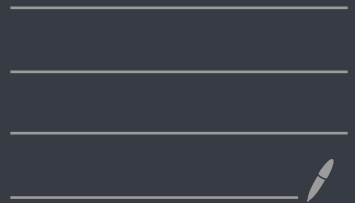


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بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

→ Affirming the News of Resurrection

1 وَالذَّارِبَاتِ ذُرًّا

Scattering 'winds'

2 فَالْحَمَلَةِ وَقَرًّا

And the laden 'clouds'

3 فَالْجَارِيَتِ يُبَدًّا

Steady moving 'ships'

- Some scholars say "جَارِيَتِ" refers to the stars that float in their orbits with ease

4 فَالْمُقَسِّمَاتِ أَمْرًا

'Distributors of the Command'

- Angels who distribute Allah's order are in the heaven & they descend with Allah's legislative orders & the decrees He determines.

5-6 يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّا جَاءْنَاكُمْ بِالْحَقِّ وَالْحَقُّ لَا يَأْتِي الْبَاطِلَ إِلَّا بِظُلْمٍ أَلَيْسَ بِالْحَقِّ مَا وَعَدْنَاكُمْ بَلَىٰ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ ذُو الْحِكْمِ

Verily which you promised True

وإن الدين - لواقع the Resurrection

7 وَالسَّمَاءِ ذَاتِ الْحُبُوبِ

'By the heaven full of حُبُوبِ
"full of beauty, grace, Magnificence
& Perfection"

- Meaning that "السَّمَاءِ" is of beauty & complexity. The sky is high above us, clear yet thick, firm. Spacious & graceful. beautified with stars such as Sun as the Moon & the planets of the Solar system' -

➔ The Differing claims of Idolators.

8 إِنَّكُمْ لَفِي قَوْلٍ مُّتَخَلِّفٍ

'Differen Ideas' you have Certainly

- They Kuffar who denied had different & Confused opinions that do not connect each other. about Quran & Messengers -

9 يُؤْفَكُ عَنْهُ مَنْ أُفِكَ

'Who is turned aside' from 'Turned aside'

- These Confused & different opinions only of fools those who are Misguided.
- He is who Misguided is led astray from it.

10 قُتِلَ الْخٰرِصُونَ

'The Liars' 'Cursed'

الخٰرِصُونَ - are those who claim that they will never be brought back to life. doubting the Resurrection.

'Cursed the doaters' - People of doubts & suspicious.

11 الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي غَمْرَةٍ سَاهُونَ

'In doubt' 'cover' 'who are under'

سَاهُونَ - In disbelief & doubt, they are heedless & playfull.

12 يَسْأَلُونَ أَيَّانَ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Day of Judgment Day when will They ask

- They utter this statement in denial, Stubbornness doubt & suspicious.

يَوْمَ هُمْ عَلَى النَّارِ يُفْتَنُونَ¹³

'Punished' On fire they will be a day

- 'Just as gold is forged in the fire' - يفتنون

- They will be burnt -

ذُوقُوا فِتْنَتَكُمْ هَذَا الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تُسْتَعْجَلُونَ¹⁴

asked to be you wer This is what your Trial Taste hastenek.

- This will be said humiliating & belittling them.

► Qualities of those who have Taqwa & Their Reward.

يٰۤاَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اِنَّ اٰمَاتِكُمْ فِي جَنَّٰتٍ وَعُيُونٍ¹⁵

Springs Gardens in Verily Muttaqoon

- Allah the Exalted informs about those who have Taqwa, that one day of their Return they will be amidst gardens & Springs. To be Contrary the Miserables ones will be amidst torment, Punishment, fire and chains.

وَإِذَا تَذَكَّرْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ مِّنْ مَا آتَاكُمْ رَبُّكُمْ فَأَكْبَرُوا بِهَا وَلَهُمْ لَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ إِنَّهُمْ كَانَ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْكَافِرِينَ ١٦

'In the things which Lord has given. Taking Joy -

وَإِذَا تَذَكَّرْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ مِّنْ مَا آتَاكُمْ رَبُّكُمْ فَأَكْبَرُوا بِهَا وَلَهُمْ لَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ إِنَّهُمْ كَانَ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْكَافِرِينَ - They will receive what their Lord gives them, in delight, happiness & favours.

وَإِذَا تَذَكَّرْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ مِّنْ مَا آتَاكُمْ رَبُّكُمْ فَأَكْبَرُوا بِهَا وَلَهُمْ لَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ إِنَّهُمْ كَانَ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْكَافِرِينَ ١٦

good doers. before that Verily they were

كَانُوا قَلِيلًا مِّنَ الَّذِينَ يَهْتَدُونَ ١٧

'They used to sleep but little at night'

- Here Allah describe the good act they did:-

- There are two opinion:-

① 'They used to spend a little part of every night awake (in prayer)

"Every night, they would worship Allah even during a little of the night"

- Hardly a night would pass by them that they did not pray to Allah, either in the beginning or the middle of it -

- Only few, if any would they sleep through the night until the morning without praying tahajjud -

② "They used to spend a little part of the night in sleep."

- They performed night Prayer & would not sleep during the night except little. They were active and would continue until they were seeking forgiveness right before dawn. -

- When prophet arrived Madinah, he said:-

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَطْعِمُوا الطَّعَامَ وَصَلُّوا الْأَرْحَامَ
وَأَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ وَصَلُّوا بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّاسُ نِيَامٌ
تَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ بِسَلَامٍ

"O! People! Feed with food, keep relations to kith & kin, Spread the Salam, Pray at night while people are asleep, and you will enter Paradise in peace.

- Prophet said:- "verily, there are lofty rooms in Paradise in which their outside can be seen from inside and their inside from outside"

لَمَنْ أَلَانَ الْكَلَامَ وَأَطْعَمَ الطَّعَامَ
وَبَاتَ اللَّهُ قَائِمًا وَالنَّاسُ نِيَامًا

"For those who use soft speech, feed food & spend the night in voluntary prayer while people are asleep."

وَبِالْأَسْحَارِ هُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ

They were asking forgiveness. before dawn

- They were performing Salah -
- They would stand in prayer during the night & delayed asking Allah for forgiveness until the later hours before dawn.

”الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ بِالْأَسْحَارِ“ 3:17

- It is better if asking for forgiveness is done while praying.

Prophet said :- "Allah, the Most high, descends each night to the lowest heaven when the last third of the night remains. He says, 'Is there anyone who is repenting so that I may accept his repentance?'

'Is there anyone seeking forgiveness so I may forgive him?'

'Is there anyone asking of Me, so, I may grant him his request? until fajr begins..

- when the prophet 'yaqoob' said to his sons: "سَوْفَ أَسْتَغْفِرُكُمْ" - he delayed doing so until the hours before dawn.

19 **وَفِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ حَقٌّ لِّلسَّائِلِ وَالْمَحْرُومِ**
Who not ask' Who ask 'Right' In their wealth

- After Allah mentioned their quality of performing prayer, He then mention their quality of spending in charity & acts of Compassion & kind.
وَفِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ حَقٌّ - Designated parts which they dedicated
السَّائِلِ - Poor who begs
وَالْمَحْرُومِ - Who not ask people

Prophet said: "The poor (miskin) is not the one who goes around to the people and asks them for a muthfall or two or a date or two.

But the poor is the one who does not have enough to satisfy his needs and whose condition is not known to others, so that others may give him something in charity."

➔ Allah's Signs on the earth & in mankind.

20 **وَفِي الْأَرْضِ آيَاتٌ لِّلْمُوقِنِينَ**
Signs On the earth

↳ for those who have faith with certainty.

- Allah Says there are signs on earth that to testify to the Might of the Creator & his ability. These signs various plants, animals, valleys, Mountains, deserts, rivers & oceans.

21 **وَفِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ**

Will you not then see? also in your self

- He also created Mankind with different Languages, Colors, intentions & abilities, and variety among them, differences in the power of understanding & Comprehension.

Allah put every organ in their bodies in its rightful place where they most need it to be.

Qatadah Said →

"He who thinks about his own Creation will realize that he was created with flexible joints so that it is easy for him to perform act of worship"

22 **وَفِي السَّمَاءِ رِزْقِكُمْ وَمَا تُوَعَّدُونَ**

which you promised Provision In the heaven
 ↳ Paradise ↳ (Rain)

23 فَوَرَبِّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِنَّهُ لَحَقُّ
it is the TRUTH & earth by lord of heaven

مِثْلَ مَا أَنْتُمْ تَنْطِقُونَ
'Speak' Just as you can

- Allah is Swearing by His honorable Self, all of the Matters of the judgment, Resurrection, and Recompense that they have been promised shall certainly occur. Therefore it is truth, there being no doubt that you can speak.

➔ The Guests of Prophet Ibrahim.

24 هَلْ أَتَاكَ حَدِيثٌ صِفَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ الْمَكْرُمِ
Has the story reached you, of the honored guest of Ibrahim.

25 إِذْ دَخَلُوا عَلَيْهِ قَالُوا سَلَامًا قَالَ سَلَامٌ قَوْمٌ
He said "Salaman" They said 'Salaman' when they enter

مُنكَرُونَ

- 'Salaman' is stronger than 'Salaman'

فَإِذَا حِينُكُمْ بِتَحِيَّةٍ فَعَبَّوْا أَحْسَنَ مِنْهَا أَوْ لَوْ رَدَّوْهَا
(4:86)

- The three Angels Jibril, Mikail, Israfil came to Ibrahim in the image of handsome young man.

26 فَرَاغَ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِ فَجَاءَ بِعِجَلٍ لِّسَمِيَّةَ
roasted calf brought to his home Turned

27 فَقَرَّبَهُ إِلَيْهِمْ قَالِ الْآتَا كَلُونِ
Saying "will you not eat?" Placed it before them

⇒ These ayah indicates proper manners for honoring guests. for he brought the food to his guests quickly, while they were unaware that it was being prepared for them.

⇒ He did not first mention this favour to them by saying "we will make food for you" Rather, He discretely had it prepared & placed before them.

⇒ He prepared the best kind of food he had. a young, fat roasted calf. He did not place the food far from them & invite them to come close to it to eat. Rather, he placed it close to them and refrained from ordering them to eat. Instead he invited them using a kind & subtle invitation. "will you not eat?"

قَالُوا لَا تَفْ

do not fear

فَأَوْجَسَ مِنْهُمْ خِيفَةً 28

fear of them he conceived

وَبَشِّرُوهُ بِنُعْمٍ عَلَيْهِمْ

"They gave him glad tidings of a Son 'having knowledge'

فَأَقْبَلَتْ امْرَأَتُهُ فِي صُرَّةٍ فَصَكَتْ وَجْهَهَا 29

She smote her face. with loud voice his wife came forward

وَقَالَتْ عَجُوزٌ عَقِيمٌ

Barren old woman

- She screamed loudly, she struck herself upon her fore head - 'just as women do when confronted with an amazing thing. -
- "How can I give birth while I am old women? Even when I was young I was barren"

قَالُوا كَذَلِكَ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ الْحَكِيمُ الْعَلِيمُ 30

All knower All wise Says your Lord Even so

- He is all knower of the honor that you are worthy of and He is the Most wise in His statements & Decisions.

➔ The Angels were sent to destroy the People of Lut.

قَالَ فَمَا خَطْبُكُمْ أَيُّهَا الْمُرْسَلُونَ ³¹
for what you have come - purpose - then what

قَالُوا إِنَّا أُرْسِلْنَا إِلَىٰ قَوْمٍ مُّجْرِمِينَ ³²
to are people who are criminals. 'we have sent'

لَنُرْسِلَ عَلَيْهِمْ حِجَارَةً مِّن طِينٍ ³³ ³⁴
Marked Stones & backed clay Send down

عِنْد رَبِّكَ لِلْمُجْسِمِينَ
for transgressors by your lord

حِجَارَةً - Recorded with Allah to their names. Each Stone has the name of its Companion.

فَأَخْرَجْنَا مَن كَانَ فِيهَا مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ³⁵
Believers. from there we brought out

فَمَا وَجَدْنَا فِيهَا غَيْرَ بَيْتٍ مِّنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ³⁶
of the Muslims except one we didn't find household

37 وَتَرَكْنَا فِيهَا آيَةً لِلَّذِينَ يَخَافُونَ الْعَذَابَ الْأَلِيمَ
'Painful Punishment' fear for those Sign we left there

- we left a proof of the punishment, torment and stones made of baked clay that we sent on them we made their dwelling place a putrid, evil dead sea. This should provide a lesson for believers.

➤ Lessons from the Destruction of Firawn, Ad, Thamud & people of Nuh.

38 وَفِي مُوسَىٰ إِذْ أَرْسَلْنَاهُ إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ
when we sent

بِسُلْطَانٍ مُّبِينٍ

(with clear proof & evidence) with Manifest Authority.

39 فَتَوَلَّىٰٓ بُرْجَانِهِ وَقَالَ سِحْرٌ أَوْ أَهْمَانٌ
'Ensnare' 'Sorcerer' with his hosts Turned away

- he turned away in rebellion & arrogance.

- he said to Musa "with regards to the message that you brought to me, you are either a Magician or a madman"

فَأَخَذْنَاهُ وَجُنُودَهُ فَنَبَذْنَاهُمْ فِي الْيَمِّ 40
Int'l Sea dumped them & his army we took him

وَهُوَ مُلِيمٌ
he was blameworthy

- fir'awn was denying Sinner & a stubborn disbeliever worthy of blame.

وَفِي عَادٍ بَازٍ أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّيحَ الْعَقِيمَ 41
the Barren wind when we sent against them

- That destroys everything and produces nothing.

مَا تَذُرُّ مِنْ شَيْءٍ أَنْتَ عَلَيْهِ إِلَّا جَعَلْتَهُ كَالرِّيمِ 42
that reach Spared nothing

↳ But blew it into broken spreads of rotten ruins.
- Made it just like a rotten & destroyed.

Prophet Said :-

"I have been made victorious with the easterly wind, and the people 'Ad were destroyed with westerly winds"

وَفِي ثَمُودَ إِذْ قِيلَ لَهُمْ تَمَتَّعُوا حَتَّىٰ حِينٍ 43
"Enjoy your self for a while"

فَحَتَمُوا عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهِمْ فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الصَّعِقَةُ 44
'Thunder bolt overtook them' They defied the command

وَهُمْ يَنْظُرُونَ
While they looking

-The mud were given a respite for three days, during which they await the torment. In the early morning of the fourth day, the torment over took them.

فَمَا اسْتَطَعُوا مِنْ قِيَامٍ وَمَا كَانُوا مُنْتَصِرِينَ 45
nor they could help themselves They unable to rise up

-They were unable to escape & run away from it. nor could they save themselves from the torment.

وَقَوْمِ نُوحٍ مِنْ قَبْلُ كَانُوا قَوْمًا فَاسِقِينَ 46
↳ who were rebellious. before them

➤ Proofs of Allah's oneness abound in the Creation of the Heavens & the Earth.

وَالسَّمَاءَ بَنَيْنَاهَا بِأَيْدٍ وَإِنَّا لَمُوسِعُونَ ٤٣

↳ we are able to extend the vastness of space.
with Hands

- we made the heaven as high roof, protected from falling. 'with Hands' - meaning strength.

وَالْأَرْضَ فَرَشْنَاهَا فَنِعْمَ الْمُبْدُونَ ٤٤

- we made the earth as a resting place for the created. 'how excellent a spreader are we' - we spread it for its inhabitants.

وَمِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقْنَا زَوْجَيْنِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ٤٥

'And in everything we created pairs that you may remember'

- all the created are in pairs, the heaven & Earth, night & day, Sun & Moon, Land & Sea etc...

So you know that the Creator 'Allah' is the one without partners.

50 فُفِرُّوْا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِنِّي لَكُمْ مِنْهُ نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ

I am a plain warner to you from him. flee to Allah

- Seek shelter with Allah. & Trust in Him in all of your affairs.

51 وَلَا تَجْعَلُوْا مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ

Set not up any other god along with Allah.

بِإِنِّي لَكُمْ مِنْهُ نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ

➤ All messengers met the same type of Denial from their Nations.

52 كَذَّالِكُ مَا آتَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِنْ رَسُولٍ
to those before Not came message like wise

بَلَّأَ قَالُوا سَاحِرٌ أَوْ مَجْنُونٌ
'Madmen' 'Sorcerer' But they said

- Allah Comforts His prophet by saying to Him 'Just as these idolaters denied you, the disbelievers of old used the same words with Messengers.

53 أَتَوَاصَوْا بِهِ بَلْ هُمْ قَوْمٌ طَاغُونَ

Yes, They themselves Transgressing - Have they Transmitted it?

- They are tyrannical people whose hearts are the same. Therefore, the letter said the same as those before them have said.

54 فَتَوَلَّ عَنْهُمْ فَمَا أَنْتَ بِمَلُومٍ

You are not blameworthy. Turn away from them

- Turn away from Idolators, we not blame you if you turn away from them.

55 وَذَكَرْ فَلْيُذَكِّرْ لَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Will benefit the believers. Verily Reminding, Remind

- Only for the believing hearts benefit from being reminded.

► Allah Only Created Mankind & Jinns to worship Him alone.

56 وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

- I, Allah, Only Created them so that I order them to worship Me, not that I need them.

مَا أُرِيدُ مِنْهُمْ مِنْ رِزْقٍ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ يُطْعَمُونِ 57

nor I ask the to feed me - provision from them - I seek not

إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الرَّزَّاقُ ذُو الْقُوَّةِ الْمَتِينِ 58

The Most strong - Owner of Power - Allah is All provider

- Allah Exalted created the creatures so that they worship Him alone without partners. Those who obey Him will be rewarded with the best rewards while those who disobey Him will receive the worst punishment.

- Allah stated He does not need creatures but rather, they are in need of Him in all conditions. He is alone their Creator & provider.

Hadith:-

"Allah the Exalted said, "O Son of Adam!

Busy your self in worshipping Me, and I will fill your chest with riches and dissipate your meekness. otherwise, I will fill your chest with distracting affairs and will not do away with your meekness. (being submissive)

فَأَوْبَقْنَا لِلَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا ذُنُوبًا مِثْلَ ذُنُوبِهِمْ 59
Evil portion

أَسْأَلُهُمْ فَلَا يَسْتَعْجِلُونَ

So, let them not ask me hasten on (Their likes Cold)

- Indicates that they will receive their due share of the torment, So let them not ask that the punishment is rushed to them. For it surely will come.

فَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ يَوْمِهِمُ الَّذِي
from their day disbelieve Then woe to those
يُوعَدُونَ

which they have been promised.

- The day of Resurrection.

NOTES FROM TAFSIR SA'DI

(16) **يَا نَفْسُ كَانُوا قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ مُتَمِينِينَ**

- This includes their excellence in worship of the Lord, for they worship Him as if they could see Him, and although they cannot see Him, He sees them.
- Their kindness towards people by benefitting them in terms of wealth or knowledge, or using their status to help them, or showing sincerity towards them.
- Enjoining what is right - forbidding what is wrong
- Speaking kindly and gently, and showing kindness to slaves and to animals.

(17) **كَانُوا قَلِيلًا مِّنَ اللَّيْلِ مَا يَهْجَعُونَ**

- one of the best kind of doing good is worshipping the Creator by praying at night, which is indicative of sincerity and of harmony between what is in the heart & the words one utters. Hence Allah says 'They used to sleep but little at night.'

- Most of the night was spent in devotion to their lord, by praying, reading Quran, dhikr, Making Supplication.

(18) **وَبِالْأَسْحَارِ هُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ**

- So, they would make their prayer last until the time just before dawn, then at the end of the night prayers. They would ask Allah for forgiveness in the manner of sinner seeking forgiveness for his sin.
- Praying for forgiveness before dawn is an act that has a special virtue & character that is not present at other times. as Allah says the people of faith & obedience.
وَالْمُتَّقِينَ بِالْأَسْحَارِ (3:17)

(48) **وَالْأَرْضَ فَرَشْنَاهَا فَنِعْمَ الْمُهَدُونَ**

- (we spread out the earth - that is, we have made it spread out for people, so, that they will be able to do whatever they have to on their needs.
- Allah tells us that He has smoothed it out in the best way & He prizes Himself for that.

(50) فَفَرُّوْا إِلَى اللَّهِ

- Allah describes turning to Him as fleeing, because turning to anyone other than Him will result in all kind of fearful outcomes & troubles.
- Turning to Allah leads to all that one loves, Security, Joy, happiness & Triumph.

“You would flee from everyone you fear except ALLAH: the more you fear Him, the more you flee to Him”

(53) أَتَوَاصَوْا بِهِ بَلْ كُفُّوا قَوْلَ طَاغُوتٍ

- This refers to the accusation that the Kuffar made against every messenger throughout the ages, labelling him a magician or madman. But, it is not possible for them to have made such an agreement, because they never met. Rather what they have in common is a mindset based on transgression, which prompted them to say the same thing whenever a messenger came to them.

(55) وَذَكِّرُوا الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ
تَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

(But, Continue to exhort them, for exhortation benefits the Believers)

Exhortation is of 2 types:-

① the first of which is telling that of which the details are unknown, although it is known in general terms through Common Sense and reasoning. Allah has caused everyone, on the basis of Common Sense, to love good, hate evil. & Allah's Laws are accordance with that. Therefore all that He enjoins or forbids comes under the heading of exhortation.

② The Second type, is to remind the believers to do what is known to them. But, they grow careless & heedless about it. So, they should be reminded repeatedly. So, their energy, motivation & resolve will be renewed which will make them try to benefit from the exhortation & achieve progress..

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