**Tafsir Ibn Kathir**

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*Tafsir ibn Kathir*, is a classic Sunni Islam Tafsir (commentary of the Qur'an) by Imad ud Din Ibn Kathir. It is considered to be a summary of the earlier Tafsir al-Tabari. It is popular because it uses Hadith to explain each verse and chapter of the Qur'an...

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**Surah Adiyat**

*(Those That Run)*

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And to that He bears witness.

Knows he not that when the contents of the graves are poured forth.

And that which is in the breasts shall be made known.

Verily, that Day their Lord will be Well-Acquainted with them.

Swearing by the Horses of War about the Ungratefulness of Man and His Zeal for Wealth

Allah swears

By the `Adiyat (steeds), snorting.

Allah swears by the horses when they are made to gallop into battle in His path (i.e., Jihad), and thus they run and pant, which is the sound that is heard from the horse when it runs.

Striking sparks of fire.
meaning, the striking of their hooves on the rocks, which causes sparks of fire to fly from them.

And scouring to the raid at dawn.

meaning, the raid that is carried out in the early morning time.

This is just as the Messenger of Allah used to perform raids in the early morning. He would wait to see if he heard the Adhan (call to prayer) from the people. If he heard it he would leave them alone, and if he didn’t hear it he would attack.

Then Allah says,

And raise the dust in clouds the while.

meaning, dust at the place of the battle with the horses.

And penetrating forthwith as one into the midst.

means, then are all in the middle of that spot, together.

Allah's saying; (And scouring to the raid at dawn), Ibn Abbas, Mujahid and Qatadah, all said,

"This means the invasion of the horses in the morning in the way of Allah."

And His statement, (And raise the dust in clouds the while),

This is the place in which the attack takes place. The dust is stirred up by it.

And His statement, (And penetrating forthwith as one into the midst), Al-Awfi narrated from Ibn Abbas, Ata, Ikrimah, Qatadah and Ad-Dahhak that they all said,

"This means into the midst of the disbelieving enemy."

Concerning Allah's statement,
Verily, man is ungrateful (Kanud) to his Lord.

This is the subject what is being sworn about, and it means that he (man) is ungrateful for the favors of His Lord and he rejects them.

Ibn Abbas, Mujahid, Ibrahim An-Nakhai, Abu Al-Jawza, Abu Al-Aliyah, Abu Ad-Duha, Sa`id bin Jubayr, Muhammad bin Qays, Ad-Dahhak, Al-Hasan, Qatadah, Ar-Rabi` bin Anas and Ibn Zayd all said,

"الكنود Al-Kanud means ungrateful."

Al-Hasan said,

"الكنود Al-Kanud is the one who counts the calamities (that befall him) and he forgets Allah's favors."

Concerning Allah's statement,

دأب على ذلك الشهيد (7)

And to that He bears witness.

Qatadah and Sufyan Ath-Thawri both said,

"And indeed Allah is a witness to that."

It is also possible that the pronoun (He) could be referring to man. This was said by Muhammad bin Ka`b Al-Qurazi. Thus, its meaning would be that man is a witness himself to the fact that he is ungrateful.

This is obvious in his condition, meaning this is apparent from his statements and deeds.

This is as Allah says,

ما كان للمشركين أن يغفرو أمساعد الله الشهيدين على أنفسهم بالكنود

It is not for the idolators, to maintain the Masajid (Mosques) of Allah, while they witness disbelief against themselves. (9:17)

Allah said;

دأب على الدين الحري لشهدم (8)

And verily, he is violent in the love of wealth.

meaning, and indeed in his love of the good, which is wealth, he is severe.

There are two opinions concerning this.
- One of them is that it means that he is severe in his love of wealth.
- The other view is that it means he is covetous and stingy due to the love of wealth.

However, both views are correct.

**The Threat about the Hereafter**

Then Allah encourages abstinence from worldly things and striving for the Hereafter, and He informs of what the situation will be after this present condition, and what man will face of horrors.

He says,

> أَقْلَآءَيَّعَلَمَ إِذَا أَبَعْطَرَ مَا فِي الْقُبُورِ (٩)

Knows he not that when the contents of the graves are poured forth,

meaning, the dead that are in it will be brought out.

> وَخَصِّلَ مَا فِي الصُّدُورِ (١٠)

And that which is in the breasts shall be made known,

Ibn Abbas and others have said,

"This means what was in their souls would be exposed and made apparent."

> إِنَّ رَبَّهُمْ رِيَّاحُ مَيْمَانِهِمْ لَجُدُّهُمْ (١١)

Verily, that Day their Lord will be Well-Acquainted with them.

meaning, He knows all of that they used to do, and He will compensate them for it with the most deserving reward. He does not do even the slightest amount of injustice.

This is the end of the Tafsir of Surah Al-`Adiyat, and all praise and thanks are due to Allah.

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