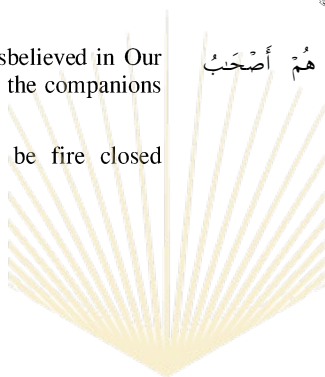


Sūrah al-Balad¹⁹²⁶**سُورَةُ الْبَلَدِ****Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem****بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ**

1. I swear by this city [i.e., Makkah] – لَا أُقْسِمُ بِهَذَا الْبَلَدِ ﴿١﴾
2. And you, [O Muḥammad], are free of restriction in this city – وَأَنْتَ حِلٌّ بِهَذَا الْبَلَدِ ﴿٢﴾
3. And [by] the father¹⁹²⁷ and that which was born [of him], وَوَالِدٍ وَمَا وَلَدَ ﴿٣﴾
4. We have certainly created man into hardship. لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي كَبَدٍ ﴿٤﴾
5. Does he think that never will anyone overcome him? أَتَحْسَبُ أَنْ لَنْ يَقْدِرَ عَلَيْهِ أَحَدٌ ﴿٥﴾
6. He says, "I have spent wealth in abundance." يَقُولُ أَهْلَكْتُ مَالًا لُبَدًا ﴿٦﴾
7. Does he think that no one has seen him? أَتَحْسَبُ أَنْ لَمْ يَرَهُ أَحَدٌ ﴿٧﴾
8. Have We not made for him two eyes? أَلَمْ نَجْعَلْ لَهُ عَيْنَيْنِ ﴿٨﴾
9. And a tongue and two lips? وَلِسَانًا وَشَفَتَيْنِ ﴿٩﴾
10. And have shown him the two ways?¹⁹²⁸ وَهَدَيْنَاهُ النَّجْدَيْنِ ﴿١٠﴾
11. But he has not broken through the difficult pass.¹⁹²⁹ فَلَا أَفْتَحَمُ الْعَقَبَةَ ﴿١١﴾
12. And what can make you know what is [breaking through] the difficult pass? وَمَا أَذْرَنكَ مَا الْعَقَبَةُ ﴿١٢﴾

¹⁹²⁶Al-Balad: The City.¹⁹²⁷Said to be Adam (upon him be peace).¹⁹²⁸Of good and evil.¹⁹²⁹i.e., the steep incline or obstacle. In other words, he has not spent in the cause of Allāh but only boasts of spending in front of others.

13. It is the freeing of a slave فَكُّ رَقَبَةٍ ﴿١٣﴾
14. Or feeding on a day of severe hunger أَوْ إِطْعَمٌ فِي يَوْمٍ ذِي مَسْغَبَةٍ ﴿١٤﴾
15. An orphan of near relationship يَتِيمًا ذَا مَقْرَبَةٍ ﴿١٥﴾
16. Or a needy person in misery أَوْ مِسْكِينًا ذَا مَتْرَبَةٍ ﴿١٦﴾
17. And then being among those who believed and advised one another to patience and advised one another to compassion. ثُمَّ كَانَ مِنَ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالرَّحْمَةِ ﴿١٧﴾
18. Those are the companions of the right.¹⁹³⁰ أُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْيَمِينَةِ ﴿١٨﴾
19. But they who disbelieved in Our signs – those are the companions of the left.¹⁹³¹ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فِيآيَاتِنَا هُمْ أَصْحَابُ الْمَشْأَمَةِ ﴿١٩﴾
20. Over them will be fire closed in.¹⁹³² عَلَيْهِمْ نَارٌ مُّؤَصَّدَةٌ ﴿٢٠﴾



¹⁹³⁰Or "the companions of good fortune," i.e., those who receive their records in their right hands and proceed to Paradise.

¹⁹³¹Or "the companions of ill fortune," i.e., those who receive their records in their left hands and proceed to Hell.

¹⁹³²The cover over Hell will be sealed and locked, containing its fire and its inhabitants.