

even to be blessed or wretched); and then guided (i.e. showed mankind the right as well as the wrong paths, and guided the animals to pasture).

4. And Who brings out the pasturage,

5. And then makes it dark stubble.

6. We shall make you to recite (the Qur'ân), so you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) shall not forget (it),

7. Except what Allâh may will. He knows what is apparent and what is hidden.

8. And We shall make easy for you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) the easy way (i.e. the doing of righteous deeds).

9. Therefore remind (men) in case the reminder profits (them).

10. The reminder will be received by him who fears (Allâh),

11. But it will be avoided by the wretched,

12. Who will enter the great Fire (and will be made to taste its burning).

13. There he will neither die (to be in rest) nor live (a good living).

14. Indeed whosoever purifies himself (by avoiding polytheism and accepting Islâmic Monotheism) shall achieve success,

15. And remembers (glorifies) the Name of his Lord (worships none but Allâh), and prays (the five compulsory prayers and the *Nawâfil* — additional prayers).

16. Nay, you prefer the life of this world,

17. Although the Hereafter is better and more lasting.

18. Verily, this is in the former Scriptures —

19. The Scriptures of Ibrâhîm (Abraham) and Mûsâ (Moses) (عليهما السلام).

Sûrat Al-Ghâshiyah
(The Overwhelming) LXXXVIII

*In the Name of Allâh,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

1. Has there come to you the narration of the overwhelming (i.e. the Day of Resurrection)?

2. Some faces, that Day will be humiliated (in the Hell-fire,

i.e. the faces of all disbelievers, Jews and Christians),^[1]

3. Labouring (hard in the worldly life by worshipping others besides Allâh), weary (in the Hereafter with humility and disgrace).^[2]

4. They will enter in the hot blazing Fire.

5. They will be given to drink from a boiling spring,

6. No food will there be for them but a poisonous thorny plant,

7. Which will neither nourish nor avail against hunger.

8. (Other) faces that Day will be joyful,

9. Glad with their endeavour (for their good deeds which they did in this world, along with the true Faith of Islâmic Monotheism).^[3]

10. In a lofty Paradise.

11. Where they shall neither hear harmful speech nor falsehood.

12. Therein will be a running spring.

13. Therein will be thrones raised high.

14. And cups set at hand.

15. And cushions set in rows.

16. And rich carpets (all) spread out.

17. Do they not look at the camels, how they are created?

18. And at the heaven, how it is raised?

19. And at the mountains, how they are rooted (and fixed firm)?

20. And at the earth, how it is outspread?

^[1] (V.88:2) It is obligatory to have Belief in the Messengership of the Prophet (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم). Narrated Abu Hurairah رضى الله عنه : Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said: "By Him (Allâh) in Whose Hand Muhammad's soul is, there is none from amongst the Jews and Christians (of these present nations) who hears about me and then dies without believing in the Message with which I have been sent (i.e. Islâmic Monotheism), but he will be from the dwellers of the (Hell) Fire." (*Sahîh Muslim*, the Book of Faith, Vol. 1, *Hadîth* No.153-S.S.M.H.20). See also the footnotes of (V.3:85) and (V.41:46).

^[2] (V.88:3) Narrated 'Abdullâh رضى الله عنه : "The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said one statement and I said another. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said: 'Whoever dies while still invoking anything other than Allâh as a rival to Allâh, will enter Hell (Fire).' And I said, 'Whoever dies without invoking anything as a rival to Allâh, will enter Paradise.'" (*Sahîh Al-Bukhârî*, Vol. 6, *Hadîth* No. 24).

^[3] (V.88:9) See footnote of (V.18:104).

21. So remind them (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) — you are only one who reminds.

22. You are not a dictator over them —

23. Except the one who turns away and disbelieves^[1].

24. Then Allâh will punish him with the greatest punishment.

25. Verily, to Us will be their return;

26. Then verily, for Us will be their reckoning.

*Sûrat Al-Fajr (The Break of
Day or the Dawn) LXXXIX*

*In the Name of Allâh,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

1. By the dawn;
2. By the ten nights (i.e. the first ten days of the month of Dhul-Hijjah)^[2],
3. And by the even and the odd (of all the creations of Allâh).^[3]
4. And by the night when it departs.
5. There are indeed in them (the above oaths) sufficient proofs for men of understanding (and that, they should avoid all kinds of sins and disbeliefs)!
6. Saw you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) not how your Lord dealt with ‘Âd (people)
7. Of *Iram* (who were very tall) like (lofty) pillars,
8. The like of which were not created in the land?
9. And (with) Thamûd (people), who hewed out rocks in the

^[1] (V.88:23) See footnote of (V.8:39).

^[2] (V.89:2) Narrated Ibn ‘Abbâs رضى الله عنهما : The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, “No good deeds done on other days are superior to those done on these (first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah).” Then some Companions of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, “Not even *Jihâd*?” He replied, “Not even *Jihâd*, except that of a man who does it by putting himself and his property in danger (for Allâh’s sake) and does not return with any of those things.” (*Sahîh Al-Bukhârî*, Vol. 2, *Hadîth* No.86).

^[3] (V.89:3) “Even” and “Odd” is interpreted differently by different religious scholars. Some say: Even is the Day of Slaughtering of the Sacrifices, i.e. 10th of Dhul-Hijjah, and Odd is the Day of ‘Arafah (*Hajj*), i.e. 9th of Dhul-Hijjah. Others say: Even is all the creatures and Odd is Allâh. Some say it is the compulsory congregational prayer, i.e. *Maghrib* is *Witr*, and the other four prayers are *Shaf’*.