

Surah Shams, Chapter 91

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of God the Compassionate, the Merciful

Verses 1 – 15

{وَالشَّمْسِ وَضُحَاهَا 1}

1. I swear by the sun (Mohammad) and its illumination (guidance).

{وَالْقَمَرِ إِذَا تَلَاها 2}

2. And I swear by the moon (Ali) when he succeeds.

{وَالنَّهَارِ إِذَا جَلَّاهَا 3}

3. I swear by the day which is lit up (by the sun).

{وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا يَغْشَاهَا 4}

4. I swear by the night¹ when it hides² diffusing guidance.

{وَالسَّمَاءِ وَمَا بَنَاهَا 5}

5. And I swear by the heavens and their architect.

{وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا طَحَاهَا} 6

6. And I swear by Earth and its spreader.

{وَنَفْسٍ وَمَا سَوَّاهَا} 7

7. And I swear by the spirit who created it pure.

{فَأَلْهَمَهَا فُجُورَهَا وَتَقْوَاهَا} 8

8. Verily did I declare (unto man) illis and piety to which it (spirit) is subject.[3](#)

{قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا} 9

9. Verily did he attain salvation (who ruled his passion and) kept thereby pure his spirit.

{وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهَا} 10

10. And verily was he unsuccessful who was ruled by his passion.[4](#)

{كَذَّبَتْ ثَمُودُ بِطَغْوَاهَا} 11

11. The tribe of Thamud falsified its prophet, Salih, under transgression.

{إِذِ انبَعَثَ أَشْقَاهَا} 12

12. When the cursed ring leader rose among them.[5](#)

{فَقَالَ لَهُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ نَاقَةَ اللَّهِ وَسُقْيَاهَا} 13

13. When the Divine Prophet Salih warned them[6](#) *“This is a Divine camel and let her have her share of water.*

{فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَعَقَرُوهَا فَدَمْدَمَ عَلَيْهِمُ رَبُّهُم بِذُنُوبِهِمْ فَسَوَّاهَا } 14

14. They falsified him and cut out her udders, whereupon their Creator, under wrath, sent them punishment, razing them to ground level.

{وَلَا يَخَافُ عُقْبَاهَا } 15

15. What do they (Meccans) not even now fear God, Divine punishment 9for their evil deeds to Divine Lights)?

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Clear.

1. by tyrannical leader
2. the Divine Light
3. Under human rule, i.e. rule your passions, else they shall rule you.
4. E.g. immediate succession of the Prophet by breaching fealty to Ali.
5. To perpetuate the crime.
6. Kidar ibgn Salif, prototype and his companions whom followed ibn Mulgim in Islam.

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