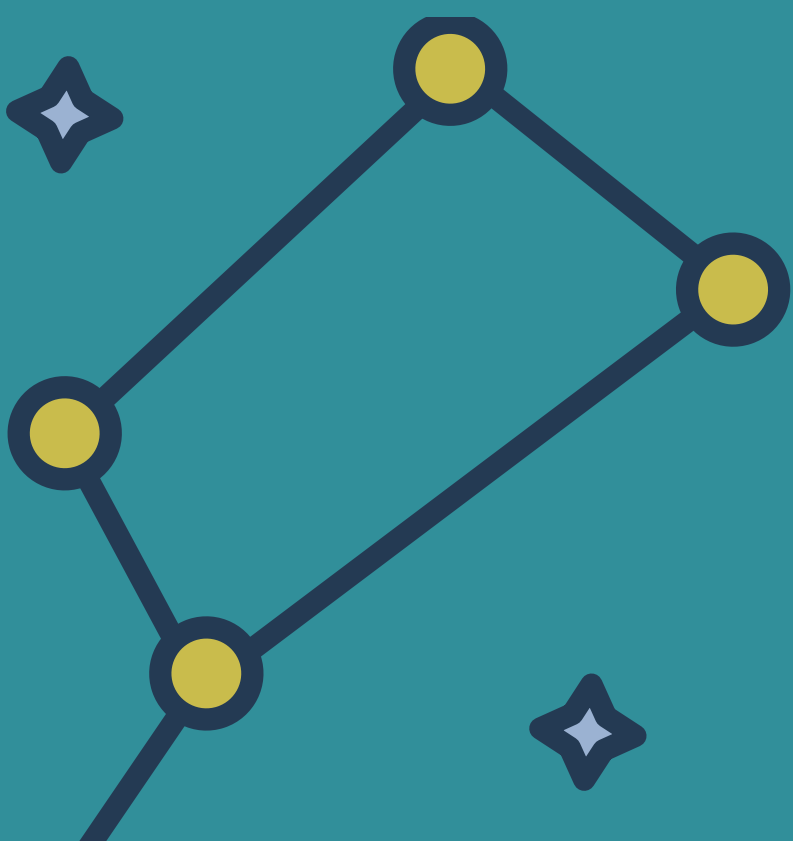




# SURAH AL MULK





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This infographic book contains summarized information and reflection of Surah Al Mulk so that the reader can familiarize themselves with the key concepts mentioned in the Surah. Surah Al Mulk changes the way we look at life and death. Anyone who recites Surah Al Mulk before sleep will be protected from the torment of the grave so it is essential to understand this Surah.

This book provides a brief background and key lessons from the Surah in order to understand the dominion of Allah and know our position in His dominion.



# SURAH AL MULK

30 VERSES

## NAMES OF THE SURAH



The Dominion (الملك)  
Blessed (تبارك)  
The Preventer (المانعة)  
The Salvation (المنجية)

## VIRTUES

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: **“Surah Al Mulk is the preventer from the torment of the grave.”**



## THEME

Surah Al Mulk tells us about the great **status** of **Allah** and His **Dominion**. We take life and death as something normal because we do not see the One Who gives us life and death. Surah Al Mulk will change our perspective about how we see **life** and **death**.

## MOST REPEATED NAMES OF ALLAH IN SURAH AL MULK

### AR RAHMAN

**The Most Merciful** is mentioned **four** times. The dominion of Allah is filled with mercy.

### AR RABB

**The Nurturer** is mentioned **twice**. This means in the dominion of Allah there is **nurturing** out of His vast mercy.

### ALLAH

is mentioned **three** times.

The Main Names of Allah are Allah – Ar Rabb – Ar Rahman are mentioned, yet Ar Rahman is mentioned the most. Thus we should have more **hope** in Allah yet at the same time we should not interfere in the Dominion of Allah.

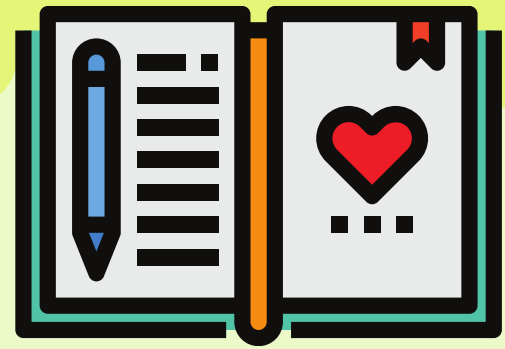
## REFLECTION

Surah Al Mulk teaches us to **never despair, never give up** or **lose hope** and rely on the vast mercy of Allah because He will protect us from all evil.

# SURAH AL MULK

## INTRODUCTION

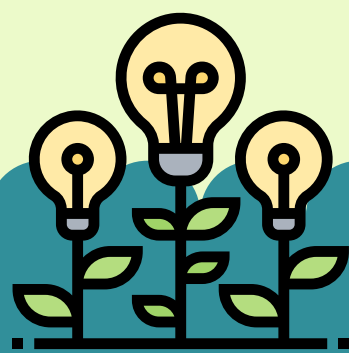
The **first stage** of the **hereafter** is the **grave**, if the **result** in the grave is **good** then whatever comes after it will be **good**, and if the **result** in the grave is **bad** then whatever comes after it will be **worse**. Surah Al Mulk changes the way we look at life and death.



## LESSONS

Surah Al Mulk talks about:

1. Allah
2. The ayat of Allah
3. Belief n the Last Day
4. The recompense - delight and torment
5. Fear of Allah out of knowledge
6. Observing the signs of Allah
7. No one can escape from the ability of Allah



## REFLECTION

Surah Al Mulk stops the **bad actions**, **bad talk** and **bad thoughts** of the people. If we know who we are and our position then the grave will be a garden of paradise.

Reciting Surah Al Mulk at night every day **reminds** us of the great **status** of **Allah** so we should not interfere, judge or think we are able to do what we want in His Dominion.

# SURAH AL MULK

VERSES 1 - 2

تَبْرَكَ الَّذِي بِيَدِهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١﴾ الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ  
لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفُورُ ﴿٢﴾

## INTRODUCTION

Before starting the Surah we need to know our place – we are all slaves and Allah is **Al Malik, Al Maalik, Al Maleek** – The King, The Owner, The Omnipotent King.



## EXPLANATION

**Barakah** and **blessings** are from Allah, He is The Blessed One and He is the One Who makes things blessed. All dominion and kingship belong to Allah. The **Hands of Allah** are Blessed, they are **Two Hands** and all dominion is in His Hands. Allah is the One Who puts the **rules** and **legislations**. It is not in our hands to speak, understand or influence people but in the Hands of Allah.

Allah **owns everything** and can do whatever He wants. He has **perfect ability** and He already knows, has written, wills and creates the means for it to happen. Nothing can stop Allah or influence Him in what He decrees or plans.

Allah has created **death** and **life** – we will not understand life without death and we will not understand death without life. Allah gave us life and death so that we are **tested** and our **reality** is shown.

The **tests** take place while we are **alive**. When a person **dies** then his test is **over** and he will be asked three final questions in the grave. The **secret** of our existence is to do **good deeds** with **ikhlas** and following the Sunnah. A test either makes a person progress or stop. Those who accept the test of Allah will be forgiven and taste the **ultimate success** in the hereafter.



## REFLECTION

When we interfere in the dominion of Allah then it will not be blessed. Shirk takes place when people think they can seek blessing from others, or others have control, or they are able to do things by their own might and power.



# SURAH AL MULK

VERSES 3 - 4

الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا مَا تَرَى فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ مِنْ تَفَوُّتٍ  
فَأَرْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ هَلْ تَرَى مِنْ فُطُورٍ ﴿٣﴾ ثُمَّ أَرْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ كَرَّتَيْنِ يَنْقَلِبْ إِلَيْكَ  
الْبَصَرُ خَاسِئًا وَهُوَ حَسِيرٌ ﴿٤﴾

## INTRODUCTION

After mentioning that everyone is tested, then Allah takes us on a journey to the greater creations.

## EXPLANATION

Allah tells us He created the **seven heavens** in **layers** above one another. This means there are **no gaps** between the seven heavens. Allah is able to make one layer, but perfection is to have different layers and each is different from the other. Each resemble each other in their **beauty** and **perfection** just like the layers of our skin or the layers of water in the ocean.

Allah says we will never **see** any **fault** in His creation. Allah then challenges the people to **look again** and see if there are any faults. In the beginning when we see something, we see it as beautiful, but when we look again, we might find faults. Allah tells us there is **no fault** when we look again at His creation. If we mention faults then this is because our **eyes** are **imperfect**.

Allah says to **look again** and **again**, yet we will not find any faults. Nothing will happen to the skies, there are no holes in them. As long as we are alive, the sky is a ceiling for us. After looking repeatedly the **sight** will return **humiliated** and **tired** from trying to find faults. We are in the Dominion of Allah which has no faults. If we try to exceed our boundary then we will only be stressed.

## REFLECTION

If our eyes are busy with finding faults then how can we do the best of deeds? So in the Dominion of Allah we should take care of our **eyesight** and **not search for faults** around us or in the people surrounding us.



# SURAH AL MULK

VERSES 5 - 6

وَلَقَدْ زَيَّنَّا السَّمَاءَ الدُّنْيَا بِمَصَابِيحَ وَجَعَلْنَاهَا رُجُومًا لِلشَّيَاطِينِ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لَهُمْ عَذَابَ السَّعِيرِ ﴿٥﴾  
وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَيَسُوءُ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٦﴾

## INTRODUCTION

These ayahs take us on a journey from the seven heavens to the lowest heaven.

## EXPLANATION

Allah informs us that He has beautified the lowest heaven which is the sky nearest to us. Allah called the stars (مَصَابِيح) which means "lamps". As a result these stars contain heat and glow. The stars are different in size, color and brightness. The stars are adornment for the sky, they are a means of guidance for the travelers.

In addition, the stars also strike the shayateen (devils) who try to listen to the news of the heavens. Allah protects the heavens from shayateen who try to hear the revelation. The stars are not there to control our life or to determine our future or to read horoscopes. We should not commit shirk and think they can have an impact on our life.

Allah says the shayateen will not only be struck by stars, but they will be placed in the fire for crossing the boundaries. Similarly we should not cross our boundaries and give power to stars thus associating with Allah.

While being in the Dominion of Allah, we should believe in His Lordship and not go to extremes of disbelieving in it. Our Rabb is Allah and He is the One Whom we need to fear because His punishment is severe and the hellfire is the worst destination.

## REFLECTION

In the Dominion of Allah, we should not create roles which Allah did not grant to the creation. The stars have no power, they do not have control over our lives, they cannot bring fortune or misfortune because this is not their role.





# SURAH AL MULK

VERSES 7 - 8

إِذَا الْقُوفِيهَا سَمِعُوا لَهَا شَهِيقًا وَهِيَ تَفُورٌ ﴿٧﴾ تَكَادُ تَمَيِّزُ مِنَ  
الْغَيْظِ كُلَّمَا أَلْقَى فِيهَا فَوْجٌ سَأَلَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ نَذِيرٌ ﴿٨﴾

## INTRODUCTION

In the upcoming ayat, we see what happens to those who deny the Lordship of Allah by exceeding their boundaries.



## EXPLANATION

Those who **exceed** their **boundaries** and **deny** the **Lordship** of Allah by attributing it to other than Him will face the **painful torment** in the Hellfire.

When the transgressors are **cast** in the hellfire they will be thrown in a **disgraceful** manner. This disgrace is just and fair due to their denial in the Lordship of Allah. They chose to not hear the warnings and reminders in the duniya, so they will hear the **breathing** and **inhaling** of the fire in the akhirah – as if it is taking them in and sucking them into the hellfire.

The Hellfire is a **creation** of Allah and has feelings for Allah – it is angry because Allah is angry. Due to the great anger and frustration of the hellfire, it will **burst** and **explode** out of anger and **fury**. This shows the hellfire has feelings and it is angry, stubborn and demanding similar to those entering it.

Those who were similar in sins will be cast into the hellfire **together** and the keeper of the hellfire will ask them if they received any warning which will add even more regret. Allah brings the warnings to all and never oppresses the people. The **torment** of Allah is **fair** and just for those who disbelieve in Him.



## REFLECTION

These ayaat teach us to increase our faith in Allah, to believe in the Last Day, and to believe in the angels who always obey Allah. It also teaches us to take the warnings which are means of reforming and to ask refuge from Allah's anger and from the torment of hellfire.



# SURAH AL MULK

VERSES 9 - 11

قَالُوا بَلَىٰ قَدْ جَاءَنَا نَذِيرٌ فَكَذَّبْنَا وَقُلْنَا مَا نَزَّلَ اللَّهُ مِن شَيْءٍ إِنَّا أَنتُمْ إِلَّا فِي

ضَلَالٍ كَبِيرٍ ﴿٩﴾ وَقَالُوا لَوْ كُنَّا نَسْمَعُ أَوْ نَعْقِلُ مَا كُنَّا فِي أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ ﴿١٠﴾

فَاعْتَرَفُوا بِذَنبِهِمْ فَسُحْقًا لِأَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ ﴿١١﴾

## INTRODUCTION

Anyone who denies the Lordship of Allah will intensify in his denial and disbelief.



## EXPLANATION

As the disbelievers are cast into the hellfire, the gatekeepers will ask them, "did the warner not come to you?". The disbelievers will respond in the affirmative and say, "indeed the warner came to us." The warner is the messenger who warned them of the punishment of the hellfire.

However they ignored the warnings. Not only did they disbelieve in the warning, but in the messenger and disbelieved in all that he brought – whether glad tidings or news or warnings. Thus their circle of disbelief became wider and the intensity of their disbelief deepened. They went even further and claimed the messengers are in great misguidance.

As they were full of denial in the duniya, they will be full of regret in the hellfire. They will say, "had we listened or used our mind then we would not be companions of the fire." They could hear and use their minds then, but they did not use it to know the truth.

They will admit and confess to their sin. That's why while we are in this life, we admit to our sins. And if someone tells us to have taqwa of Allah, we accept it even if we did not do wrong. We do not want to justify our actions.



## REFLECTION

The people of faith use their senses and intellect to seek the truth, hear the truth and act on the truth. When any warning comes to us, we accept it and take it. We all make mistakes, but we admit to Allah our wrongs in this life and not in the hereafter when it is too late.



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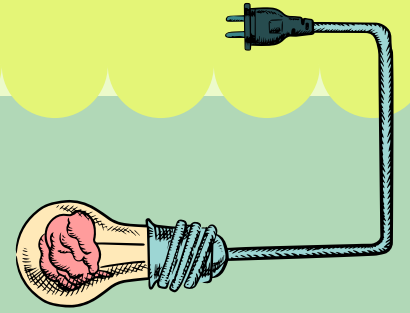
## VERSES 12

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

### INTRODUCTION

When we magnify Allah and know our position then He will grant us a great reward.

### EXPLANATION

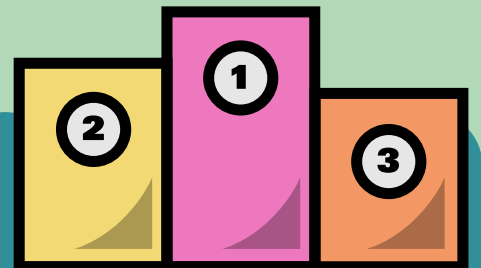


This ayah tells us about those who are doing the **best deeds**, they know Allah and their position. Among the best worships of the heart are (خشية) – this is to **fear Allah by knowledge**. The believers fear Allah even when they are alone. They will not violate His rules nor will they underestimate His commands.

The **recompense** of those who fear Allah is **forgiveness**. Allah will **protect** them from the **hellfire** and protect them from **sins** which lead to the hellfire.

In addition, Allah will give them a **great reward** which is in line with their great worship and **knowing their position** in the dominion of Allah. The great reward is all that Allah has prepared for the believers in **paradise** from palaces, delights, food, drinks, gardens, fragrances and even greater is the Pleasure of the Most Merciful.

### REFLECTION



When we fear Allah by knowledge, we not only fear the hellfire but we actually fear standing in front of Allah and fear His Position more than we fear the hellfire. The one who fears Allah is always mindful of Him even when they are far away from the people's eyes and are alone.

# SURAH AL MULK

VERSES 13 - 14

وَأَسْرُوقَوْلِكُمْ أَوْ أَجْهَرُوا بِهِ إِنَّهٗ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿١٣﴾  
أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ ﴿١٤﴾

## INTRODUCTION

Allah is All-Aware of what we say in His Dominion.



## EXPLANATION

Allah knows all our **secrets** and **intentions**, so we should behave and know our humble place in the great Dominion of Allah. Whether we say (أَسْرُوقًا) – **secretly** or (أَجْهَرُوا) – **openly** – it is all the same to Allah. Anything that is attached to the **chest** from **feelings** and **whispers** is all known to Allah.

**Our King** is our **Creator** and surely He knows everything about us. We should not believe someone knows our intentions or what's in our hearts because **no one** is our **creator** except Allah.

Allah is **The Most Subtle** in His Knowledge, **All-Aware** of our secrets and intentions. This is the perfect quality of The King Who knows everything, but is **gentle** and this teaches us the more we know, the gentler we should be.

Allah is **Al Khabeer** knows the **intentions** and knows the **consequences**. He knows who will believe and who will not.

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## REFLECTION

Surah Al Mulk is teaching us the Dominion of Allah is so great, yet we should not underestimate our intentions and utterances because Allah is All-Aware of them.



# SURAH AL MULK

## VERSES 15

هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمْ الْأَرْضَ ذُلُولًا فَأَمْشُوا فِي مَنَاكِبِهَا وَكُلُوا مِن رِّزْقِهِ

وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ ﴿١٥﴾

## INTRODUCTION

This ayah explains how we should be on this earth.



## EXPLANATION

Allah informs of His favor and blessing by telling us:

1. The **purpose** of this earth
2. What we **need to do**
3. And what we will **benefit** from it

Allah made this earth **subservient** and **subjected** to us. Thus we should just not consume anything for the sake of consuming, but know it is Allah who made this earth subservient to us and we will **attain** from **His Provision** when we “walk” in it. The earth can be ploughed, planted, built upon, constructed and so forth.

Allah subjected the earth to us, so we **do not** need to **stress** about it. Allah tells us to just go **forward** and **walk** about. As we are walking in the Dominion of Allah, we will benefit from it and we will **eat** from **His provision**.

As we go about walking on this earth, we need to **remember why we are here** in this life - we will all be **resurrected** after death and return back to Allah so that He **recompenses** for good and evil.



## REFLECTION

We need to remember that we will be resurrected so we should do our best while we are in this life and we should not be a slave to it or humiliated to it. We will be honored when we are slaves to Allah and disgraced when we are slaves to anything else.



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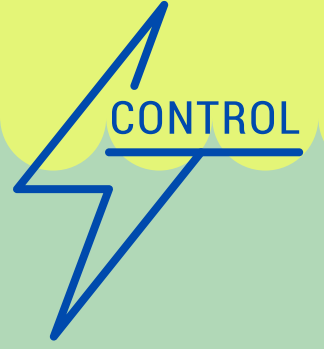
VERSES 16 - 17

ءَأَمِنْتُمْ مَّن فِي السَّمَآءِ أَن يَخْسِفَ بِكُمُ الْأَرْضَ فَإِذَا هِيَ تَمُورٌ ﴿١٦﴾  
أَمْ أَمِنْتُمْ مَّن فِي السَّمَآءِ أَن يُرْسِلَ عَلَيْكُم حَاصِبًا ۗ فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ

نَذِيرٍ ﴿١٧﴾

## INTRODUCTION

Allah subjected the earth to us, but it does not mean we are in control of it.



## EXPLANATION

We are in the Dominion of Allah and in one night and day things can change, as we have all experienced this. Security is in the Hands of Allah because He is Al Mu'min – The Grantor of Security. But if we trust something else to grant us security then we will always be restless and insecure.

The earth which has been subjected to us can show a different "face" when we feel secure and think we are in control. Allah can cause the earth to sink because of a sickness of the heart and this is when a person feels secure from Allah. If we do our duty in the Dominion of Allah then the earth will serve us, but if we are serving the earth or ourselves then it will go against us.

When we believe in Allah then He will grant us security. Do we feel secure from a punishment or torment from the sky that can destroy us, similar to the People of Aad, Thamud or Lut? It is important we take heed of the warnings before we live the warnings.



## REFLECTION

We are consumers in the Dominion of Allah, not controllers. We need to humble ourselves to Allah and serve Him alone. We should not feel secure from Allah but be secure by believing in Him.



# SURAH AL MULK

VERSES 18 - 19

وَلَقَدْ كَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ ﴿١٨﴾ أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى الطَّيْرِ  
فَوْقَهُمْ صَفَّتْ وَيَقْبِضْنَ مَا يُمَسِّكُهُنَّ إِلَّا الرَّحْمَنُ إِنَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ

بَصِيرٌ ﴿١٩﴾

## INTRODUCTION

Allah is able to do all things.

## EXPLANATION

When we see everything subjected to us, we could end up feeling secure, but Allah warns us to know He is the One above and can easily cause the earth to sink or to send a violent whirlwind. Allah tells us about a previous nation which felt secure because of their physical power, knowledge, and fortresses. But we see what happened to them due to their denial of Allah – Allah dealt with them severely.

Allah gives us examples of the previous people, and to look at another world, which is not on the earth, but flying in the sky – the birds. The bird does not have an intellect, yet it can “depart” and “arrive” efficiently. Therefore we should not make our intellect to dominate us, but the vast mercy of Allah and faith which holds us.

The one who believes and trusts Allah will be dealt differently from the one who disbelieves and denies Him. Allah does not want to punish us, but it is ourselves who bring the punishment upon us when we disbelieve in Him.

By observing the flight of the birds we learn that whether we want to do something or not, we should not be affected by outer factors but to be sincere to Allah. We may have actions, but it is only the vast mercy of Allah that allows us to move and “fly”.

## REFLECTION

These ayat encourage us to do our best and to not do something that will incur the Wrath of Allah. These ayat bring about love, hope and fear of Allah and motivate us to do everything with excellence because Allah is All-Seeing of everything.



# SURAH AL MULK

VERSES 20 - 21

أَمَّنْ هَذَا الَّذِي هُوَ جُنْدٌ لَكُمْ يَنْصُرُكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ الرَّحْمَنِ إِنَّ الْكُفْرَ فِي الْإِلَافِ

عُرُورٍ ﴿٢٠﴾ أَمَّنْ هَذَا الَّذِي يَرْزُقُكُمْ إِنْ أَمْسَكَ رِزْقَهُ، بَلْ لَجُّوا فِي عُتُوِّ

وَنُفُورٍ ﴿٢١﴾

## INTRODUCTION

These ayaat address the biggest concerns of people and take us back to tawheed.



## EXPLANATION

When people are facing any **enemy** – whether it is **internal** or **external** – they want something to help them overcome their enemy and **attain victory**. This is where **shirk** can happen when a person **attaches to the means**. And another place where shirk can take place is when we want to **progress** and **attain provision**.

Allah poses a question, “is there someone who can grant us victory over our enemy?” While we are in this life, we have an **enemy** from the **shaitan** and **nafs**. When Allah grants us victory, it is filled with mercy so He does not break us, nor do we get negatively affected. Allah gives victory to whomever He wills, so we should not depend on the means or ourselves, but **depend on Allah**.

**Provision** is the **greatest concern** and dream of people, but if we knew provision is from the One above then we will behave on this earth because we know **no one can take away** our rizq when Allah provides us, and **no one can give us** if Allah withholds from us.

However there are those whom when they see something being withheld, assume it is the means who are withholding it from them, so they end up **transgressing**. We need to have full conviction that we will **receive all the rizq written for us** and this frees us from attaching to any means.



## REFLECTION

We should not attach to the means, especially with regards to victory and provision which can cause transgression against ourselves and others. When people give us rizq it is because they are means whom Allah is giving us rizq through them.





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VERSES 22 - 23

أَفَمَنْ يَمْشِي مُكِبًّا عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِ أَهْدَىٰ أَمَّنْ يَمْشِي سَوِيًّا عَلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ

مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٢٢﴾ قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي أَنشَأَكُمْ وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَرَ

وَالْأَبْصَرَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾

## INTRODUCTION

All that Allah gives us in His Dominion is to guide us in order to go to paradise.



## EXPLANATION

Allah tells us clearly Who He is and that only He grants victory and provision. There are two groups – those who are **guided** and those who are **misguided**. The one who is misguided will see everything upside down and the one guided will walk straight.

Allah gives us an example of someone who is **walking on his face**. Anyone walking on his face will not see or hear right. Allah placed our eyes and ears on our face because the **face is honored** and the **input to guidance** comes to the face through the **ears and eyes**.

Then Allah commands the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to say it is **Allah** Who **constructed us** and **created us** with no example, model, helper or mediator. He **perfected our existence** by granting us essentials which if we use in the best way then we will reach the highest levels of paradise.

Allah made for us our **hearing, seeing and hearts**. Hearing and seeing are mentioned as senses while the heart is the container. We should **not** use our hearing and seeing to **find faults** or **complain** in the Dominion of Allah, but to be grateful to Him. However, only a minority are grateful and we want to be from that minority.



## REFLECTION

We ask Allah to be our eyes, ears, hands and feet so that we do all that is pleasing to Him and to protect us from the evil of ourselves. We should use all our senses to earn the pleasure of Allah and to increase in gratitude.



# SURAH AL MULK

VERSES 24 - 26

قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي ذَرَأَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَإِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾  
وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هَذَا الْوَعْدُ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾  
قُلْ إِنَّمَا الْعِلْمُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٢٦﴾

## INTRODUCTION

Allah knows the finest mysteries and the most hidden matters.



## EXPLANATION

Allah scattered us all over the earth and it is not random where He placed us and He will gather us on the Day of Judgment. With one blow of the trumpet, everyone will be resurrected and gathered, and no one can escape or hide from Allah. No one will have a choice to be gathered or not. We will not return to our spouses, children or families because they too will be gathered.

They ask "when is the Day of Judgement?", and this shows their denial of Allah what He has told us, the Messengers and the Last Day. This question is repeated throughout different eras and different languages. Anyone who asks this underestimates Allah and does not know their position.

The Day of Judgement will take place and this is the Promise of Allah. Anything Allah promises will surely be fulfilled because He never breaks His Promise.

Allah commands the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah upon him) to respond to those who disbelieve, and tell them about Allah and himself. Verily the knowledge of the Hour and the unseen are with Allah alone. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah upon him) is only a warner and warns of the coming of the Day of Judgement, but he does not say when it will take place.



## REFLECTION

It is not about when the Day of Judgement will take place, but what have we prepared for it so we should be busy in our lives preparing for this inevitable Day.



# SURAH AL MULK

## VERSE 27

فَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ زُلْفَةً سَيِّئَتْ وُجُوهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَقِيلَ هَذَا الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ

تَدْعُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

## INTRODUCTION

This ayah teaches us what will happen to those who denied the Last Day.

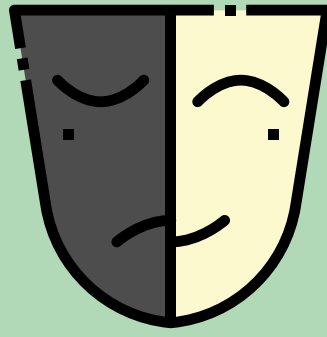


## EXPLANATION

Allah is the Owner of the Day of Judgement and those who denied the meeting with their Lord will see with their own eyes the destruction they called on themselves. Thus we should believe in Allah, the Angels, the Books, the Messengers, the Last Day and the Decree before we see it and it is too late.

They will see all that they denied. They will see the angels of punishment, the torment of the grave, the horrors of the Day of Judgement and the hellfire. They will see all the stations of the hereafter from the time of death, and it will only get worse and worse. The disbelievers will wish for the Day of Judgement to not come when they see the torment of the grave because they know it will only be worse for what is yet to come. Unlike for the believer whom it will only get better.

The impact of their disbelief will be shown on their faces. On the Day of Judgement, there will be faces that will be darkened and faces that will be bright. We ask Allah to brighten our faces and nothing can brighten it except faith and righteous good deeds.



They underestimated the warnings, so it will be said to them, "what you are seeing now, which shows on your face, is what you have been calling and asking for" and thus they will be tormented both emotionally and physically.

## REFLECTION

Between us and the hereafter is death and we do not know when death will befall us. Allah has created life and death to see who will do his best in this life.



# SURAH AL MULK

## VERSE 28

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَهْلَكَنِیَ اللَّهُ وَمَنْ مَعِیَ أَوْ رَحِمَنَا فَمَنْ یُجِیرُ الْکَافِرِینَ مِنْ

عَذَابِ أَلِیمٍ ﴿٢٨﴾

## INTRODUCTION

In the upcoming ayat, Allah commands the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to address the disbelievers and anyone who denies or rejects the truth.

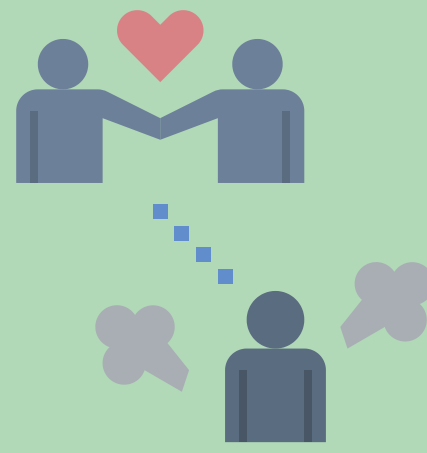
## EXPLANATION



The disbelievers not only belied the truth, but also **wish for the destruction** of the followers of the truth and **mock them**. The disbeliever feels **threatened** by the believer, even if the believer does not do anything to him because he feels **irritated** to see someone following the truth and not him.

Even if the disbelievers **plot** to destroy the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and those with him, and if anything happens, it is from Allah because they are in the **Dominion of Allah**. Or if Allah has **mercy** on them then He will **save** them from any **destruction** and **calamity**.

To wish bad for anyone will not benefit us. Someone might be **jealous** or **arrogant**, thinking if they destroy someone then they will be safe and not **threatened**, but that will **not avail** the torment from them.



In the **Dominion of Allah**, only **He** can keep us **safe**. We need to save ourselves from the painful torment by believing in Allah, submitting to Him and doing righteous good deeds. Removing things around us will not solve things, but it is to go back to ourselves and remove the evil within.

## REFLECTION

In the Dominion of Allah, no one has the power to destroy or bring about destruction except Allah.



# SURAH AL MULK

## VERSE 29

قُلْ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ أَمَنَّا بِهِ، وَعَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ مَنْ هُوَ فِي ضَلَالٍ

مُبِينٍ ٢٩

## INTRODUCTION

Allah created us to know more about Him, to devote ourselves to Him and to be grateful to Him for all that we hear, see and feel.



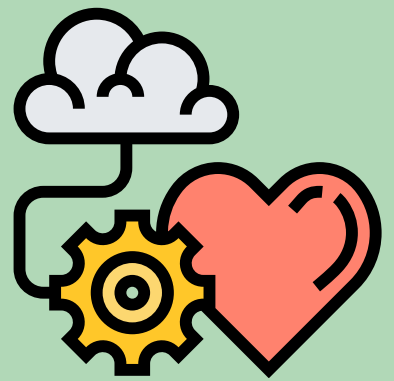
## EXPLANATION

We **believe** in the **Most Merciful** and put our **trust** in Him. Only by Allah's might He will bring decrees to **extract tawwakul** from us. This is only when we know who we are and "resign" from thinking we can provide, benefit or harm. We are not a lord, master, owner or even capable of lifting our hands. It is only Allah Who can show us this.



Only Allah is The All-Knower, but we will **exceed** our **boundaries** when we **interfere** and **think we know**. We do not need to drown with ingratitude or be with those who are ungrateful because then we will be like them.

When we have **tawwakul** then we "resign" from what we think we can do and **not stress**. At the same time, we cannot be as if we are dead or emotionless because we should have **feelings** for Allah.



## REFLECTION

In the future and hereafter, we will know who is in error; we do not want to be in deception, but put our trust in Allah to keep us firm. The best deeds are to fear Allah in private, to be grateful and the peak of worships is tawakul.



# SURAH AL MULK

## VERSE 30

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ مَاؤُكُمْ غَوْرًا فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِمَاءٍ مَّعِينٍ ﴿٣٠﴾

## INTRODUCTION

Surah Al Mulk ends with a final question about something common yet essential that shows we are truly powerless in the dominion of Allah.



## EXPLANATION

Allah concludes Surah Al Mulk by telling the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to say: "Tell me! If (all) your water were to sink away, who then can supply you with flowing (spring) water?"

Water comes from above and we will be unable to drink from it if it sinks. Similarly, water is reflective of divine knowledge; we do not own it, but it belongs to Allah. It can sink and we will be unable to attain from it.

Only Allah can bring pure water to us. We want easy, flowing water that comes to us to the surface. We do not want any impurities in that water. Only Allah can make us benefit from water, so what about something greater such as wealth, knowledge and faith.

We should not be deceived with what we have or what our eyes see, but trust Allah, believe in His warnings, be constantly grateful, and not exceed our boundaries. Only Allah can make us benefit from what we have. We want to see this water so we should trust Allah and believe in Him.



## REFLECTION

Surah Al Mulk is a great and magnified surah, yet at the same time it puts us in our right place as slaves of Allah. This is the end of Surah Al Mulk. All praises are due to Allah – Lord of the worlds. May Allah accept from all and may He make us amongst those who are grateful and worship Him alone.



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