

Surah al-A'la, Chapter 87

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of God the Compassionate, the Merciful

Verses 1 – 19

{سَبِّحِ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ الْأَعْلَى} 1

1. Glorify your Providence Who is Most High.

{الَّذِي خَلَقَ فَسَوَّى} 2

2. Who created everything in due proportions.

{وَالَّذِي قَدَّرَ فَهَدَى} 3

3. Who fixed its destiny endowing instinctive guidance.

{وَالَّذِي أَخْرَجَ الْمَرْعَى} 4

4. Who converted in pasturage the outer surface (of the soil).

{فَجَعَلَهُ غُثَاءً أَحْوَى} 5

5. Then rendered it dark by completely drying it.

{سُنْفِرُكَ فَلَا تَنْسَى} 6

6. Shortly shall We read out to you, when you will not forget.

{إِلَّا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ ۗ إِنَّهُ يَعْلَمُ الْجَهْرَ وَمَا يَخْفَى} 7

7. Except what God wills. Verily does He know the open and the hidden.

{وَيُسِّرْكَ لِلْيُسْرَى} 8

8. And We shall make it within easy reach of you.

{فَذَكِّرْ إِن نَّفَعَتِ الذِّكْرَى} 9

9. Advise where it benefits.

{سَيَذَكَّرُ مَنْ يَخْشَى} 10

10. Verily the God-fearing will take advice.

{وَيَتَجَنَّبُهَا الْأَشْقَى} 11

11. And will avoid the most unfortunate.

{الَّذِي يَمْشِي النَّارَ الْكُبْرَى} 12

12. Who will go deep down into hell.

{ثُمَّ لَا يَمُوتُ فِيهَا وَلَا يَحْيَى} 13

13. Wherein shall he have neither life nor death.

{قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ تَزَكَّى} 14

14. Verily did he attain salvation who purified (his soul). 1

{وَذَكَرَ اسْمَ رَبِّهِ فَصَلَّى} 15

15. And magnifies the name of his Lord and prays. 2

{بَلْ تُؤْتِرُونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا} 16

16. Rather you prefer the world to Eternity.

{وَالْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ وَأَبْقَى} 17

17. Although eternity is superior thereto and lasting forever.

{إِنَّ هَذَا لَفِي الصُّحُفِ الْأُولَى} 18

18. Verily are these (facts) noted in previous revelations. 3

{صُّحُفِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَى} 19

19. (That is) recorded Revelations of Abraham and Moses.

Moral

Man should devote an hour to contemplation in Divine Design, an hour in soliloquy, an hour in taking account from self, an hour for doing justice to self so as not to be disgusted in life. Keep them self-abreast of times, holding one's peace, in search of lawful earning, amassing Eternal Wealth.

Not glee vanishes with thought of death, laughter disappears with thought of hell, with knowledge of worldly revolution, faith in world subsides. With knowledge of Divine Decree grief disappears, with remembrance of Reckoning Day, negligence to righteousness is avoided. In short, avoid pursuit of being slave to passion and do what pleases Divinity.

1. Of association, character of hypocrisy.

2. And glorified the name of his Providence and pray mercy on the Prophet and Divine Lights.

3. 104 of which 50 given to Shis, 30 to Idris, 20 to Abraham. Torah, Zubar, Bible, the Glorious Qur'an.

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