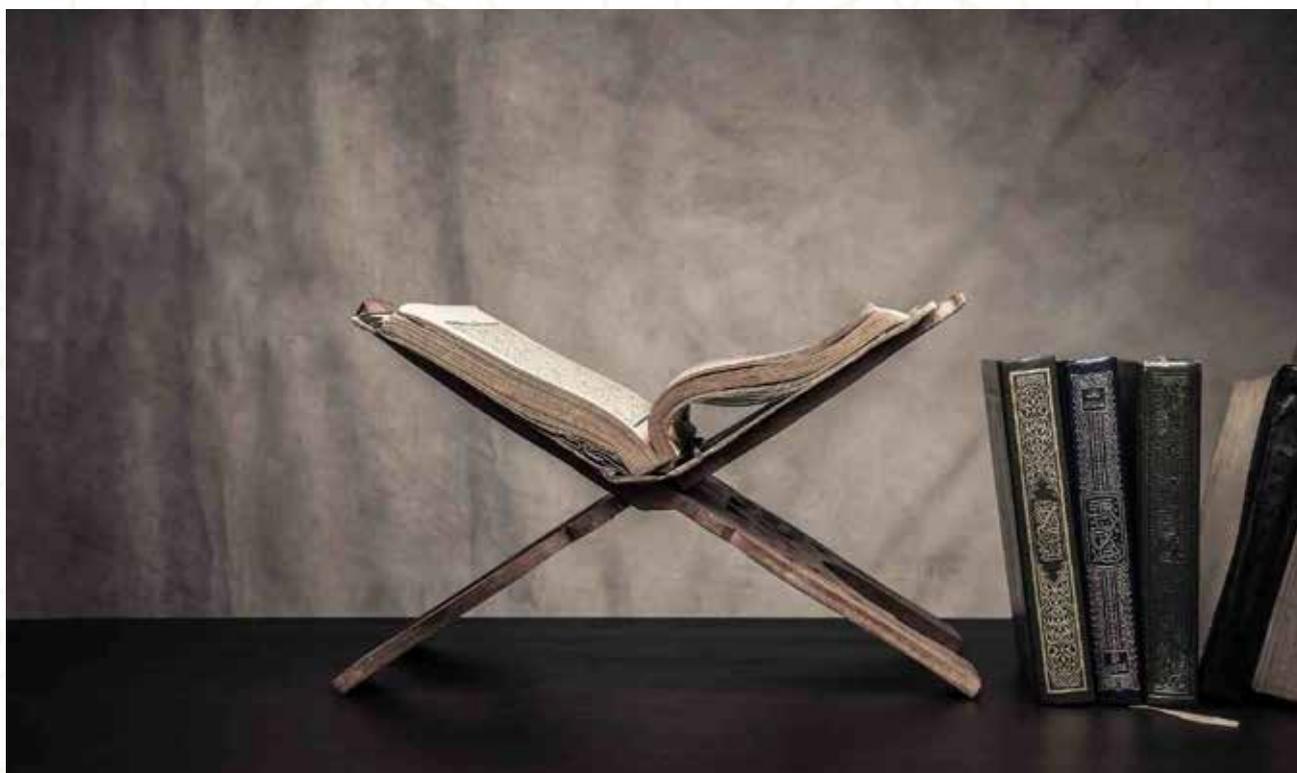
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Two big incidences – Suratun Nazi'aat (Verses 6-10)

Allah (swt) says in Ayah number 6: “Yawma Tarjufur Raajifa.” There will be a Day of Reckoning. When is that day? Tatba'uhar Raadifa. Araajifa is the first blow in the Trumpet causing people die, and is followed by Raadifa, where people are resurrected from their graves.

Allah says: Hearts on that Day will shake with fear and anxiety. Of course, the people will be divided into two:

- i** People whose hearts are filled with fear and anxiety
- ii** People who will suffer no fear or sadness





Allah says: Their eyes are cast down. Their eyes are in humility and submissiveness; they look down, they cannot look up because they know that they come with burdened and heavy shoulders with sins, lusts and desires. It is pay time.



Allah says about those who deny the Resurrection in Ayah number 10: When they are taken out of the graves, they say, who has woken us up? Who is taking us out of our graves and of our resting places?

Al Haafirah could mean life, could mean Earth, and it could also mean Hell. But most likely, it is in reference to life after death because they say: Shall we be returned?



13 Lessons deducted – Suratun Nazi'aat (Verses 6-14)

In these beautiful short Ayahs, we could learn several lessons. Among them are:

- i Allah can swear with whatever of His Creatures that He would want to swear with. And we will find that throughout the remaining Surahs that Allah swears with the dawn, with the sun, with the moon, with the night with everything that Allah would like to honour.
- ii We learn that the souls of the believers are extracted in a very gentle way, while the souls of the disbelievers are extracted in a painful way.





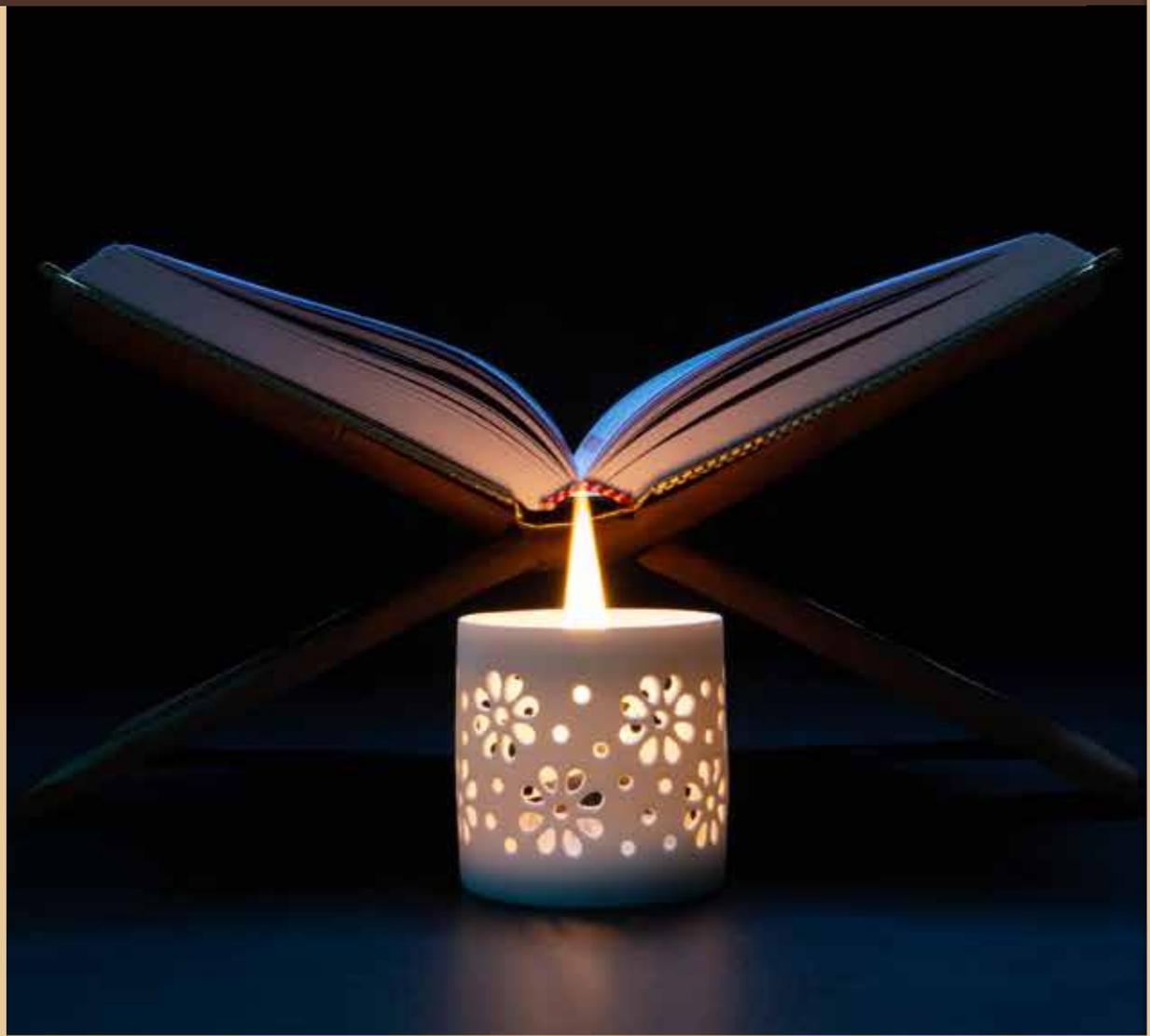
- iii Allah plants the Aqeedah and the belief in the Day of Judgment and the process of Resurrection in our hearts so that this would be the best drive for us to please Him and stay away from what displeases Him.



- iv Learning from past nations.

LESSON 6

Surah An Naazi'aat - Chapter 79, Verses 15-26





14 Prophet Moses (pbuh) confronts Pharaoh – Suratun Nazi'aat (Verses 15-26)

Despite the wise and gentle preaching of Moses, who fulfilled the command and invited him to the faith in hope for his return to the truth, the Pharaoh rejected the faith. And that is why Allah said: Allah the Almighty seized him with the punishment for his last and first. That is, claiming that there is no god other than him, and that he was the highest lord, commanding adoration, which is a flagrant transgression.





Lessons derived from the story:

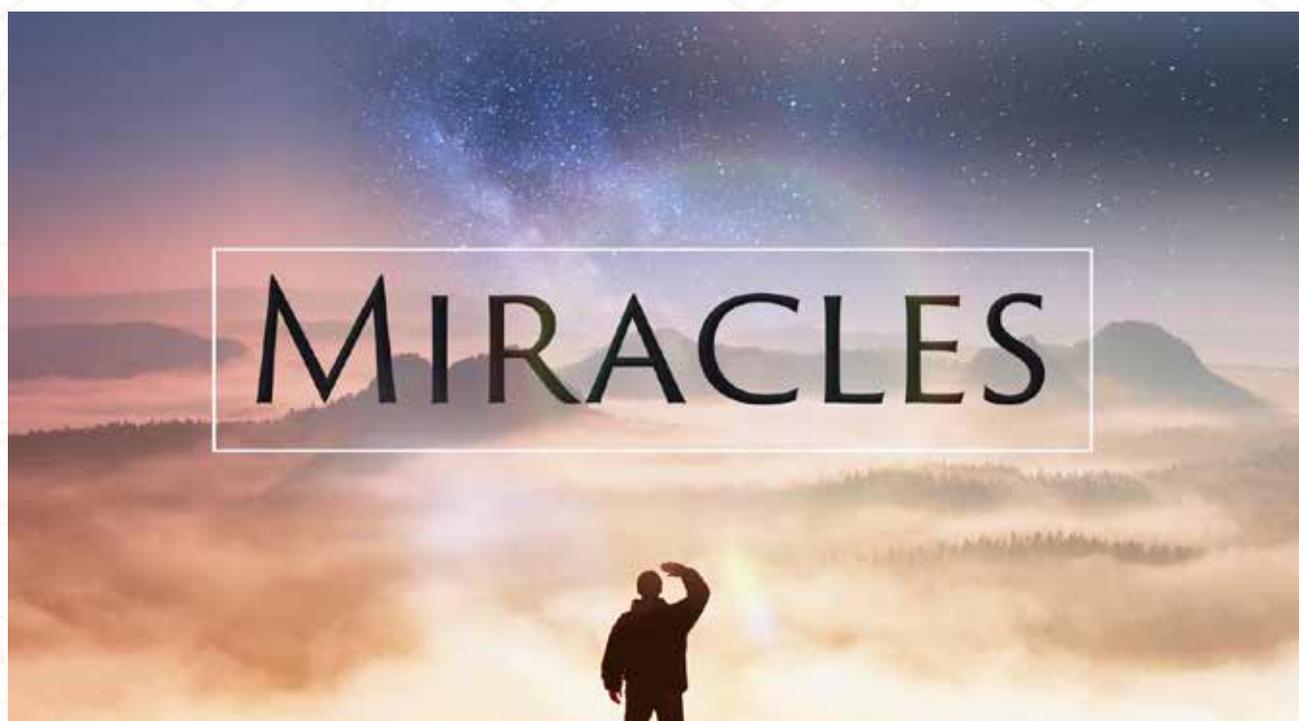
- i** We learn that Allah provides His Messenger with previous examples, so as to resist the counteracts of the disbelievers.
- ii** Allah spoke to Prophet Musa (pbuh) directly.
- iii** There is no purification for the soul without applying Islam to it.



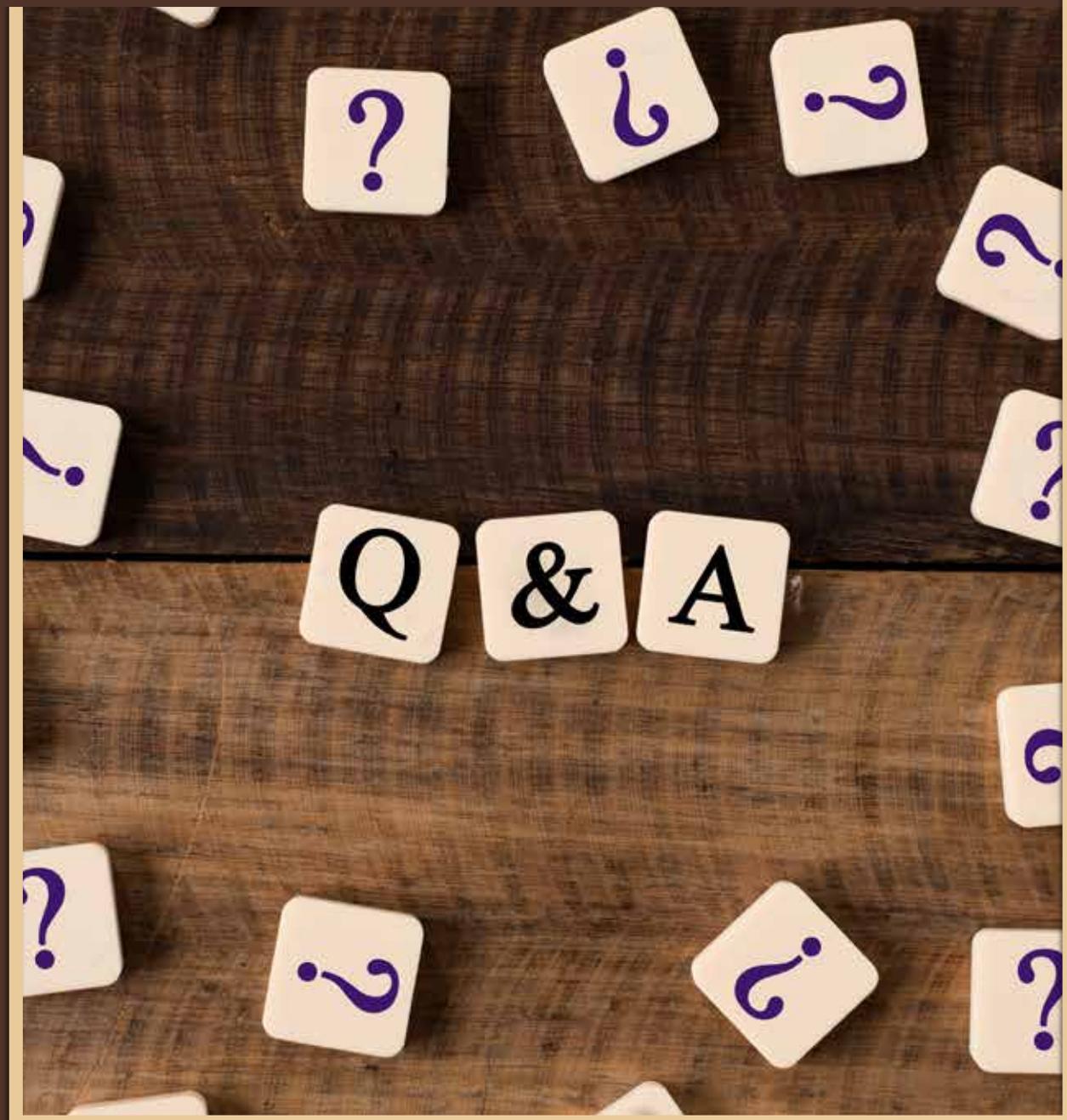
- iv** Fearing Allah could happen only when you know Allah and when you know His beautiful names and attributes and this is portrayed in performing what Allah commands you to do, and staying away from what Allah forbids you to do.



V And finally, the existence of Miracles does not necessarily mean that there will be belief and conviction afterwards. Many times, one may see Miracles and Signs, yet they lead one nowhere. This is what happened with Pharaoh who rejected these Miraculous Signs that came to him. And he died as the worst Kafir.



Question and Answer Bucket





Q1

Why are male spouses in Paradise not described?

Answer

Because the women are bashful. They are shy. We don't talk to women describing men for them. And they themselves don't allow people to talk to them like this. Unlike men, unlike boys. This is what they live for. This shows you the difference in psychology between a male and a female.

Q2

Why is there in Paradise multiplicity of wives and not multiplicity of husbands?

Answer

- i Men, by nature, can love more than women do.
- ii A man can love four and can marry four. This is how Allah created us.



- iii A woman, as they say, needs only one man. She loves only one man. This is how Allah has created her. This is nature, which is manipulated and changed by the media. And that is why we have a problem with the genders.

Q3 If a person has his fate already written, where is the freedom of choice?

Answer

If I ask you to go to a high rise and throw yourself down. Then if I tell you if you are a Believer, take a leap down, and if Allah has written down for you that you will fall on your feet and walk without any injury or harm, it shall happen. But if not, you will die and end up like a pizza on the pavement. Go ahead and jump.

Would you jump? Definitely no one. If someone considers jumping, all others will consider him responsible for evil consequences.

No one will blame the destiny at all.



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