

Sūrah al-Mulk¹⁷¹¹

سُورَةُ الْمُلْكِ

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. Blessed is He in whose hand is dominion, and He is over all things competent –
2. [He] who created death and life to test you [as to] which of you is best in deed – and He is the Exalted in Might, the Forgiving –
3. [And] who created seven heavens in layers.¹⁷¹² You do not see in the creation of the Most Merciful any inconsistency. So return [your] vision [to the sky]; do you see any breaks?
4. Then return [your] vision twice again.¹⁷¹³ [Your] vision will return to you humbled while it is fatigued.
5. And We have certainly beautified the nearest heaven with lamps [i.e., stars] and have made [from] them what is thrown at the devils¹⁷¹⁴ and have prepared for them the punishment of the Blaze.
6. And for those who disbelieved in their Lord is the punishment of Hell, and wretched is the destination.
7. When they are thrown into it, they hear from it a [dreadful] inhaling while it boils up.

تَبَرَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١﴾

الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٢﴾

الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا مَا تَرَى فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ مِنْ تَفَوتٍ فَأَرْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ هَلْ تَرَى مِنْ فُطُورٍ ﴿٣﴾

ثُمَّ أَرْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ كَرَّتَيْنِ يَنْقَلِبْ إِلَيْكَ الْبَصَرُ خَائِسًا وَهُوَ حَسِيرٌ ﴿٤﴾

وَلَقَدْ زَيَّنَّا السَّمَاءَ الدُّنْيَا بِمَصْنُوعٍ وَجَعَلْنَاهَا رُجُومًا لِلشَّيَاطِينِ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لَهُمْ عَذَابَ السَّعِيرِ ﴿٥﴾

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَيُسَّسْنَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٦﴾

إِذَا أُلْقُوا فِيهَا سَمِعُوا لَهَا شَهِيقًا وَهِيَ تَفُورُ ﴿٧﴾

¹⁷¹¹ Al-Mulk: Dominion.

¹⁷¹² i.e., one covering or fitting over the other.

¹⁷¹³ i.e., repeatedly.

¹⁷¹⁴ Thereby driving them from the heavens and preventing them from eavesdropping. See 72:8-9.

8. It almost bursts with rage. Every time a company is thrown into it, its keepers ask them, "Did there not come to you a warner?"
9. They will say, "Yes, a warner had come to us, but we denied and said, 'Allāh has not sent down anything. You are not but in great error.'"
10. And they will say, "If only we had been listening or reasoning, we would not be among the companions of the Blaze."
11. And they will admit their sin, so [it is] alienation¹⁷¹⁵ for the companions of the Blaze.
12. Indeed, those who fear their Lord unseen will have forgiveness and great reward.
13. And conceal your speech or publicize it; indeed, He is Knowing of that within the breasts.
14. Does He who created not know,¹⁷¹⁶ while He is the Subtle,¹⁷¹⁷ the Aware?
15. It is He who made the earth tame¹⁷¹⁸ for you – so walk among its slopes and eat of His provision – and to Him is the resurrection.
16. Do you feel secure that He who is above¹⁷¹⁹ would not cause the

تَكَادُ تَمَيَّرُ مِنَ الْغَيْظِ كُلَّمَا أُلْقِيَ فِيهَا فَوْجٌ
سَأَلَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ نَذِيرٌ ﴿٨﴾

قَالُوا بَلَىٰ قَدْ جَاءَنَا نَذِيرٌ فَكَذَّبْنَا وَقُلْنَا مَا
نَزَلَ اللَّهُ مِن شَيْءٍ إِنْ أَنتُمْ إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ
كَبِيرٍ ﴿٩﴾

وَقَالُوا لَوْ كُنَّا نَسْمَعُ أَوْ نَعْقِلُ مَا كُنَّا فِي
أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ ﴿١٠﴾

فَاعْتَرَفُوا بِذَنبِهِمْ فَسُحْقًا لِأَصْحَابِ
السَّعِيرِ ﴿١١﴾

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَخْشَوْنَ رَبَّهُم بِالْغَيْبِ لَهُمْ
مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ ﴿١٢﴾

وَأَسِرُّوا قَوْلَكُمْ أَوِ اجْهَرُوا بِهِ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ
بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿١٣﴾

أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ ﴿١٤﴾

هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ ذَلُولًا فَامْشُوا
فِي مَنَاكِبِهَا وَكُلُوا مِن رِّزْقِهِ وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ ﴿١٥﴾

ءَأَمِنْتُمْ مَّن فِي السَّمَاءِ أَن يَخْسِفَ بِكُمْ

¹⁷¹⁵From all good and from Allāh's mercy.

¹⁷¹⁶Another accepted meaning is "Does He not know those whom He created...?"

¹⁷¹⁷Refer to footnote of 6:103.

¹⁷¹⁸i.e., stable and subservient.

¹⁷¹⁹Literally, "in ascendancy" or "over the heaven."

earth to swallow you and suddenly it would sway?¹⁷²⁰

الْأَرْضَ فَإِذَا هِيَ تَمُورُ ﴿١٧﴾

17. Or do you feel secure that He who is above would not send against you a storm of stones? Then you would know how [severe] was My warning.

أَمْ أَمِنْتُمْ مَنِ فِي السَّمَاءِ أَنْ يُرْسِلَ عَلَيْكُمْ حَاصِبًا فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ نَذِيرِ ﴿١٨﴾

18. And already had those before them denied, and how [terrible] was My reproach.

وَلَقَدْ كَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ ﴿١٩﴾

19. Do they not see the birds above them with wings outspread and [sometimes] folded in? None holds them [aloft] except the Most Merciful. Indeed He is, of all things, Seeing.

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى الطَّيْرِ فَوْقَهُمْ صَفَّتْ وَيَقْبِضْنَ مَا يُمَسِّكُهُنَّ إِلَّا الرَّحْمَنُ إِنَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٢٠﴾

20. Or who is it that could be an army for you to aid you other than the Most Merciful? The disbelievers are not but in delusion.

أَمَّنْ هَذَا الَّذِي هُوَ جُنْدٌ لَكُمْ يَنْصَرُّكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ الرَّحْمَنِ إِنَّ الْكَافِرِينَ إِلَّا فِي غُرُورٍ ﴿٢١﴾

21. Or who is it that could provide for you if He withheld His provision? But they have persisted in insolence and aversion.

أَمَّنْ هَذَا الَّذِي يَرْزُقُكُمْ إِنْ أَمْسَكَ رِزْقَهُ بَلْ لَجُوا فِي عُتُوٍّ وَنُفُورٍ ﴿٢٢﴾

22. Then is one who walks fallen on his face better guided or one who walks erect on a straight path?

أَفَمَنْ يَمْشِي مُكَبِّئًا عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِ أَهْدَىٰ أَمَّنْ يَمْشِي سَوِيًّا عَلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٢٣﴾

23. Say, "It is He who has produced you and made for you hearing and vision and hearts [i.e., intellect]; little are you grateful."

قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْشَأَكُمْ وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَرَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ قَلِيلًا مَا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾

24. Say, "It is He who has multiplied you throughout the earth, and to Him you will be gathered."

قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي ذَرَأَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَإِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾

¹⁷²⁰In a circular motion, as in an earthquake.

25. And they say, "When is this promise, if you should be truthful?"
- وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هَذَا الْوَعْدُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٦٧﴾
26. Say, "The knowledge is only with Allāh, and I am only a clear warner."
- قُلْ إِنَّمَا الْعِلْمُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٦٨﴾
27. But when they see it¹⁷²¹ approaching, the faces of those who disbelieve will be distressed, and it will be said, "This is that for which you used to call."¹⁷²²
- فَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ زُلْفَةً سَيِّئَتْ وُجُوهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَقِيلَ هَذَا الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تَدْعُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾
28. Say, [O Muḥammad], "Have you considered:¹⁷²³ whether Allāh should cause my death and those with me or have mercy upon us, who can protect the disbelievers from a painful punishment?"
- قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَهْلَكَنِي اللَّهُ وَمَنْ مَعِيَ أَوْ رَحِمَنَا فَمَنْ يُجِيرُ الْكَافِرِينَ مِنْ عَذَابِ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٧٠﴾
29. Say, "He is the Most Merciful; we have believed in Him, and upon Him we have relied. And you will [come to] know who it is that is in clear error."
- قُلْ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ ءَامَنَّا بِهِ وَعَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا فَسْتَعْمَلُونَ مَنْ هُوَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٧١﴾
30. Say, "Have you considered: if your water was to become sunken [into the earth], then who could bring you flowing water?"
- قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ مَاؤُكُمْ غَوْرًا فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِمَاءٍ مَعِينٍ ﴿٧٢﴾

¹⁷²¹The punishment of which they were warned.

¹⁷²²When they challenged their prophets, saying, "Bring on the punishment, if you are truthful."

¹⁷²³i.e., inform me.