



Glorious Qur'an

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The Holy Qur'an: Text, Translation and Commentary,

Surah Saba'

(Sheba)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ

Praise be to Allah, to Whom belong all things in the heavens and on earth:

وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ

to Him be Praise in the Hereafter:

وَهُوَ الْحَكِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ

and He is Full of Wisdom, acquainted with all things.

2

يَعْلَمُ مَا يَلْجِجُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا

He knows all that goes into the earth, and all that comes out thereof; all that comes down from the sky and all that ascends thereto:

وَهُوَ الرَّحِيمُ الْغَفُورُ

and He is the Most Merciful, the Oft-Forgiving.

3

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَأْتِينَا السَّاعَةُ^ط

The Unbelievers say, "Never to us will come the hour":

قُلْ بَلَىٰ وَرَبِّي لَتَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ عَالِمِ الْغَيْبِ^ط

say, "Nay! but most surely, by my Lord, it will come upon you -- by Him Who knows the unseen --

لَا يَعْزُبُ عَنْهُ مِثْقَالُ ذَرَّةٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ

from Whom is not hidden the least little atom in the Heavens or on earth:

وَلَا أَصْغَرَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَلَا أَكْبَرَ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ

nor is there anything less than that, or greater, but is in the Record Perspicuous:

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لِيَجْزِيَ^ج الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ

That He may reward those who believe and work deeds of righteousness:

أُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ

for such is Forgiveness and a Sustenance Most Generous."

5

وَالَّذِينَ سَعَوْا فِي آيَاتِنَا مُعَاجِزِينَ أُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مِّن رَّجْزٍ أَلِيمٌ

But those who strive against Our Signs, to frustrate them -- for such will be a Penalty -- a Punishment most humiliating.

6

وَيَرَى الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ

And those to whom knowledge has come see that the (Revelation) sent down to thee from thy Lord -- that is the Truth,

وَيَهْدِي إِلَى صِرَاطٍ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ

and that it guides to the Path of the Exalted (in Might), Worthy of all praise.

7

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا هَلْ نَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَى رَجُلٍ يُنْبِئُكُمْ

The Unbelievers say (in ridicule):

"Shall we point out to you a man that will tell you,

إِذَا مَزَقْتُمْ كُلَّ لَمْزِقٍ إِنَّكُمْ لَفِي خَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ

when ye are all scattered to pieces in disintegration, that ye shall (then be raised) in a New Creation?

8

أَفْتَرَسَى عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَمْ بِهِ جِنَّةٌ

"Has he invented a falsehood against Allah, or has a spirit (seized) him?" --

بَلِ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ فِي الْعَذَابِ وَالضَّلَالِ الْبَعِيدِ

Nay, it is those who believe not in the Hereafter, that are in (real) Penalty, and in farthest Error.

9

أَفَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ

See they not what is before them and behind them, of the sky and the earth?

إِنْ نَشَاءُ نُخَسِّفْ بِهِمُ الْأَرْضَ أَوْ نُسْقِطُ عَلَيْهِمْ كِسَفًا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ

If We wished, We could cause the earth to swallow them up, or cause a piece of the sky to fall upon them.

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّكُلِّ عَبْدٍ مُنِيبٍ

Verily in this is a Sign for every devotee that turns to Allah (in repentance).

10

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ مِنَّا فَضْلًا

We bestowed Grace aforetime on David from Ourselves:

يَا جِبَالُ أَوْبِي مَعَهُ وَالطَّيْرُ^ط

"O ye Mountains! sing ye back the Praises of Allah with him! and ye birds (also)!"

وَأَلَّأَلَهُ الْحَدِيدَ

and We made the iron soft for Him --

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أَنْ أَعْمَلَ سَابِغَاتٍ وَقَدِّرُ فِي السَّرْدِ^ط

(Commanding),

"Make thou coats of mail, balancing well the rings of chain armor,

وَأَعْمَلُوا صَالِحًا^ط

and work ye righteousness;

إِنِّي بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ

for be sure I see (clearly) all that ye do."

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وَلِسُلَيْمَانَ الرِّيحَ عُدُوهُمَا شَهْرٌ وَرَوَاحُهَا شَهْرٌ^ط

And to Solomon (We made) the Wind (obedient): its early morning (stride) was a month's (journey), and its evening (stride) was a month's (journey);

وَأَسْلَمْنَا لَهُ الْفِطْرَ^ط

and We made a Font of molten brass to flow for him;

وَمِنَ الْجِنِّ مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِ^ط

and there were Jinns that worked in front of him, by the leave of his Lord,

وَمَنْ يَزِغْ مِنْهُمْ عَنْ أَمْرِنَا نُذِقْهُ مِنْ عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ

and if any of them turned aside from Our command, We made Him taste of the Penalty of the Blazing Fire.

13

يَعْمَلُونَ لَهُ مَا يَشَاءُ مِنْ مَحَارِبٍ وَتَمَاثِيلَ وَجِفَانٍ كَالْجَوَابِ وَقُدُورٍ رَاسِيَاتٍ ^ج

They worked for him as he desired, (making) Arches, Images, Basins as large as Reservoirs, and (cooking) Cauldrons fixed (in their places):

اعْمَلُوا آلَ دَاوُدَ شُكْرًا ^ج

"Work ye, sons of David, with thanks!

وَقَلِيلٌ مِنْ عِبَادِيَ الشَّكُورُ

But few of My servants are grateful!"

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فَلَمَّا قَضَيْنَا عَلَيْهِ الْمَوْتَ مَا دَلَّهُمْ عَلَى مَوْتِهِ إِلَّا دَابَّةٌ الْأَرْضِ تَأْكُلُ مِنْ سَعَتِهِ ^ط

Then, when We decreed (Solomon's) death, nothing showed them his death except a little worm of the earth, which kept (slowly) gnawing away at his staff:

فَلَمَّا خَرَّ تَبَيَّنَتِ الْجِنُّ

so when he fell down, the Jinns saw plainly

أَنْ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ الْغَيْبَ مَا لَبِثُوا فِي الْعَذَابِ الْمُهِينِ

that if they had known the unseen, they would not have tarried in the humiliating Penalty (of their Task).

15

لَقَدْ كَانَ لِسَبَإٍ فِي مَسْكِنِهِمْ آيَةٌ ^ط

There was, for Saba', aforetime, a Sign in their homeland --

جَنَّاتٍ عَن يَمِينٍ وَشِمَالٍ ^ط

two Gardens to the right and to the left.

كُلُوا مِنْ رِزْقِ رَبِّكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِلَّهِ ^ج

Eat of the Sustenance (provided) by your Lord, and be grateful to Him:

بَلَدَةٌ طَيِّبَةٌ وَرَبٌّ غَفُورٌ

a territory fair and happy, and a Lord Oft-Forgiving!

16

فَأَعْرَضُوا فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ سَيْلَ الْعَرِمِ

But they turned away (from Allah), and We sent against them the flood (released) from the Dams,

وَبَدَّلْنَا لَهُمُ بَنَاتِهِمْ جَنَّاتٍ ذَوَاتِ الْأُكُلِ خَمْطٍ وَأَثَلٍ وَشَيْءٍ مِنْ سِدْرٍ قَلِيلٍ

and We converted their two Garden (rows) into "gardens" producing bitter fruit, and tamarisks, and some few (stunted) Lote trees.

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ذَلِكَ جَزَاؤُهُمْ بِمَا كَفَرُوا^ط

That was the Requital We gave them because they ungratefully rejected Faith:

وَهَلْ نُجَازِي إِلَّا الْكَفُورَ

and never do We give (such) requital except to such as are ungrateful rejecters.

18

وَجَعَلْنَا بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ الْقُرَى الَّتِي بَارَكْنَا فِيهَا قُرَى ظَاهِرَةً

Between them and the Cities on which We had poured Our blessings, We had placed Cities in prominent positions,

وَقَدَّرْنَا فِيهَا السَّبِيْرَ^ط

and between them We had appointed stages of journey in due proportion:

سَبِيْرًا فِيهَا لَيْالِيًا وَأَيَّامًا آمِنِينَ

"Travel therein, secure, by night and by day."

19

فَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا بَاعِدْ بَيْنَ أَسْفَارِنَا

But they said: "Our Lord! place longer distances between our journey-stages."

وَوَضَّلُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ فَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ أَحَادِيثَ وَمَزَّقْنَاهُمْ كُلَّ مُمَزَّقٍ

But they wronged themselves (therein). At length We made them as a tale (that is told), and We dispersed them all in scattered fragments.

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لآيَاتٍ لِّكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ

Verily in this are Signs for every (soul that is) patiently constant and grateful.

20

وَلَقَدْ صَدَّقَ عَلَيْهِمْ إِبْلِيسُ ظَنَّهُ فَاتَّبَعُوهُ إِلَّا فَرِيقًا مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

And on them did Satan prove true his idea, and they followed him, all but a Party that believed.

21

وَمَا كَانَ لَهُ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ سُلْطَانٍ إِلَّا لِنَعْلَمَ مَنْ يُوْمِنُ بِالْآخِرَةِ لَمَنْ هُوَ مِنْهَا فِي شَكٍّ

But he had no authority over them -- except that We might test the man who believes in the Hereafter from him who is in doubt concerning it:

وَرَبُّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَفِيظٌ

and thy Lord doth watch over all things.

22

قُلِ ادْعُوا الَّذِينَ زَعَمْتُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ

Say:

"Call upon other (gods) whom ye fancy, besides Allah:

لَا يَمْلِكُونَ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا لَهُمْ فِيهِمَا مِنْ شِرْكٍَ

they have no power -- not the weight of an atom -- in the heavens or on earth; no (sort of) share have they therein,

وَمَا لَهُ مِنْهُمْ مِنْ ظَهِيرٍ

nor is any of them a helper to Allah.

23

وَلَا تَنْفَعُ الشَّفَاعَةُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا لِمَنْ أَذِنَ لَهُ

"No intercession can avail in His Presence except for those for whom He has granted permission.

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا فُزِّعَ عَن قُلُوبِهِمْ قَالُوا مَاذَا قَالَ رَبُّكُمْ

So far (is this the case) that, when terror is removed from their hearts (at the Day of Judgement, then) will they say,

'What is it that your Lord commanded?'

قَالُوا الْحَقُّ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ

They will say,

'That which is true and just; and He is the Most High, Most Great.'

24

قُلْ مَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

Say: "Who gives you sustenance, from the heavens and the earth?"

قُلِ اللَّهُ

Say: "It is Allah,

وَإِنَّا أَوْ إِيَّاكُمْ لَعَلَىٰ هُدًىٰ أَوْ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

and certain it is that either we or ye are on right guidance or in manifest error!"

25

قُلْ لَا تُسْأَلُونَ عَمَّا أَجْرَمْنَا وَلَا نُسْأَلُ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ

Say: "Ye shall not be questioned as to our sins, nor shall we be questioned as to what ye do."

26

قُلْ يَجْمَعُ بَيْنَنَا رَبُّنَا ثُمَّ يَفْتَحُ بَيْنَنَا بِالْحَقِّ

Say:

"Our Lord will gather us together and will in the end decide the matter between us (and you) in truth and justice:

وَهُوَ الْفَتَّاحُ الْعَلِيمُ

and He is the One to decide, the One Who knows all."

27

قُلْ أَمْرُونِي الَّذِينَ أَحَقُّنَّكُمْ بِهِ شُرَكَاءَ^{طه}

Say:

"Show me those whom ye have joined with Him as partners:

كَلَّا^ج

by no means (can ye).

بَلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

Nay, He is Allah, the Exalted in Power, the Wise."

28

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

We have not sent thee but as a universal (Messenger) to men, giving them glad tidings, and warning them (against sin), but most men understand not.

29

وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هَذَا الْوَعْدُ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

They say: "When will this promise (come to pass) if ye are telling the truth?"

30

قُلْ لَكُمْ مِيعَادُ يَوْمٍ لَا تَسْتَأْخِرُونَ عَنْهُ سَاعَةً وَلَا تَسْتَقْدِمُونَ

Say: "The appointment to you is for a day, which ye cannot put back for an hour nor put forward."

31

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَنْ نُؤْمِنَ بِهَذَا الْقُرْآنِ وَلَا بِالَّذِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ^ط

The Unbelievers say: "We shall neither believe in this scripture nor in (any) that (came) before it."

وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذِ الظَّالِمُونَ مَوْقُوفُونَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ يَرْجِعُ بَعْضُهُمْ إِلَىٰ بَعْضٍ الْقَوْلَ

Couldst thou but see when the wrongdoers will be made to stand before their Lord, throwing back the word (of blame) on one another!

يَقُولُ الَّذِينَ اسْتُضْعِفُوا الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا

Those who had been despised will say to the arrogant ones:

لَوْلَا أَنْتُمْ لَكُنَّا مُؤْمِنِينَ

"Had it not been for you, we should certainly have been believers!"

32

قَالَ الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا لِلَّذِينَ اسْتُضْعِفُوا

The arrogant ones will say to those who had been despised:

أَنَحْنُ صَدَدْنَاكُمْ عَنِ الْهُدَىٰ بَعْدَ إِذْ جَاءَكُمْ^ط

"Was it we who kept you back from Guidance after it reached you?"

بَلْ كُنْتُمْ مُجْرِمِينَ

Nay, rather, it was ye who transgressed."

33

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ اسْتُضْعِفُوا لِلَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا

Those who had been despised will say to the arrogant ones:

بَلْ مَكْرُ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ

"Nay! it was a plot (of yours) by day and by night.

إِذْ تَأْمُرُونَنَا أَنْ نَكْفُرَ بِاللَّهِ وَنَجْعَلَ لَهُ أَندَادًا^ع

Behold! ye (constantly) ordered us to be ungrateful to Allah and to attribute equals to Him!"

وَأَسْرُوا النَّدَامَةَ تَمَّارًا أَوْ الْعَذَابَ وَجَعَلْنَا الْأَغْلَالَ فِي أَعْنَاقِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا^ج

They will declare (their) repentance when they see the Penalty: We shall put yokes on the necks of the Unbelievers:

هَلْ يُجْزَوْنَ إِلَّا مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

it would only be a requital for their (ill) deeds.

34

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِي قَرْيَةٍ مِّنْ نَّذِيرٍ إِلَّا قَالَ مُتْرَفُوهَا

Never did We send a Warner to a population, but the wealthy ones among them said:

إِنَّا بِمَا أُرْسِلْتُمْ بِهِ كَافِرُونَ

"We believe not in the (message) with which ye have been sent."

35

وَقَالُوا نَحْنُ أَكْثَرُ أَمْوَالًا وَأَوْلَادًا وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمُعَذَّبِينَ

They said: "We have more in wealth and in sons, and we cannot be punished."

36

قُلْ إِنَّ رَبِّي يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَن يَشَاءُ وَيَقْدِرُ

Say:

"Verily my Lord enlarges and restricts the provision to whom He pleases,

وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

but most men understand not."

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وَمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُكُمْ بِالَّتِي تُقَرِّبُكُمْ عِندَنَا زُلْفَىٰ

It is not your wealth nor your sons, that will bring you nearer to Us in degree:

الْأَمِنَ آمَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا

but only those who believe and work Righteousness --

فَأُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ جَزَاءُ الضَّعْفِ بِمَا عَمِلُوا وَهُمْ فِي العُرْفَاتِ آمِنُونَ

these are the ones for whom there is a multiplied Reward for their deeds, while secure they (reside) in the dwellings on high!

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وَالَّذِينَ يَسْعَوْنَ فِي آيَاتِنَا مُعَاجِزِينَ أُولَئِكَ فِي العَذَابِ مُخَضَّرُونَ

Those who strive against Our Signs, to frustrate them, will be given over into Punishment.

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قُلْ إِنَّ رَبِّي يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرُ لَهُ^ج

Say:

"Verily my Lord enlarges and restricts the Sustenance to such of His servants as He pleases:

وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَهُوَ يُخْلِفُهُ^ط

and nothing do ye spend in the least (in his cause) but He replaces it:

وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ

for He is the Best of those Who grant Sustenance.

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وَيَوْمَ يَحْشُرُهُمْ جَمِيعًا ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ

One day He will gather them all together, and say to the angels,

أَهَؤُلَاءِ إِيَّاكُمْ كَانُوا يَعْبُدُونَ

"Was it you that these men used to worship?"

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قَالُوا سُبْحَانَكَ أَنْتَ وَلِيِّنَا مِنْ دُونِهِمْ^ط

They will say, "Glory to thee! Our (tie) is with thee -- as Protector -- not with them.

بَلْ كَانُوا يَعْبُدُونَ الْجِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ بِهِمْ مُؤْمِنُونَ

Nay, but they worshipped the Jinns: most of them believed in them."

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فَالْيَوْمَ لَا يَمْلِكُ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ نَفْعًا وَلَا ضَرًّا

So on that day no power shall they have over each other, for profit or harm:

وَنَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا ذُوقُوا عَذَابَ النَّارِ الَّتِي كُنْتُمْ بِهَا تُكَذِّبُونَ

and We shall say to the wrongdoers,

"Taste ye the penalty of the Fire -- the which ye were wont to deny!"

43

وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ قَالُوا

When Our Clear Signs are rehearsed to them, they say,

مَا هَذَا إِلَّا رَجُلٌ يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَصُدَّكُمْ عَمَّا كَانَ يَعْبُدُ آبَاؤُكُمْ

"This is only a man who wishes to hinder you from the (worship) which your fathers practiced."

وَقَالُوا مَا هَذَا إِلَّا إِفْكٌ مُفْتَرٍ

And they say, "This is only a falsehood invented!"

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَاللَّحِقَ لَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ إِنَّ هَذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ

And the Unbelievers say of the Truth when it comes to them, "This is nothing but evident magic!"

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وَمَا آتَيْنَاهُمْ مِنْ كُتُبٍ يَدْرُسُونَهَا وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْهِمْ قَبْلَكَ مِنْ نَذِيرٍ

But We had not given them Books which they could study, nor sent messengers to them before thee as Warners.

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وَكَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ

And their predecessors rejected (the Truth);

وَمَا بَلَغُوا مِعْشَارَ مَا آتَيْنَاهُمْ فَكَذَّبُوا رُسُلِي^ط

these have not received a tenth of what We had granted to those: yet when they rejected My messengers,

فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ

how (terrible) was My rejection (of them)!

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قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَعْظُمُكُمْ بِوَاحِدَةٍ^ط

Say:

"I do admonish you on one point:

أَنْ تَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ مِثْلَيْ وَفْرَادٍ ثُمَّ تَتَفَكَّرُوا^ج

that ye do stand up before Allah -- (it may be) in pairs, or (it may be) singly -
- and reflect (within yourselves):

مَا بِصَاحِبِكُمْ مِنْ جِنَّةٍ^ج

your Companion is not possessed:

إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ لَكُمْ بَيْنَ يَدَيْ عَذَابٍ شَدِيدٍ

he is no less than a Warner to you, in face of a terrible Penalty."

47

قُلْ مَا سَأَلْتُكُمْ مِنْ أَجْرٍ فَهُوَ لَكُمْ^ط

Say:

"No reward do I ask of you: it is (all) in your interest:

إِنْ أَجْرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ^ط

my reward is only due from Allah:

وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ

and He is Witness to all things."

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قُلْ إِنَّ رَبِّي يَقْذِرُ بِالْحَقِّ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ

Say: "Verily my Lord doth cast the (mantle of) Truth (over His servants) -- He that has full knowledge of (all) that is hidden."

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قُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَمَا يُبْدِيهِ الْبَاطِلُ وَمَا يُعِيدُ

Say:

"The Truth has arrived, and Falsehood neither creates anything new, nor restores anything."

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قُلْ إِنْ ضَلَلْتُ فَإِنَّمَا أَضِلُّ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِي

Say:

"If I am astray, I only stray to the loss of my own soul:

وَإِنِ اهْتَدَيْتُ فِيمَا يُوحِي إِلَيَّ رَبِّي

but if I receive guidance, it is because of the inspiration of my Lord to me:

إِنَّهُ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ

it is He Who hears all things, and is (ever) near."

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وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذْ فَزِعُوا فَلَا فَوْتَ وَأُخِذُوا مِنْ مَّكَانٍ قَرِيبٍ

If thou couldst but see when they will quake with terror: but then there will be no escape (for them), and they will be seized from a position (quite) near.

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وَقَالُوا آمَنَّا بِهِ

And they will say, "We do believe (now) in the (truth)":

وَأَنَّىٰ لَهُمُ التَّنَاطُشُ مِنْ مَّكَانٍ بَعِيدٍ

but how could they receive (faith) from a position (so) far off --

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وَقَدْ كَفَرُوا بِهِ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَيَقْذِفُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ مِنْ مَّكَانٍ بَعِيدٍ

Seeing that they did reject faith (entirely) before, and that they (continually) cast (slanders) on the Unseen from a position far off?

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وَحِيلَ بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ مَا يَشْتَهُونَ كَمَا فُعِلَ بِأَشْيَاعِهِمْ مِنْ قَبْلُ

And between them and their desires, is placed a barrier, as was done in the past with their partisans:

إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا فِي شَكٍّ مُرِيبٍ

for they were indeed in suspicious (disquieting) doubt.



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