

11. Have you seen if he (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) is on the guidance (of Allâh)

12. Or enjoins piety?

13. Have you seen if he (Abû Jahl) denies (the truth, i.e. this Qur'ân) and turns away?

14. Knows he not that Allâh sees (what he does)?

15. Nay! If he (Abû Jahl) ceases not, We will catch him by the forelock —

16. A lying, sinful forelock!

17. Then let him call upon his council (of helpers).

18. We will call out the guards of Hell (to deal with him)!

19. Nay! (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم)! Do not obey him (Abû Jahl). Fall prostrate and draw near (to Allâh)!^[*]

Sûrat Al-Qadr
(The Night of Decree) XCVII

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

1. Verily, We have sent it (this Qur'ân) down in the night of *Al-Qadr* (Decree).^[1]

2. And what will make you know what the night of *Al-Qadr* (Decree) is?

3. The night of *Al-Qadr* (Decree) is better than a thousand months (i.e. worshipping Allâh in that night is better than worshipping Him a thousand months, i.e. 83 years and 4 months).

4. Therein descend the angels and the *Rûh* [Jibrîl (Gabrîl)] by Allâh's Permission with all Decrees,

5. (All that night), there is Peace (and Goodness from Allâh to His believing slaves) until the appearance of dawn.^[2]

^[*] (V.96:19) Prostration (see Appendix 1).

^[1] (V.97:1) "Therein (that night) is decreed every matter of ordainments." (Verse 44:4)**
** i.e., the matters of deaths, births, provisions, calamities for the whole (coming) year as decreed by Allâh.

^[2] (V.97:5) Narrated 'Âishah رضى الله عنها: Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Search for the Night of *Al-Qadr* in the odd nights of the last ten nights of Ramadan." (Sahîh Al-Bukhârî, Vol 3, Hadîth No.234).