

Surah 40. Al-Mu'min

40.1 Ha M'im.

40.2 The revelation of this Book is from Allah, the Almighty, the All-Knowledgeable,

40.3 the forgiver of sins, the Acceptor of repentance, the Stern in punishment and the Lord of bounty; there is no god except Him, to Whom all shall return.

40.4 None dispute the revelations of Allah but those who disbelieve; so let not their affluent activity in the land deceive you.

40.5 Before them the people of Nuh denied the Message and so did other groups after them. Every nation plotted against its Prophet, seized him and sought to refute the truth through false arguments; but I smote them, and how terrible was My retribution!

40.6 Thus shall the Word of your Rabb be proved true against the disbelievers; they are the inmates of hellfire.

40.7 Those angels who bear the Throne of Allah and those who stand around it glorify their Rabb with His praises, believe in Him and implore forgiveness for the believers, saying: "Our Rabb! You embrace all things with your mercy and knowledge. Forgive those who repent and follow Your Way, and save them from the punishment of the blazing fire.

40.8 O Rabb, admit them to the gardens of Eden which You have promised them together with all the righteous among their fathers, their wives and their descendants. You are the All-Mighty, All-Wise.

40.9 Deliver them from all evil. He whom You will deliver from the punishment of their sins on that Day will surely earn Your Mercy and that will surely be the highest achievement.

40.10 On the Day of Judgement it will be said to the disbelievers: "Allah's hatred towards you was far greater - during your worldly life when you were called to the Faith and you used to refuse - than your hatred of yourselves."

40.11 They will say: "Our Rabb! Twice have You made us die and twice have You given us life. We now confess our sins. Is there any way out?"

40.12 They shall be answered: "You are facing this fate because when you were asked to believe in Allah, the One and Only, you disbelieved; but when you were asked to commit shirk (associate other partners with Him), you believed. Today judgement rests with Allah, the Supreme, the Great."

40.13 It is He Who shows you His signs and sends down sustenance from the heavens for you. Yet, none learns a lesson, from the observation of these signs, except those who turn to Him.

40.14 So invoke Allah with sincere devotion to Him (worship none but Him) however much the unbelievers may dislike it.

40.15 Possessor of the Highest Rank, the Master of the Throne of Authority sends down the Spirit by His command on those of His servants whom He chooses, that he (the Prophet who received the revelations) may warn mankind of the Day when they shall meet Him.

40.16 The Day when they all shall come forth from their graves with nothing hidden from Allah. It will be asked: "Whose is the Kingdom today?" No one shall dare to speak, and Allah Himself will say: "It is Allah's, the One, the Irresistible.

40.17 Today every soul shall be rewarded for whatever it has earned; today there shall be no injustice; surely Allah is swift in settling accounts."

40.18 O Prophet, warn them of the Day that is drawing near, when the hearts will leap up to the throats with grief; when the wrongdoers will have neither friend nor intercessor who could be given heed to.

40.19 Allah knows the furtive looks and the secret thoughts,

40.20 and Allah will judge with all fairness. As for those whom the unbelievers invoke besides Him, will not be in a position to judge at all. Surely it is Allah Alone Who Hears all and Sees all.

40.21 Have they not travelled through the land and seen what was the end of those who have gone before them? They were far greater in power than these and left great traces in the land: but Allah seized them for their sins and there was none to protect them from Allah.

40.22 That was because there came to them their Rasools with clear revelations and they denied them: so Allah seized them. Mighty is He indeed and stern is His retribution.

40.23 Indeed We sent Musa with Our signs and a clear authority,

40.24 to Fir'on (Pharaoh) Haman and Qarun (Korah); but they called him 'a sorcerer, a liar'.

40.25 Then, when he brought them the truth from Us, they said: "Kill the sons of those who share his faith and spare only their females." But futile were the schemes of the unbelievers.

40.26 Finally Fir'on said: "Let me kill Musa; and let him invoke his Rabb! I fear that he may change your religion or that he may cause mischief to appear in the land."

40.27 Musa said: "I have indeed taken refuge in my Rabb and your Rabb from every arrogant one who does not believe in the Day of Reckoning."

40.28 At this, a believer from among the relatives of Fir'on, who had kept his faith hidden, said: "Will you kill a man merely because he says: `My Rabb is Allah, specially when he has brought you clear signs from your Rabb? If he is lying, may his lie be on his head; but if he is speaking the truth, then some of the dreadful things he is threatening you with may very well fall on you. Surely Allah does not guide the one who is a lying transgressor.

40.29 O my people! You are the rulers and are dominant in the land today: but who will help us against the scourge of Allah, should it befall us?" Fir'on said: "I am pointing out to you only what I see and I am guiding you only towards the right way."

40.30 Then the person who was a true believer said: "O my people! In fact I fear for you the day of disaster like of what befell prior people,

40.31 such as the people of Nuh, `Ad and Thamud and those who came after them, and Allah does not intend to wrong His servants.

40.32 And O my People! I fear for you the Day of wailing,

40.33 when you will turn your backs and flee, when there will be none to protect you from Allah. The one to whom Allah lets go astray, shall have none to guide him.

40.34 Do you remember that long time before this, Yusuf came to you with clear signs, but you ever remained in doubt concerning to what he brought; and when he died you said: 'After him, Allah will never send another Rasool.' Thus Allah confounds the ones who are the doubting transgressors,

40.35 who dispute the revelations of Allah having no authority vouchsafed to them. Such an attitude is disgusting in the sight of Allah and of the believers. Thus Allah seals up the heart of every arrogant transgressor."

40.36 After hearing this, Fir'on said: "O Haman! Build me a high tower that I may attain the means of access,

40.37 an access to the heavens, so that I may see the God of Musa, I am convinced that he is lying." Thus Fir'on was seduced by his foul deeds and he turned away from the Right Way. The schemes of Fir'on led him to nothing but destruction.

40.38 The man who was true believer, said: "O my people! Follow me, I shall guide you to the Right Way.

40.39 O my people! The life of this world is only temporary enjoyment, while the abode of hereafter is everlasting.

40.40 The one who does evil shall be recompensed to the extent of the evil done; and the one who is a believer and does good deeds, whether man or woman, shall enter the paradise and therein receive sustenance without measure.

40.41 And O my people! How is it that I call you to salvation, while you call me to the fire?

40.42 You bid me to deny Allah and worship other gods I know nothing of; while I bid you to worship the All-Mighty, the All-Forgiving.

40.43 No doubt you call me towards those who can be invoked neither in this world nor in the hereafter. In fact, we all have to return back to Allah and the transgressors are the ones who shall go to hell.

40.44 So bear in mind what I have told you, I am entrusting my affairs to Allah, surely Allah is ever watchful over His servants."

40.45 So Allah saved that believer from all those evil plots that the people devised against him, and the people of Fir'on were overtaken by a horrible scourge.

40.46 It is the fire of hell before which they are presented morning and evening, and on the Day when the time of their Judgment will come, it will be commanded: "Make the people of Fir'on (Pharaoh) to enter the severest punishment."

40.47 Then imagine that time when these people will start arguing with each other in the fire, and the weak followers will say to the arrogant leaders: "We were your followers: can you now save us from some of these flames?"

40.48 The arrogant leaders will reply: "We are all in it together! Allah has already judged between His servants."

40.49 Also imagine when the dwellers of fire will ask the Keepers of hell: "Pray to your Rabb for relieving our punishment at least for one day!"

40.50 The Keepers of hell will ask: "Did there not come to you Rasools with clear revelations?" "Yes," they will answer. The Keepers of hell will say: "Then pray yourselves." But vain shall be the prayer of the disbelievers.

40.51 We surely will help Our Rasools and the believers both in this world's life and on the Day when the witnesses will take a stand to testify.

40.52 On that Day, no excuses shall avail the wrongdoers. The curse shall be their lot and the worst place will be their home.

40.53 As you can see We gave Musa the Book of guidance and We made the children of Israel to inherit that Book,

40.54 which was a guide and an admonition to the people of understanding.

40.55 So be patient, the promise of Allah is true. Implore forgiveness for your sins and celebrate the praises of your Rabb evening and morning.

40.56 Those who dispute the revelations of Allah with no authority bestowed on them; they nurture in their hearts arrogant ambitions which they shall never attain. Therefore, seek refuge with Allah; It is He Who hears all and sees all.

40.57 Certainly the creation of the heavens and the earth is a greater task than the creation of men; yet most people do not understand.

40.58 The blind and those who can see are not alike, nor are the believers who do good deeds equal to the wicked; yet you seldom think.

40.59 The hour of Doom is sure to come, there is no doubt about it; yet most people do not believe it.

40.60 And your Rabb says: "Call on Me, I will answer your prayers. Surely those who are too arrogant to worship Me shall soon enter hell in humiliation."

40.61 It is Allah Who has made for you the night to rest in and the day to see your way around. Surely Allah is bountiful to mankind, yet most of the people are not thankful.

40.62 Such is Allah your Rabb, the Creator of all things. There is no god but Him. None has the right to be worshipped except Him, so how are you being deluded?

40.63 Thus were deluded those who denied the revelations of Allah.

40.64 It is Allah Who has made the earth a resting place for you, and the sky a canopy. He has molded your bodies and molded them well, and has provided you with good things. Such is Allah your Rabb. So glory be to Allah, the Rabb of the worlds.

40.65 He is the Ever-Living. There is no god but Him. Therefore call upon Him with your sincere devotion. Praise be to Allah, the Rabb of the worlds.

40.66 O Prophet, tell them: "I have been forbidden to invoke those whom you invoke besides Allah. How can I do this when clear revelations have come to me from my Rabb, and I have been commanded to submit myself to the Rabb of the worlds."

40.67 It is He Who has created you from dust, then from a sperm, then from a leechlike mass, then He delivers you from the womb of your mother as a child, then He makes you grow to reach the age of full strength, then He makes you grow to reach an old age - though some of you die earlier - so that you may complete your appointed term and grow in wisdom.

40.68 It is He Who gives you life and causes you to die. It is He Who when He decides to do something, needs only to say: "Be," and it is.

40.69 Do you not see how those who argue about the revelations of Allah turn away from the Right Way?

40.70 Those who have denied the Book and the Message which We have sent through Our Rasools shall soon come to know the truth when they will be cast into the fire of hell:

40.71 when, with yokes and chains around their necks, they shall be dragged

40.72 through scalding fluid and burned in the fire of hell.

40.73 Then they shall be asked: "Where are those gods whom you invoked in worship

40.74 besides Allah?" They will answer: "They have forsaken us, now we have come to know that those to whom we used to invoke, were in fact nothing." Thus Allah confounds the disbelievers.

40.75 It will be said: "You have met this fate because during your life on earth, you took delight in things other than the truth and you led a wanton life.

40.76 Now enter the gates of hell to live therein forever. What an evil abode will be for the arrogant!"

40.77 So be patient, O Prophet, Allah's promise is true. Whether We let you witness the evil consequences with which they are being threatened, or We recall you before We smite them, in any case, they shall all return to Us.

40.78 O Prophet, We have sent many Rasools before you; of them there are some whose stories We have relayed to you and others whose stories We have not relayed to you. It was not possible for any of those Rasools to bring a sign except by the leave of Allah. Then when the command of Allah came, the matter was decided with justice, and it was the wrongdoers who suffered the loss.

40.79 It is Allah Who has provided you with cattle, that you may use some for riding and some for food;

40.80 and there are also other advantages in them for you; they take you where you wish to go carrying you on their backs as ships carry you by the sea.

40.81 Thus, He shows you His signs; then, which signs of Allah you will deny?

40.82 Have they never travelled through the earth and seen what was the end of those who have gone before them? They were more in number and superior in strength than these and they have left behind great traces of their power in the land; yet all that they did was of no avail to them.

40.83 When their Rasools came to them with clear revelations, they proudly boasted about their own knowledge; but the very forewarned scourge at which they mocked, hemmed them in.

40.84 When they saw Our scourge, they cried out: "We believe in Allah, the One and Only, and we reject all those gods whom we used to associate with Him."

40.85 But after seeing Our scourge, their professing the faith (Islam) was of no use to them; such was the practice of Allah in dealing with His servants in the past, and thus the disbelievers were lost.

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