**Surah Inshirah**

*(The Opening Forth)*

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

1. 
   **آَلِمْ نَشْرَحْ لَكَ صَدْنَكَ**
   Have We not opened your breast for you.

2. 
   **وَوَضَعْنَا عَنْكَ وَرَنَتْكَ**
   And removed from you your burden.

3. 
   **الَّذِي أَنْقَضَ ْلَهُ رَكَّةً**
   Which weighed down your back.

4. 
   **وَهَضَعْنَا لَكَ ْمُرَكَّبَ**
   And have We not raised high your fame?
5. Verily, along with every hardship is relief,

6. Verily, along with every hardship is relief.

7. So when you have finished, devote yourself to Allah’s worship.

8. And to your Lord turn intentions and hopes.

The Meaning of Opening the Breast

Allah says,

آَلِمْ نَشْرَخْ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ (1)

Have We not opened your breast for you?

This means, 'We illuminated it, and We made it spacious, vast and wide.'

This is as Allah says,

فَخُصْنَ لِيُوْرُوهُ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُقَدِّمَهُ نَشْرَخَ صَدْرَكَ إِلَانِذْلِكْ (6:125)

And whomsoever Allah wills to guide, He opens his breast to Islam.

And just as Allah expanded his chest, He also made His Law vast, wide, accommodating and easy, containing no difficulty, hardship or burden.

A Discussion of Allah's Favor upon His Messenger

Concerning Allah's Statement,

وَوَضَعْتَ عَنْكَ وَرَزْتَكَ (2)

And removed from you your burden.
This means,


{\text{ليغفر لك الله المجاعدة منك من كونك وما تأثرك}}

That Allah may forgive you your sins of the past and the future. (48:2)

Which weighed down your back.

\textit{Al-Inqad} means the sound.

And more than one of the Salaf has said concerning Allah's saying, 

\(ذَلِكَ \text{ فَلَهَّرُكَ} \) meaning,

`its burden weighed heavy upon you.'

Then Allâh says,


{\text{وَتَّفَقَّنَّا لَكَ الْعُسْرِ لِيُسْرَأ}}

And have We not raised high your fame?

Mujahid said,

"It means whenever I (Allah) am remembered, you will also be remembered."

Qatadah said,

"Allah elevated the remembrance of the Prophet Muhammad both in this world as well as in the hereafter."

Then Allâh says,


{\text{قَالَ اَللَّهُ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ لِيُسْرَأ}}

Verily, along with every hardship is relief,

Verily, along with every hardship is relief,

Meaning, whatever troubles are encountered by the creation, Allah always provides a relief with it. The relief does not merely comes after the difficulty: it is provided with it.

Then Allâh says,


{\text{فَأَلْبَسَهُ َاللَّهُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ}}

3
So when you have finished, devote yourself to Allah's worship.
And to your Lord turn intentions and hopes.

Meaning, When you are free from difficulties and blessed with relief, then turn towards your Lord for His worship and turn to Him for all hopes.

This is the end of the Tafsir of Surah **Ash-Sharh** and all praise and thanks are due to Allah.

************