

(56) *Al-Waqi'a: The Befalling*

In the Name of Allah The All Merciful, The Most Merciful.

1. When befalls does The Befalling,
2. ...(there is) not, of its befalling, belying.
3. Lowering, elevating.
4. When shakes does the earth, shaking...
5. ...and crumble do the mountains, crumbling...
6. ...then they become motes, dispersed.
7. And you were three pairs.
8. So, the Companions of the Right-hand, what are the Companions of the Right-hand?
9. And the Companions of the Left-hand, what are the Companions of the Left-hand?
10. And the Advancers, the Advancers...
11. ...those are the (ones) drawn near...
12. ...in the Gardens of Comfort.
13. A band from the earlier...
14. ...and a few from the later.
15. Upon filigreed beds...
16. ...reclining on them, facing (each other).
17. Circulate among them do eternal children...
18. ...with cups and pitchers and goblets of welling (drink).
19. They get not headaches from it nor get drained.
20. And fruits from what they choose,
21. And the meat of birds from what they crave,
22. And wide-eyed hours...
23. ...that are similar to pearls cached.
24. Recompense for what they were ever performing.

25. They hear not in it drivell nor wickedness.
26. Only the saying, "Peace, peace."
27. And the Companions of the Right (side) what are the Companions of the Right (side)?
28. Amid Sadr (trees) de-thorned,
29. And Acacias piled,
30. And shade extended,
31. And water outpoured,
32. And fruits abundant,
33. ...not severed nor prevented...
34. And bedmates elevated.
35. Assuredly We constructed them, constructing.
36. So We made them virgins,
37. Adoring compeers...
38. ...for the Companions of the Right-hand.
39. A band from the earlier...
40. ...and a band from the later.
41. And the Companions of the Left (side), what are the Companions of the Left (side)?
42. Amid Simoom and scalding water,
43. And the shade of smoke-clouds...
44. ...not cool nor gracious.
45. Assuredly they were before this ever luxuriant.
46. And they were insisting on the Grand Renege.
47. And they used to say, "Is it if we died and were soil and bones, are we (then) dispatched?"
48. "And our earlier fathers?"
49. Say: "Assuredly the earlier ones and the later ones..."
50. ...are surely gathered to an appointment, a day known."

51. Then assuredly you are, O you deviant beliers...
52. ...surely eating from the Tree of Zachun.
53. So you will fill from it the bellies,
54. ...then you drink over it from the scalding water.
55. So you drink, the drink of the insatiable.
56. This is their hostel, the Day of Requital.
57. We have created you, so you should have faith.
58. Have you seen what you ejaculate?
59. Is it you who creates him, or are We the Creators?
60. We evaluated amid you Death, and not are We advanced upon...
61. ...in substituting like you and constructing you in what you know not.
62. And you have truly known the earlier construct, so you should remember.
63. Have you see what you till?
64. Is it you who plants it, or are We the Planters?
65. If We will, We surely make it wreckage; so you persist (in) jesting...
66. ..."Assuredly, we are surely penalized."
67. ..."Rather, we are deprived."
68. Have you seen the water that you drink?
69. Is it you who descended it from the rain-clouds, or are We the Descenders?
70. If We will, We make it brackish; so you should thank.
71. Do you see the fire that you kindle?
72. Is it you who constructed its tree, or are We the Constructors?
73. We made it a reminder, and gear for the strengthless.
74. So extol in the Name of your Lord, The Grand.
75. So no, I swear by the locations of the stars,
76. ...and assuredly it is an oath, if you know, grand.

77. Assuredly it is a Quran gracious,
78. ...in a writ, cached.
79. Touches it none but the purified,
80. ...a descension from the Lord of the worlds.
81. So is it of this narrative you are patronizing?
82. And you make (for) your provision that you belie.
83. So then, when it reaches the throat...
84. ...and you are then looking...
85. ...We are then nearer to him than you, but you sight not.
86. So then, if you were not indebted...
87. ...return it, if you were ever truthful.
88. As for if he were from the (ones) drawn near...
89. ...then rest, and a balm, and the Garden of Comforts.
90. And as for if he were from the Companions of the Right (side)...
91. ...then peace to you from the Companions of the Right (side).
92. And as for if he were from the deviant beliers...
93. ...then a hostel of scalding water...
94. ...and roasting in an inferno.
95. Assuredly this is but the right of certainty.
96. So extol in the Name of your Lord, The Grand.