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torments in the depths of Hell. In this way, they will achieve their desire of achieving Paradise, and be protected from the thing they feared, which is Hell.

Verse 57 speaks about this great favour from Allah and states:

### **57. As a Bounty from your Lord! That will be the supreme success!**

This verse explains that being admitted into Paradise with all its pleasures and being protected from the fire of Hell, is nothing more than a great bounty and favour from Allah, and this is indeed the greatest success. This honour and reward which will come to the believers will be from the 'Fadh'l' (grace and bounty) of Allah. It is through His grace, bounty and mercy that He will admit the believers in Paradise and will protect them from Hell.

While speaking about this, it is narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said, 'Work (do good deeds) and strive hard to do the correct thing and come close to it, and know that no one will enter Paradise by virtue of his own deeds'. The Sahabah (Companions) said, 'Not even you, O Messenger of Allah? He said, 'Not even me, except that Allah showers me with His mercy and grace'. (Bukhari, Muslim).

Surah Ad Dukhan goes further in verse 58 and states:

### **58. Certainly, We have made this (Qur'an) easy on your tongue, in order that they may remember.**

This Surah commenced with the mentioning of the Holy Quran and now it concludes also with the mentioning of the Holy Quran. In this verse, Allah states that He has made the Quran easy on the tongue of the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ), so that his people and others may understand it. It was made easy by Allah, since it was revealed in Arabic, which was the language of the Prophet (ﷺ) and also of the people around him. In this manner, it was easy for him to understand it and explain it to the people, and it was also easy for the people to learn it and grasp its message.

At the end of the Surah (Surah Ad Dukhan), Allah gives a warning to the unbelievers and states:

### **59. Wait then (O Muhammad). Verily, they (too) are waiting.**

Here, the Prophet (ﷺ) has been instructed by Allah to wait and see what Allah does with those who oppose him, since they are waiting to see his destruction. At the end, they will come to know who will be helped and gain victory, and whose word will prevail in this world and the hereafter. In this verse, there is a promise of help and victory for the Prophet (ﷺ), and a stern warning/threat to the unbelievers'. (Tafseer Ibn Katheer vol.5 pg. 497; Safwah At Tafaseer vol.15 pg. 67).

## **SURAH AL JAATHIYAH**

### **SYNOPSIS OF SURAH AL JAATHIYAH**

Surah Al Jaathiyah is a Makkan Surah, and like other Makkan Surahs, it discusses matters of the fundamentals of Islam. This includes belief in the Holy Quran; the Prophethood of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ); life after death; Resurrection, and retribution. While expounding on these matters, the Surah also establishes proofs and evidences for the Oneness of Allah, the Lord of the worlds.

The Surah begins by speaking about the Holy Quran and its origin, and shows that it came as a mercy to mankind to guide him to the path of success and goodness.

The Surah then mentions signs/evidences in the heavens (skies) and earth and in the different creations, which point to the existence and greatness of One Supreme Being and Maker.

The Surah also highlights some of the great favours which Allah has bestowed upon man so that he will recognize these and be grateful to Allah. Mention is also made in the Surah about the kindness which Allah extended to the Bani Israeel, but they became ungrateful to Him through denial and transgression.

Allah further establishes in the Surah that in His sight, the sinners are not equal to those who do good and are obedient to Him, and the wicked are not on the same level as the righteous. In this way, Surah

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Al Jaathiyah comes to an end by establishing that on the Day of Judgement, justice shall be given to everyone. On account of the deeds of people, they will be divided into two groups, one will be sent to Paradise and the other will be thrown in the fire of Hell.

The Surah is named 'Al Jaathiyah' which means 'the kneeling', since it speaks about the horrors and terrors which will fill the hearts of people on the Day of Judgement, and on account of fright, they will fall on their knees and humble themselves to Allah, while they await the Reckoning.

**COMMENTARY OF SURAH AL JAATHIYAH**

Surah Al Jaathiyah states in verse 1:

**1. Haa-Meem.**

The Surah begins with the letters 'Haa Meem' which are known as Huroof Al Muqata'ah or the disjointed letters. As mentioned by expert exegetes of the Holy Quran, the meaning of these letters are known to Allah alone, and placing these at the beginning of selected Surahs (chapters), is meant to indicate towards the miraculous nature of the Holy Quran.

Verse 2 speaks about the Holy Quran and states:

**2. The revelation of the Book (this Qur'an) is from Allah, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.**

This verse explains that the Holy Quran is a Book which came directly from Allah, and did not originate from any other being (man, angel or Jinn). It came only from Allah and none else. He is the All Mighty, the Supreme, the Sovereign, the All Powerful, who has absolute power in His kingdom of the heavens and earth. He is the All Wise, whose actions are filled with wisdom. No command or instruction comes from Him except it is filled with wisdom and benefits for the servants.

Surah Al Jaathiyah goes further in verse 3 and states:

**3. Verily, in the heavens and the earth are signs for the believers.**

In this verse and the others that follow, Allah informs man of signs and evidences which indicate and prove His Oneness and great power. In the above verse, He explains that in all the skies and in all the earth, and in what dwells in these places from the creatures, activities and strange affairs, there are brilliant, splendid and dazzling signs that clearly establish that the Being who created these magnificent creations is All Powerful and All Wise. It then becomes evident in the mind and heart of man that there is a Supreme Maker and Creator who is One Being.

Verse 4 continues and states:

**4. And in your creation, and what He scattered (through the earth) of moving (living) creatures are signs for people who have Faith with certainty.**

Here, Allah points directly to man's creation and living creatures that surround him. He reminds man that there are many signs of His existence and great power which he (man) will find if he reflects on his creation. If he considers his own existence, he would see that he was created from a drop of impure liquid which then passed through many stages before he became a complete human being. In a similar manner, if he looks deeply at the moving creatures around him that live on the earth, he will see wonderful and marvelous signs that will bring certainty and conviction to him about the Oneness of Allah.

Verse 5 mentions more signs for man to consider and states:

**5. And in the alternation of night and day, and the provision (rain) that Allah sends down from the sky, and revives therewith the earth after its death, and in the turning about of the winds, are signs for a people who understand.**